

# ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

21 December 2025: 4th Sunday of Advent (Part 1) 3 January 2026: The Holy Innocents (Part 2)

**Regular Service Times** 

Sundays: Sung Mass, 9.30 am

Tuesdays: Silent Reflections, last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm (except December)

Thursdays: Said Mass, 12.30 pm

Moving into Stillness, Taizé circle dancing with silent interludes, usually first

Thursday of the month, 9.45 am to 10.45 am. N.B. In January on the Second Thursday, 8 January.

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on Monday 5 January

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#### PART 1: Sunday 21 December to Saturday 27 December

We welcome The Revd Canon Ruth Pyke to celebrate and Mrs Beryl Clements to preach at Mass this Sunday

#### God With Us

As we gather on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, we hear again the Christmas story. This is a story so familiar to many of us, that we can easily miss just how extraordinary, how world-changing, how subversive it really is. In the birth of Jesus, God, the creator of the world, enters the world, not in power, but in vulnerability. God becomes one of us. But, as John's Gospel tells us, "though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." (John 1.10-11). Although the world rejected him, he did not reject the world, but continues to love and sustain it, to welcome sinners and make them saints.

In the moment of incarnation, when God became human in Jesus, God brought together heaven and earth, the miraculous and the mundane. Boundaries were broken and the world turned upside-down. As we again hear the Christmas story, let's try not to tame it, but be open to its strangeness, its mystery, and the ways in which it calls us to turn the world upside-down, so that the last are first and the lowly lifted up.

Merry Christmas!

The Revd Dr Jen Brown, Rector

<u>PARKING RESTRICTIONS</u> have been lifted from 2 pm on Wednesday 24 December until 9 am on Saturday 27 December and again from 2 pm on Wednesday 31 December until 9 am on the 2 January.

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT SERVICE: We will be having a parish Midnight Mass at St Helen's, beginning at 11 pm, on Christmas Eve. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend that service, which is our first celebration of Christmas. This is always a wonderful, atmospheric service. Why at St Helen's? As you may recall, for practical reasons in the pandemic years, we moved from having separate services at St Helen's and St Michael's to having one parish service, held in St Helen's (because it's the largest of our church buildings), and alternating between a St Helen's-style and St Michael's-style of liturgy. The PCC agreed to continue this pattern, at least for the time being, partly as a practical adjustment during the Team Vicar vacancy, and partly as one way that we can bring the different congregations of the parish together. This year, we will be using a St Michael's-style of liturgy, and I hope that the congregation of St Michael's will feel warmly welcomed at St Helen's for this service.

The Revd Dr Jen Brown, Rector

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH</u> St Helen's will live-stream their 10.30 am Eucharist through Zoom. The Zoom link can be found in the St Helen's Church newsletter (on-line). A recording of the sermon (audio and video) will be made available after the service on the St Helen's web site (https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH publications.html).

The 10.30 am service will be streamed as normal on **Sunday 21 December**. There will be a service of **Christmas Lessons and Carols** at **5.30 pm** in the evening which will also be zoomed.

There will be a candlelit Midnight Mass at St Helen's at 11 pm on 24 December. On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion (1662) with hymns at 8 am and Family Service with Eucharist at 10.30 pm. but it will not be possible to zoom the morning service on Christmas Day.

The January *Taizé Prayer service* service will be on the **first** Sunday in January, **Sunday 4 January** in **St Helen's Church at 5.30 pm**.

<u>CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT ST NICOLAS' CHURCH</u> There will be a <u>Christmas Carol Service</u> at <u>St Nicolas' Church</u> at <u>11</u> am on <u>Sunday 21 December</u>, followed by seasonal refreshments. On <u>Christmas Day</u> there will be <u>Holy Communion</u> with carols at 10 am. All welcome.

MORNING PRAYER is normally held at 9.10 am on weekdays at St Helen's Church.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S (See PART 2 of this pew leaflet for services after 25 December)

**Sunday 21 December** 9.30 am Sung Mass – Theme: The Virgin Mary Wednesday 24 December **Christmas Eve** 

3.00 pm Crib Service

6.00 pm Christmas Lessons and Carols

11.00 pm At St Helen's Church: Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day

**10.00 am** Sung Mass (**N.B. later time**)

A full list of services for Advent and Christmastide is available on the Parish web site:

https://abingdonparish.org.uk/Christmas2025.pdf and printed copies are available in church.

PARISH OFFICE will close at 1 pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open at 10 am on Monday 5 January.

<u>PEW LEAFLET</u> This issue is a double issue, covering the period 21 December to 3 January. The next issue will be for 4 January 2026 and copy for this issue should be sent to the editor, <u>pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk</u> by midday on **Tuesday 30 December**.

APPEAL FOR JAMAICA IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE MELISSA The Diocese of Oxford is the sole link diocese for the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, and is committed to supporting our partners in mission at this difficult time – both through immediate disaster relief and ongoing reconstruction. The Bishop of Oxford's Advent Appeal 2025 is therefore for the Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Diocesan Disaster Relief Fund. The appeal closes at the end of December.



https://oxford.anglican.org/jamaica-and-the-cayman-islands-appeal.php

For tax payers the most efficient way to give is via the Diocesan website or the QR code.

**FROM THE BISHOPS** is the title of a monthly online column from our four bishops. The latest post is from Bishop Gavin, *A Season of Hope*. <a href="https://oxford.anglican.org/who-we-are/bishops-and-senior-staff/from-the-bishops/">https://oxford.anglican.org/who-we-are/bishops-and-senior-staff/from-the-bishops/</a> **CIA NEWS** A printed copy of the **December issue** is on display on the notice board by the Welcome desk. It is also available to download from <a href="https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P">https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P</a> communications.html.

<u>A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW</u> The December edition of the Parish Magazine (the 60th on-line edition!) is available to download (along with previous issues) from

https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\_window.php. Lots of reasons why you should download! The next issue will be published on 8 February 2026.

# Worship

<u>December</u> The celebrants and preachers are: 21 December, The Revd Canon Ruth Pyke and Mrs Beryl Clements; 25 December (10 am Christmas Day), Fr AKMA; 28 December, The Revd Dr Jane Baun.

After Christmas Day on Thursday, the festivals this week are Friday: Stephen, deacon, first martyr; Saturday: John, Apostle and Evangelist.

## **The O antiphons**

The antiphons for Sunday 21 December, Monday 22 December and Tuesday 23 December, O Oriens (Morning Star), O Rex Gentium (King of the nations) and O Emmanuel in the translation in Common Worship, Times and Seasons are:

O Morning Star,

splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death

cf Malachi 4.2

O Emmanuel, our King and lawgiver; and hope of the nations and their Saviour: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

cf Isaiah 7.14

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay

cf Isaiah 28.16, Ephesians 2.14

<u>Christmas Day</u> The fifth, white, candle in the centre of the Advent Wreath is lit, following the blessing of the crib. The following prayer is said by all.

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect for Christmas Day "was composed for the 1549 Book of Common Prayer and concentrates on the redemption of human nature by divine nature in the incarnation, and takes up the motif of adoption in the day's Gospel, John 1.1-14". (Source: *A Companion to Common Worship*, Volume 1, Alcuin Club/ SPCK, 2001)

Christmas From a sermon preached by Austin Farrer in Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Day (from *Said or Sung* published in 1959):

Mary holds her finger out, and a divine hand closes on it. The maker of the world is born a begging child; he begs for milk, and does not know that it is milk for which he begs. We will not lift our hands to pull the love of God down to us, but he lifts his hands to pull human compassion down upon his cradle. So the weakness of God proves stronger than men, and the folly of God wiser than men. Love is the strongest instrument of omnipotence, for accomplishing these tasks he cares most dearly to perform; and this is how he brings his love to bear on human pride; by weakness not by strength, by need and not by bounty.

# Please pray for:

• Steven (as he prepares for retirement) and Gavin our bishops in this diocese; Stephen, Archbishop of York, and Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury designate;

- His Majesty King Charles, Her Majesty Queen Camilla, and all the royal family;
- thanksgiving for the joy of Christmas, and the love of God revealed in Jesus;
- key workers, especially those who will be working through the holidays;
- all who will feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless this Christmas;
- those who will hear the Christmas story for the first time;
- the suffering, especially those who are known to us and who are on our prayer list;
- all who have recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in: Park Crescent, Park Road, Parsons Mead and Penlon Place.

#### **Eucharistic Lectionary**

| Sun                              | Isaiah 7.10-16         | Ps 80.1-8, 18- | Romans 1.1-7      | Matthew 1.18-   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent |                        | 20             |                   | end             |
| O Oriens                         |                        |                |                   |                 |
| Mon                              | 1 Samuel 1.24-end      | Ps 113         |                   | Luke 1.46-56    |
| O Rex Gentium                    |                        |                |                   |                 |
| Tues                             | Malachi 3.1-4, 4.5-end | Ps 25.3-9      |                   | Luke 1.57-66    |
| O Emmanuel                       |                        |                |                   |                 |
| Wed                              | 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-11,  | Ps 89.2, 19-27 | Acts 13.16-26     | Luke 1.67-79    |
| Christmas Eve                    | 16                     |                |                   |                 |
| (morning eucharist)              |                        |                |                   |                 |
| Thur                             | Isaiah 52.7-10         | Ps 98          | Hebrews 1.1-4 [5- | John 1.1-14     |
| Christmas Day                    |                        |                | 12]               |                 |
| Fri                              | 2 Chronicles 24.20-21  | Ps 119.161-168 | Acts 7.51-end     | Matthew 10.17-  |
| Stephen, Deacon, first           |                        |                |                   | 22              |
| martyr                           |                        |                |                   |                 |
| Sat                              | Exodus 33.7-11a        | Ps 117         | 1 John 1          | John 21.19b-end |
| John, Apostle and                |                        |                |                   |                 |
| Evangelist                       |                        |                |                   |                 |

# Collect (4th Sunday of Advent)

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# Post Communion (4th Sunday of Advent)

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Collect (Christmas Day)**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ...

# **Prayer after Communion (Christmas Day)**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord ...

## Collect (St Stephen)

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Collect (John Apostle and Evangelist)**

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord ...

### PART 2: Sunday 28 December to Saturday 3 January

## We welcome the Revd Dr Jane Baun to celebrate and preach at Mass on Sunday 28 December

#### Christmas is for the Children?

One of the things that the secularisation of Christmas has led to is the idea that, "Christmas is for the children." It's an easy mistake to make. After all, Christmas is all about celebrating the birth of a child. And the delight that children take in things like a decorated tree, bulging Christmas stockings, and opening presents is perhaps less often seen in adults. But in truth, Christmas is for everyone, young and old and anywhere in between.

People may also see Christmas as being "for the children" because they view the celebrations of Christmas to be somehow detached from real life – that because Christmas is a time of joy it somehow dismisses or trivialises the hardships of the world. Nothing could be further from the truth. The 28<sup>th</sup> of December sits firmly within the twelve days of Christmas. And yet, it is on this date that the Church marks the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The Feast of the Holy Innocents commemorates the children of Bethlehem that King Herod ordered to be killed, in the hope that amongst them he would rid himself of the baby the Wise Men had referred to as the "King of the Jews." Here, children appear in the Christmas story in a very different, sobering way.

Sadly, we are all too aware that children continue to be the victims of war and political machinations in our world today. As those who have come to celebrate the Christ Child, we are called to face such realities head-on, to raise our voices to cry out for justice, to promote peace, and to pray for the world's suffering children and for those who cause their pain. Because the message of Christmas is that God is with us – innocent and sinners, alike; sharing in the world's pain, taking what is broken and making it whole.

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### **CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S**

**Sunday 28 December** 9.30 am Sung Mass – The Holy Innocents

Thursday 1 January No Mass today

**Sunday 4 January** 9.30 am Sung Mass for the festival of Epiphany

Thursday 8 January 12.30 pm Said Mass as usual A full list of services for Christmastide is available on the Parish web site:

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PARISH OFFICE will re-open at 10 am on Monday 5 January.

<u>MOVING INTO STILLNESS</u> circle dancing to Taizé chants with silent interludes on Thursday 8 January (NB later than usual date) in the church room from 9.45 – 10.45 am before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided between the two sessions. Parking permits are available for use in Park Road.

REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS St Nicolas' Church will be open between 10 and 12 noon from Monday 19 to Friday 23 January 2026, during the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. The Chancel will offer a quiet place for people's personal prayers or for people to use the reflections and prayers provided for the 2026 theme that centres on Enhesians 4:4:

There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

There may also be some prayer stations to help guide prayers. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR INTER-CHURCH QUIZ This will take place on Friday 23 January 2026, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, at Abingdon Baptist Church.

**PLEASE NOTE** Hilary and John Clare will **NOT** be organising a team this year. If anyone else would like to organise a team (of up to six people), please contact the organiser directly by Friday 17 January: Ian Millgate at i.l.millgate@btinternet.com or on 01235 206583. A second team may be provisionally booked depending on space. Entry is £2 per person and all proceeds will go to Sobell House. Bring your own drinks and nibbles – teas and coffees will be provided. If anyone does decide to organise a team, please send an appropriate announcement to the Editor to include in the pew leaflet.

### Worship

<u>December/ January</u> The celebrants and preachers are: 28 December, The Revd Dr Jane Baun; 4 January, The Revd Dr Jennifer Brown, 11 January, the Revd Rosalind Rutherford, 18 January, The Revd Dr Jennifer Brown; 25 January, Fr AKMA (the limit of the current clergy rota).

Sunday is the festival of The Holy Innocents and Thursday the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus.

Commemorations include: Monday: Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170; Wednesday: John Wyclif, reformer, 1384; Friday: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389.

The Holy Innocents Today's Gospel reading, is Matthew's account of the escape of the Holy Family to Egypt following the birth of Jesus, and Herod's subsequent Massacre of the Infants (Matthew 2.13-18).

- Lully, lullah, thou little tiny child, Bye bye, lully, lullay. Thou little tiny child, Bye bye, lully, lullay.
- O sisters too, how may we do
   For to preserve this day
   This poor youngling for whom we sing,
   "Bye bye, lully, lullay"?
- 3. Herod the king, in his raging, Chargèd he hath this day His men of might in his own sight All young children to slay.
- 4. That woe is me, poor child, for thee And ever mourn and may For thy parting neither say nor sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay."

These words (in modern English spelling) are the basis of the familiar *Coventry Carol*. The origins of the carol are in the *Coventry Mystery Plays*, which would have been performed on the feast of Corpus Christi, in particular in *The Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*, performed by members of the Guild of Shearmen and Tailors. This play portrays events from the Annunciation to the Massacre of the Innocents. The words are sung by the mothers, carrying their children, fearing the arrival of King Herod's soldiers in the evening.

The earliest records of the plays date from around 1392, and some 200 years later, in 1579 they were suppressed being though to be too catholic. The Coventry Carol though survived. The play was copied in 1825 by Thomas Sharp from a manuscript of the play dating to 1534 held by the Birmingham City Reference Library, though sadly the original manuscript was lost in a fire in 1879, along it seems with many other source documents. Sharp's Dissertation drew on sources such as records and accounts of the trading companies to develop a picture of how and where the plays would have performed along with some account of the costumes worn. Sadly there were few surviving records of the Guild of Shearmen and Tailors.

The only other extant play from the Coventry cycle, The Presentation in the Temple, was performed by the Guild of Weavers and of that Guild much more is known.

There are links on our Prayer and Worship web page to some sources consulted, including Sharp's Dissertation and the text of the *Play of the Company of Shearmen and Tailors*.

# **Prayers during another Season of Vacancy**

The prayer below is the prayer used for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury. But it is not entirely inappropriate in the current situation as the next stage of ministry in the parish of Abingdon is discerned.

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your Church,

send us a faithful pastor to lead with wisdom, courage, and love,

proclaiming your Gospel, celebrating the sacraments,

and guiding your people in unity and truth.

Strengthen your Church, we pray, and direct us in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayers for the Peace of the World

A prayer from the Church of England:

Almighty God,

from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace

and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom

those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

#### Please pray for:

- Steven (as he prepares for retirement) and Gavin our bishops in this diocese; Stephen, Archbishop of York, and Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury designate;
- His Majesty King Charles, Her Majesty Queen Camilla, and all the royal family;
- the children of the world;
- all victims of war, injustice, and oppression;
- those who perpetrate violence, that they may turn to a new way of life;
- the suffering, especially those who are known to us and who are on our prayer list;
- all who mourn, especially those who have experienced the pain of losing a child;
- all who have recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in: Potenger Way, Preston Road, Pudsey Close, Quakers Court.

#### **Eucharistic Lectionary**

| Sun                        | Jeremiah 31.15- | Ps 124       | 1 Corinthians 1.26- | Matthew 2.13- |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| The Holy Innocents         | 17              |              | 29                  | 18            |
| Mon                        | 1 John 2.3-11   | Ps 96.1-4    |                     | Luke 2.22-35  |
| Tues                       | 1 John 2.12-17  | Ps 96.7-10   |                     | Luke 2.36-40  |
| Wed                        | 1 John 2.18-21  | Ps 96.1, 11- |                     | John 1.1-18   |
|                            |                 | end          |                     |               |
| Thur                       | Numbers 6.22-   | Ps 8         | Galatians 4.4-7     | Luke 2.15-21  |
| Naming and Circumcision of | end             |              |                     |               |
| Jesus                      |                 |              |                     |               |
| Fri                        | 1 John 2.22-28  | Ps 98.1-4    |                     | John 1.19-28  |
| Sat                        | 1 John 2.29-3.6 | Ps 98.2-7    |                     | John 1.29-34  |

### **Collect (The Holy Innocents)**

Heavenly Father; whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ...

### **Prayer after Communion (The Holy Innocents)**

Lord Jesus Christ, in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, now and for ever

#### **Collect (Naming and Circumcision of Jesus)**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Some On-line Resources for Worship

A Church Near You Live Streamed events

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live stream&diocese=27

Parish Communications and Links http://www.abingdonparish.org.uk/P communications.html

St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM worship resources.html

St Michael's Publications page <a href="https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM\_publications.html">https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM\_publications.html</a>

Oxford Cathedral: Livestream events will appear on the cathedral's YouTube channel, see

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqz9I9-LbZJAPGtje0gQbbg.

The University Church of St Mary the Virgin (Oxford) live stream, see <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityChurch/featured">https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityChurch/featured</a>

Community of the Resurrection: live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise. Details can be found at the Community web site, <a href="https://mirfield.org.uk/live-streaming/">https://mirfield.org.uk/live-streaming/</a> and YouTube page <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@StreamingAtMirfield">https://www.youtube.com/@StreamingAtMirfield</a>. On Sundays Mass starts around 8.10 am, after Matins at 7.30 am. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@StreamingAtMirfield">Walsingham</a> In addition to the daily live-streaming of Shrine Prayers at 6 pm (5pm on Saturdays). the Sunday Mass is live-streamed (usually at 7.30 am, but check the web site).

https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/whatson-2/livestream/