

Information about the Sunday services

Today

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Opening Hymn	A man there lived - 1
Anthem	O Lord increase our faith <i>Loosemoore</i>
Offertory Hymn	How lovely on the - 109
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No Evening Worship

Next Week

Sunday 22nd April 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Eucharist
10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by our
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
6.00pm Choral Evensong

Visit our website at:

www.abingtonchurch.org.uk

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 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 THIRD
SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

15TH APRIL 2018

Today

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

12.00noon Holy Baptism for
Violet Aurora Wolstenholme

No Evening Worship

The flowers at the Altar have been given by
Evelyn Stafford in loving memory of her
husband, Len.

This Week

Monday 16th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

8.00pm PCC Standing Committee Meeting at
The Rectory

Tuesday 17th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 19th April

10.00am Holy Eucharist *St Alphege, Archbishop of
Canterbury, & martyr*

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

Almighty Father, who in your great love gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord. Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

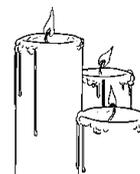
WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

In your prayers this week, please pray for all Christians and for the Churches of the Anglican Communion, and for The Church of Ireland, and The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

In our local community, please pray for the residents of Billing Road and for the Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils of Abington Vale Primary School.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Morey Gompertz, 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 Hillary Ann Stocker, and for Tony Morris, Rita Augusta Bryant, Joan Westwood, 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.

Enquiries for Weddings and Baptisms

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36b - 48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

Forthcoming Dates.

Men's Evening Fellowship Meal

It has been a long time since last we ate together, so I am seeking support for a meal on the evening of **Friday 20th April**. I have not yet established details, though I suspect curry may feature. These are very good social evenings where we were able to share food, and company. RSVPs to Simon May, please.

Sunday 22nd April

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on 22nd 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.

Saturday 5th May

Wedding of Harry Austin-Fell and Katherine Lancaster at 1.00pm.

Thursday 10th May

ASCENSION DAY: Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm

Saturday 12th May

Choir sings evensong at Lichfield Cathedral at 5.30pm.

Monday 14th May

PCC Meeting at 7.30pm in The Parish Rooms.

Wednesday 16th May

Greater Northampton Deanery Synod with Bishop Donald.

Sunday 20th May

PENTECOST: admission of children to Holy Communion at 10.00am.

**Coach Trip to
Wollerton Old Hall Garden
near Market Drayton, Shropshire
Thursday 24th May 2018**

The garden has been designed and developed by Lesley and John Jenkins since 1984. It is set around a 16th Century Hall House covering 4 acres, in the quintessential English Garden tradition with echoes of Arts and Crafts. Chris Beardshaw, television presenter, award winning garden designer and Chelsea Gold Medallist, says "It is a world-class example of an English Garden".

We plan to leave Christchurch Road at 8.30am, having a very brief Comfort Stop on the way, arriving at Wollerton Old Hall Garden for 11.00am and time for morning refreshments. You are then free to wander around the garden and nursery at your leisure seeing as much or as little as you feel able.

The visit to Wollerton Old Hall Garden includes, Executive Coach, Admission to the Garden, Morning Refreshments & Biscuits, Two Course Light Lunch, Tea & Coffee, Tearoom Gratuity, Coach Driver Gratuity and a £5.00 Administration Charge. Inclusive Price Per Person £60.00.

Arrival back at Christchurch Road will be 6.15 - 6.30pm (traffic permitting)

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS 16th April 2018. Cheques payable to Caroline Morris Travel should be sent to 18 Casterbridge Court, Hardingstone. Northampton. NN4 6FD.

Caroline Morris Travel is not a business and Caroline does not earn a salary from the travel activities. It is just her "serious hobby" to keep her brain active. The aim being to create friendship and enjoyment for others utilising her professional skills, following being victim of a serious motorway accident nearly 20 years ago.

Second Reading

1 John 3: 1 - 7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

First Reading

Acts 3: 12 - 19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

General Notices

Summer Church Opening

We shall be opening the church on weekdays from Monday 30th April. If you can spend an hour, or two, sitting in the church to welcome visitors please sign the lists at the back of the church. This is a wonderful way of putting our faith into practice, so please pray about whether God is calling you to help in this way. Liz Kelly will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Intercessors

Do you have a copy of Susan Sayers Intercessions book for Year B at home? You must have; there are now none in the vestry, so please return asap! Thank you.

THY KINGDOM COME

Joining in and praying as part of the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost couldn't be simpler.

Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will be happening in churches and other venues across the UK from 10th – 20th May. People will be praying in whatever way they want and taking part in all kinds of events from 24-7 prayer rooms to prayer walks. We shall make available from next week some Prayer Journal booklets which may be of some use to people during this time.

The focus for these 10 days is to pray for others to come to know Jesus Christ and for the Holy Spirit to help Christians become more confident in sharing their faith.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

(see also the website

www.thykingdomcome.global)

PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Here is a message from the Bishop:

The life, death, and resurrection of Christ has inspired the creation of many beautiful buildings over the last 2,000 years. On March 27th, we have announced the launch of '**2018: THE YEAR OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHURCHES**' – a campaign to promote the beautiful and historic churches of our county with the local community and beyond. And we are hoping to open doors in order to open eyes to appreciate all that we have close around us. Please visit the website:

'NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: BRITAIN'S BEST SURPRISE' www.northamptonshiresurprise.com and share what you find and enjoy.

(Here is our own entry: "A richly rewarding church, both warm and welcoming in the smart northern suburb of Northampton. Here the local population did well to rebuild their church after a great storm destroyed the main part of it in 1821. Their chosen local architect Charles Squirhill replaced the main body of the church with a "Georgian box" and the side chapels and chancel were cleverly restored. Only the tower, which dates from circa 1200 remains unscathed. There is much to enjoy here especially as the fittings are so good – particularly spectacular is the beautifully carved pulpit with one of the largest and highest sounding boards circa 1702. A brilliant and exuberant example of English baroque. The walls are covered in good sculptured monuments mainly of the Bernard and Thursby families who lived at nearby Abington Hall which is now an outstation of Northampton Art Gallery. Many of the monuments are by members of the Cox family who were the most significant of 18th century Northampton sculptors.

Good high church work around the altar carried out by Matthew Holding in late 19th century and a fine window designed by John Piper in the north chapel. The church reflects the development of Abington village into part of greater Northampton."

[Unfortunately, the website gives the location as Abington Park Crescent and the postcode as the Rectory. Neither are we a northern suburb. It would have helped if they had run this past us first before the launch last week!]