



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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## **14 June 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity** **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.

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*Items for inclusion in the next issue of pew leaflet to be sent to David Duce by midday on Tuesday.*

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## We welcome Fr AKMA to preside and preach at Mass today

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Intervening festivals aside, the gospel readings from this Sunday until the Last Sunday after Trinity (25 October) are from Matthew's gospel, a series of passages read in order, covering most, though not all of this gospel. The final reading is Matthew 22.34-end 'The Greatest Commandment' and 'The Question about David's Son' (NRSV headings). The second reading works through the Letter to the Romans (until 13 September) and then through the Letter to the Philippians and in the final week a passage from the First Letter to the Thessalonians is set.

The lectionary provides two choices for the first reading, a continuous reading, this case from Genesis and then Exodus. The alternative, which we use at St Michael's, is a related reading, chosen to in relationship to the theme of the gospel reading.

This Sunday the gospel reading is Matthew 9.35-10.8 with optional extension to verses 9-23. In 9.35-38, we read about Jesus visiting cities and villages, curing diseases and sickness and showing compassion for the crowds who were like sheep without a shepherd. In v. 38 he calls upon 'the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Chapter 10 opens with Jesus summoning his twelve named disciples and giving them authority to cast out unclean spirits, to cure disease and heal sickness. He instructs them to 'go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel', proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near, giving without payment and taking no gold ... or bag for your journey ... for labourers deserve their food.'

I hesitate to stray into areas of biblical scholarship. In 10.2 when he names the twelve, Matthew refers to them as *Apostles* rather than *Disciples* – this is the sole occurrence of the word in this gospel, though the word is used frequently by Luke in his gospel and especially in The Acts of the Apostles. According to one commentator, this might be a technical term for a 'delegate' who within strict limits, 'represents in his own person the authority of his superior.' One could say that a new form of relationship came into being between Jesus and the twelve.

*David Duce*

**Status of Team Vicar Recruitment** Shortlisting for the post of Team Vicar took place on Monday 1 June. From the applications received, we were able to shortlist candidates for interview. Interviews will take place on **Monday 29 June**. Please continue to keep the process of finding our next Team Vicar in your prayers. *Jennifer Brown*

**Assistant Archdeacon of Dorchester** There was an announcement in last week's diocesan eNews that the Revd Rob Glenny, Rector of Radley, Sunningwell and Kennington and also Area Dean of the Abingdon Deanery, has agreed to take on the additional role of Assistant Archdeacon of Dorchester. One imagines that this follows on from Bishop Gavin's new role as Acting Bishop of Oxford with the consequence of more work for the Archdeaconry team: The Revd David Tyler, Archdeacon and the Revd Prebendary Jane Haslam, Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester. We wish Fr Rob well on taking on these additional responsibilities.

**Diocesan Annual Review – A Year of celebration and transition** The annual review along with a companion report 'On the money' (how the diocese is funded) have now been published and are available to download from <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/annual-review>

**Save the Date: Saturday, 5 December 2026, at 1.30pm at St Helen's Church** Fr AKMA will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Mass for the Feast of Clement of Alexandria, teacher and Church Father, with a sermon from the Revd Damian Feeney. Reception to follow.

**Confirmation and admission to Holy Communion** It has been over a year since we last had a confirmation service here in the parish, and I am aware that there may be both young people and adults in our churches who wish to be confirmed. This notice is to ask that if you or your child would be interested in confirmation, please speak to Revd Jen or Fr AKMA so that we can begin to plan confirmation classes. We can also offer preparation for admission to Holy Communion if there are any children who would like to begin receiving Holy Communion prior to confirmation. *Jennifer Brown*

**Sunday Worship at St Helen's Church** 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) and on the Publications page at their web site. 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/StHpublications.html>).

There will be a Taizé service today, **Sunday 14 June, in St Helen's Church at 5.30 pm.**

**Morning Prayer** is normally held at 9.10 am on weekdays at St Helen's Church.

**Abingdon Foodbank** Foodbank: most needed at present are biscuits, squash, cereal, tinned mac'n'cheese and UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed) as well as empty egg boxes, carrier bags and wet cat or dog food. There is a collection box in church and goods donated there will be taken to the South Abingdon Foodbank.

There are collection points in local supermarkets and some other local businesses. The "Give Help" page has details of ways to donate and a link to the "BanktheFood app" which has frequently updated lists of most urgently needed items. <https://abingdon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

**New Eco Podcast** The Diocese has launched a new podcast, *Common Ground*, hosted by Bishop Mary. This short series, will explore the connection between faith, the environment and the world we share.

Episode one, Observing the Earth is out now. In this episode, Bishop Mary speaks with Professor Chris Merchant (University of Reading) about his work in ocean and climate observation, the vital role of scientific research in understanding climate change and how faith can shape our response to environmental challenges. Available at: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/6fgyiYyBQ6gRCngPj1Pve5>

**Book Sale and Coffee Morning, Saturday 20 June, 10 am to 12 noon** at St Nicolas' Church.

**Albert Park Singers Summer Concert Friday 26 June 7 pm** Join us for an evening of choral favourites from West End Shows to traditional folk songs. Free entry and refreshments, donations to Sobell House and St Michael's Church.

**Cream Tea** The next Cream Tea will take place on **Saturday 27 June between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm**. Do please bring along your family and friends and promote wherever you can. It should be a lovely afternoon with some delicious cakes and live piano music. Thank you. *Louise*.

**Faith Forum:** The next Faith Forum will take place on **Sunday 28 June**, when Fr AKMA will speak on the use of symbol in the liturgy.

**Abingdon Mothers' Union Tuesday 7 July, 10.30 am Parish Centre.** Speaker: Maureen Weston - Why I joined Mothers' Union. Plus: Discussion, Quizzes, Bring & Buy. All Welcome.

**CiA News** The **June** issue of CiA News is available to download and there is a copy on the Notice Board by the welcome table. See [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_communications.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_communications.html).

**A Candle in the Window** The **June** edition of the Parish Magazine 'A candle in the window' will be available from Sunday 14 June to download from the Parish website [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_window.php](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php). Earlier issues can also be found at this location. Do read and discuss!

## Worship

**June** Celebrants and preachers for June are: 14 June Fr AKMA, 21 June The Revd Dr Jennifer Brown / Mrs Beryl Clements and 28 June, The Revd Dr Jennifer Brown.

Commemorations during the week include: Monday, Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941; Tuesday, Richard, bishop, 1253; Wednesday, Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936; Thursday, Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896 and Friday, Sunday Singh, holy man, evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929.

**Evelyn Underhill** born in 1875 was a pioneer of the retreat movement in the Church of England and as a very popular retreat conductor popularised the Retreat House at Pleshey near Chelmsford. Pleshey is now the House of Retreat of the Chelmsford Diocese. <https://www.retreathousepleshey.com/history> The House initially rented and then purchased in 1927 by the Diocesan Mission Society and became the first Diocesan Retreat House in the country.

Evelyn Underhill was also a noted spiritual writer. This prayer appeared in *The Mount of Purification* (1960).

O blessed Jesu Christ, who didst bid all who carry heavy burdens to come to Thee, refresh us with Thy Presence and Thy Power. Quiet our understandings and give ease to our hearts, by bringing us close to things Infinite and Eternal. Open to us the mind of God that in His light we may see light. And crown Thy choice of us to be Thy servants by making us springs of strength and joy to all whom we serve.

**The Middle East** This prayer for Iran appeared in diocesan e-News, and on the Church of England web site. It has also been reproduced in the March issue of A Candle in the Window. The prayer was written by the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. Bishop Guli was born in Iran. Her family left the country in the wake of the Iranian Revolution in 1980, when she was 13 years old, and to date she has been unable to return.

Ever-loving God,  
who hears us in our anguish and distress,  
and longs for us to be free.  
We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,  
at this time of fear and uncertainty.  
Be near to those who are anxious;  
bring comfort to all who are suffering.  
Guide those with the power to make decisions,  
and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation:  
that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation.  
Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places,  
in praying for peace with justice,

through him who is the prince of peace, 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, ...

### **During another Season of Vacancies**

The Church of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, provided this prayer when they were recently seeking a new Vicar.

O God, who alone guides and guards the Church  
by your Spirit. Strengthen and encourage us  
in this time of uncertainty and opportunity, and inspire  
those who maintain our worship, and those engaged  
in the discernment and selection of a new Team Vicar.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

This prayer taken from the Diocesan web site was published in January this year.

Lord God, thank you that you care so much about your people.  
Please help the Church of England to listen to what you say as they work together to find the right person to be  
Bishop of Oxford.  
Please provide a bishop who will serve well, in all the ways you want, for the good of all.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Please pray for:**

- Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury and Stephen, Archbishop of York;
- Bishop Gavin as he takes up the role of Acting Bishop of Oxford and for the Crown Nominations Commission and the Archdeaconry of Dorchester team: David Tyler, Jane Haslam and Rob Glenny;
- His Majesty King Charles, Her Majesty Queen Camilla, and all the royal family;
- the continuing conflicts throughout the world and all those working for peace;
- those preparing for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood at Petertide;
- all engaged in examinations at this time;
- the suffering, especially those who are known to us and who are on our prayer list;
- those recently departed and those whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in Yewtree Mews and Ypres Way.

### **Eucharistic Lectionary**

<b>Sunday 14 June</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Exodus 19.2-8a</b>	Ps 50.7-15	<b>Romans 5.1-8</b>	<b>Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]</b>
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 21.1-16	Ps 5.1-5		Matthew 5.38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kings 21.17-end	Ps 51.1-9		Matthew 5.43-end
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kings 2.1, 6-14	Ps 31.21-end		Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Ecclesiasticus 48.1-14	Ps 97.1-8		Matthew 6.7-15
<b>Friday</b>	2 Kings 11.1-4, 9-18, 20	Ps 132.1-5, 11-13		Matthew 6.19-23
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Chronicles 24.17-25	Ps 89.25-33		Matthew 6.24-end

### **Collect (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Some On-line Resources for Worship**

*A Church Near You Live Streamed events* <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Livestream&diocese=27>

*Parish Communications and Links* <http://www.abingdonparish.org.uk/Pcommunications.html>

*St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page* <https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StMworshipresources.html>

*St Michael's Publications page* <https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StMpublications.html>

*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 <https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityChurch/featured>

*Community of the Resurrection:* live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise, see <https://mirfield.org.uk/live-streaming/> and *YouTube* page <https://www.youtube.com/@StreamingAtMirfield>. On Sundays Mass starts around 8.10 am, after Matins at 7.30 am.

*Walsingham* 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/>