

## Information about the Sunday services

### Today

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am All-Age Eucharist

Opening Hymn	Give me joy - 71
Offertory Hymn	Fill your hearts - 59
Communion Hymn	I come with joy - 116
	Shall we not love thee - 233
Final Hymn	Tell out my soul
	See sheet/screen

No Evening Worship

### Next Week

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASSION SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

No Evening Worship

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#### ***ALLERGY ADVICE:***

Please be aware that communion wafers contain Gluten, and the Sacramental Wine contains Sulphur Dioxides & Sulphites (all wines do)

Please send notices for future bulletins to [victorialouiseaustin@hotmail.com](mailto:victorialouiseaustin@hotmail.com) or to my home address, 87 Cedar Way, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4SH by **WEDNESDAY** evening.

Thank you.

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## Welcome to Abington Church



**THE  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

### Today

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am All-Age Eucharist

No Evening Worship



### This Week

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm PCC Meeting at the Parish Rooms

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayer

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Holy Eucharist

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Eucharist

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

12.30pm Lent Lunch at the Parish Rooms, hosted by Jill and Judith Draper.

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

2.30pm First Aid Training session at the Parish Rooms

If you are visiting us today for the first time, you are most welcome and we hope you enjoy the worship. The tower room at the back of the church is available during the services for young children and parents, if required. Primary school children are invited to join in the Sunday school activities, which takes place in church during the 10.00am service. Younger children are also welcome to join Sunday school, as long as they are accompanied by a parent. For information, there is a toilet at the back of the church.

Hearing Aid Users can tune in to the services on the 'T' position.

Do ask a member of the congregation if you need any help during the service.

If you would like make a donation to the running of the church, you are invited to put your offering in a yellow envelope, which you will find on the pews. Your donation can be gift aided if you print your name, full address including postcode, and sign the envelope and then we are able to reclaim the tax. Thank you.

### **Collect**

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour, gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

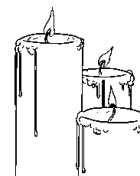
## **WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS**

*In your prayers this week*, please pray for all Christians and for the Churches of the Anglican Communion, and for The Church of England, and The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

In our local community, please pray for the residents of Beech Avenue and for the Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils of Weston Favell Academy.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Joseph Arato, John Stewart, Ruth Markie, Nikki Pearcey, John Kelly, Tricia Essery, Sarah Raven, Joey, and Robert Cunnington.

Please also pray for the faithful departed, naming especially Phyllis Bacon and Libby Westley, and for Maurice Lanyon, Michael Jones, Trevor Lewis, Betty Amy Day, Joyce Orford and all those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time.



### **Intercessions for the sick**

If you have any people you wish to be prayed for, please let Donald and Victoria know. They will be prayed for in the intercessions on Sunday for a month.

The long-term ill, chronically sick and housebound will appear in the bulletin for our private prayers and during some weekday services.

## Readings for 10.00am

### Colossians 3: 12 - 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### John 19: 25 - 27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## Forthcoming Dates.

### Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.30pm at St Ragener's chapel in St Christopher's. The theme of the meeting is 'Spring Time', and the afternoon will be led by Cathy Tinsley. All are welcome to join us.

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Memorial and Thanksgiving for Libby Westley (91)

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Lent Lunch at 12.30pm in the Parish Rooms, hosted by the choir.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Palm Sunday

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Maundy Thursday

### Lent Lunch

I am pleased to say that the lunch hosted by the lunch club reformed, which was postponed due to the snow, will now go ahead on Maundy Thursday. So please make a note in your diary.....final Lent Lunch on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 12.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Jeanette.

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Good Friday

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Easter Day

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, and there will be elections for **two Churchwardens, two PCC members and two Deanery Synod representatives**. Please consider whether you could offer to serve in these very important and responsible positions which ensure the continued running and accountability of our church. Also, the **Church Electoral Roll** is being revised between Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. If your address has changed, or you are not on the

Electoral Roll and would like to be, then get a form from Dianne Ward, and hand it in between those dates.

### **Lichfield Cathedral**

The choir are singing Evensong in Lichfield on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Members of the congregation who would like to be invited to join us on the coach. Coach fare will be £10 per head. We would leave at midday to arrive in Lichfield in time for lunch. A tour of the Cathedral has been offered for 3.00pm after which the choir need to rehearse. Evensong is 5.30pm and we would be back by 8.00pm. If you would like to come, please let me know on 07502 353039, email [t.p.dolan@btinternet.com](mailto:t.p.dolan@btinternet.com) or see me after the service.

### **Peterborough Cathedral Visit**

On **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, the Mothers' Union Festival will take place in the Cathedral at 3.30pm. A coach will pick up members and their friends from Christchurch Road at 12noon. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to travel to Peterborough to be at the service or to spend time looking around the city and shops. The coach will leave Peterborough for home about 5.45pm. To book a seat on the coach, or for more details please contact Cathy Tinsley or Dorothy Bonsall by TODAY. Thank you.

### **Jordan Pilgrimage**

Revd Chrys will be leading a pilgrimage to Jordan in **March 2019** (yes, 13 months from now!). The 9 day trip is inclusive of flights, hotels, entry fees, and all meals except lunches. Highlights include a full day at Petra and a sail on the Red Sea. Brochures are available, or contact her on [revdchrys@gmail.com](mailto:revdchrys@gmail.com) or 01604 902051.

## **General Notices**

### **A Request for Wool!**

Frances Warr, a member of our church family, is making 'Twiddle Blankets', which are then given to care homes to be used by people with dementia. She is in need of colourful wool of any type, to allow her to keep knitting these

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 3: 14 - 2**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.' For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

## Readings for 8.00am

### First Reading

#### Numbers 2: 4 - 9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.'

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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### Second Reading

#### Ephesians: 1 - 10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our

really helpful blankets. If you are able to donate suitable wool (even short lengths of wool can be used), Owen Warr (8am Sunday service) or Cathy Tinsley (10am Sunday service) would be happy to receive your gifts. Thank you.

### Church Weekly-Giving Envelopes for the year 2018-2019

Those people who prefer to give to church funds weekly may collect their own envelopes from church today. I have a few spare sets of envelopes, so if any new people to the church would like to give weekly by envelope, then please contact Dorothy Bonsall (408888), or speak to her at the end of a service. Thank you.

### AHOF Update

As many of you will know, Abington House of Fun (known as AHOF) is a drop-in centre in Abington Park for young people in secondary school or college. Many of the volunteers come from Abington church and we are ever grateful for their support. AHOF is open on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. However we are now open once a month on Thursday evenings, from 7.15pm to 8.45pm for young people in school year 10 and above. If you know of any young person who might like to come along and see what we do, please do encourage them. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the volunteering team, again we would love to hear from you. Please see either Malc Ward or Cathy Tinsley for more information.



If you would like to receive the bulletin by email each week, please speak to, or email Victoria who will add you to the list.

*We also now have large print copies of the collect, readings, psalm and post communion prayer available. If you would like a copy each week, please speak to Dianne or Victoria.*

**A big thank you to all who helped  
with clearing the snow from the  
two paths in  
the churchyard  
last weekend.**



**PSALM 107: 1 - 7**  
*(8am only)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is  
gracious, for his steadfast love endures  
for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,  
those he redeemed from the hand of the  
enemy,

And gathered out of the lands from the  
east and from the west, from the north  
and from the south.

Some went astray in desert wastes and  
found no path to a city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul was  
fainting within them.

So they cried to the Lord in their  
trouble and he delivered them from  
their distress.

He set their feet on the right way till  
they came to a city to dwell in.

**With Deep Gratitude**

Lord God,  
father and mother of us all,  
here us as we give thanks  
for mothers, and for mothering,  
on this special day.

We remember before you  
with deep gratitude  
our own mothers.

We also give thanks  
for all in our immediate family  
and in our wider circle of friends and  
relatives,  
both women and men,  
who shared in our nurturing and growth.

Look with love and mercy,  
we pray,  
on all the very mixed emotions  
that run through us today.

Hallow our memories,  
four give our guilt or shame,  
and enable us  
to be at peace with our feelings and  
thoughts.

*John Harvey ( in Eggs & Ashes ed. Ruth Burgess &  
Chris Polhill, © Wild Goose Publications 2004)*

**Enquiries for Weddings and Baptisms**

Enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms, Banns  
etc. can be booked via the Rectory (631041) or  
the Parish Office (718567).