

Information about the Sunday services

Today

8.30am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Opening Hymn	O for a closer walk - 532
Anthem	My eyes for beauty pine <i>Howells</i>
Offertory Hymn	Forty days - 95
Communion Hymn	Be known to us - 282 All my days <i>See sheet</i>
Final Hymn	Lead us heavenly - 496

No Evening Worship

Next Week

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The Second Sunday of Lent

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Visit our website at:

www.abingtonchurch.org.uk

Enquiries for Weddings and Baptisms

Enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms, Banns etc. can be booked via the Parish Office:
abingtonchurch286@btinternet.com

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



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SUNDAY OF LENT**

10TH MARCH 2019

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The flowers in the Lady Chapel have been given by Sandra Lewis in memory of her husband, Trevor

This Week

There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday until further notice.

Monday 4th March

NO Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th March

NO Morning Prayer

Wednesday 6th March

NO Morning Prayer

Thursday 7th March

10.00am Holy Eucharist

Summer Fete 2019 - Date for your diary

Please note that this year's summer fete will be held on **Saturday 22nd June** instead of the traditional date of first Saturday in July. Please help spread the word far and wide!

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, our shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this parish a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of truth. So may your Church grow and be built up, and by your grace accomplish more than we can imagine, for the glory of your name, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

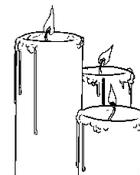
In your prayers this week, please pray for all Christians and for The Church in Congo, and the Most Revd Zacharie Katanda.

In our local community, please pray for the residents of Rushmere Crescent, all associated with Northampton School for Girls.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Jill Pickard, John Cumberpatch, Michael Aiers, Roger Hasdell, Nikki Pearcey, David Adams, Sarah Raven, Sue Halfacre, Ellen, and Verity.

Your prayers are requested for the following people who have long term health conditions, are increasingly frail, or are unable to get to church: John Stewart, Brenda Wilson, Frank Knight, Barbara Shakespeare and Ruth Markie.

Please also pray for the faithful departed, and for Michael Jones, Trevor Lewis, Betty Day, and all those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time.



Intercessions for people in need

If you, or someone you know, would like to be prayed for, please would you let either Victoria or Cathy Tinsley (07516979223) know and we will add the person to the Sunday intercessions. Thank you.

Vacancy

Please note that during the Vacancy nothing should be removed from any of the drawers, cupboards etc without consultation with the Churchwardens. This is to comply with the rules governing the said Vacancy. Thank you, Dianne & Donald.

God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Forthcoming Dates

'Greater than Gold'

*In Church on **Sunday 17th March** at 3.00pm.*

A group of singers from the church (named the Abington Singers!) are performing a work by Roger Jones called 'Greater than Gold'. As you may have already read in the bulletin, the story is about a Welsh girl, Mary Jones and her desire to have her own bible. We have enjoyed our rehearsals and it would be lovely if there was good support from church members on the afternoon of the performance. Refreshments will be served after the singing. Thank you.

Collation of Jun on 23rd March

All members of the congregation are invited to this special event. If you haven't received your invitation yet, please see Dianne. If you haven't replied officially, please make sure you sign the sheet at the back of the church. Anyone who is willing to make a cake for this wonderful occasion please also indicate this on the same sheet. Thank you.

Mothers' Union

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent AGM. The next time we meet will be at the Lady Day service on **Monday 25th March** at 2.00pm in church. Members from the Deanery have been invited so it is hoped that we may have as many as 60 attending the service. If any Abington member would like to do a reading, lead the intercessions or assist Revd. Chrys by being a Eucharistic Assistant, please would you let Cathy know. We are also requesting that members provide cakes for the refreshments that are being provided after the service. Thank you for your support for this event. Cathy

Lent Books

For those who haven't yet paid for their books, please see Alison, and she will be happy to collect the money from you.

Lent Lunches

The dates for all the lunches have now been set - thanks to all the offers of help, but we still need more volunteers!

The lunches will start at 12.30pm and the dates are:- **Thursday 14th March, Tuesday 19th March, Saturday 30th March, Friday 5th April and Tuesday 9th April.** Hoping we have a good attendance at all the lunches; a reminder that the Lent giving this year will go to Christian Aid.

Church Rooms/Office Keys

Would all holders of keys to the outside door of the Parish Office please let either Jim Mercer or Dianne Ward know. We have had instances of the door not being locked properly and need to track users of the office as soon as possible. Thank you, Dianne.

Weekly Giving Envelopes for Stewardship

The new Giving envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the church. If anyone would like to begin giving to the church in this way please speak to Dorothy Bonsall on 01604 632018. Thank you.

Daffodil Project

Celia Irwin, the artist who gave us the Remembrance Poppy display, has made ceramic daffodils and there is a display of 1000 of them in the churchyard. They will be sold for £10 and the church will again receive £2.50 for each one sold, with another £2.50 going to the Marie Curie Charity.

The daffodils may be ordered from 11th March through Celia's website www.art-ified.co.uk, from her in person, or by filling in the forms at the back of church.

For those wanting daffodils for Mothering Sunday, they may be collected from Celia in the churchyard between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March or if you want your daffodil after Easter, collection is on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April. As before, the daffodils can be purchased on the cane or in a presentation box.

The church will be open, with sitters, from 11.00am – 1.00pm each weekday during the course of the display and visitors will be invited to remember loved ones in the Lady Chapel. Please sign the list if you are able to help with this or see me for further details. Liz Kelly
(07745 604591)

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Second Reading

Romans 10: 8b - 13

But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that