

Information about the Sunday services

Today

8.30am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Opening Hymn	Christ whose glory - 2
Anthem	The heavens are telling <i>Haydn</i>
Offertory Hymn	O for a thousand - 534
Communion Hymn	The heavens declare - 264 Virgin born - 244
Final Hymn	Jesus is Lord - 170

No Evening Worship

Next Week

Sunday 3rd February 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.30am Holy Eucharist
10.00am All-Age Eucharist
No Evening Worship

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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



**THE FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF EPIPHANY**

**27TH JANUARY
2019**

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10.00am Parish Eucharist
No Evening Worship

This Week

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

Monday 28th January

NO Morning Prayer

Tuesday 29th January

NO Morning Prayer

Wednesday 30th January

NO Morning Prayer

2.00pm Pastoral Prayer Group

Thursday 31st January

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

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Slippery paths in the winter

If you arrive at church on a Sunday and find the path is treacherous because of snow and ice, then please (if you are able) help everyone by spreading some of the grit/salt that is kept in a bucket in the porch on affected areas.

The sidesmen may do this when they can, but as they are usually busy, they would appreciate help.

Thank you, Andrew Munns.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

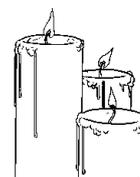
In your prayers this week, please pray for all Christians and for The Church in Brazil, and the Most Revd. Naudal Gomes.

In our local community, please pray for the residents of Park Avenue Sorth, and Abington Church Rainbows.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Betty Dolan, Jill Pickard, Roger Hasdell, Eleanor Parker, Michael Aiers, Nikki Pearcey, Sarah Raven, Rachel Waters, David Adams, Verity and Ellen.

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, naming especially Jim Wishart, and for John Morgan, Trevor Bailey, 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.

Psalm 19: 1 - 6

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his
chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his
course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again, and there is
nothing hidden from its heat.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4: 14 - 21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit,
returned to Galilee, and a report about him
spread through all the surrounding country. He
began to teach in their synagogues and was
praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had
been brought up, he went to the synagogue on
the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood
up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah
was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and
found the place where it was written:
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he
has anointed me to bring good news to the
poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to
let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year
of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the
attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the
synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began
to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been
fulfilled in your hearing.'

Forthcoming Dates

All Mothers' Union Members

Subs of £20 are due once again and I should
appreciate if they can be paid before the end of
January please. If paying by cheque, please make it
payable to Abington Church MU, or if paying cash,
please give it to me in an envelope with your name
on. Many thanks, Jeanette Mallard.

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th February** at
2.30pm at the Parish Rooms. This will be our Annual
General Meeting and all members are encouraged
to attend if they are able. Then on **Monday 25th
March** there is the Lady Day service in church at
2.00pm. We have invited members from the
Deanery to join with us for this occasion. We hope
this service, led by Revd. Chrys, will be well
supported. For more information about Mothers'
Union, please see Cathy Tinsley (07516979223).

Norwich Cathedral

The choir are singing Evensong in Norwich
Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd March** and would be
pleased if members of the congregation would like
to join them for the day. We are expecting to leave
Church at 10.00am and return by about
9.00pm. The trip will include a guided tour of the
Cathedral and a meal somewhere in Norwich after
evensong. Please let Tim Dolan know if you would
like to book a place on the coach.

Abington Singers

The next outing of the Abington Singers is **Sunday
17th March** 3.00pm when we shall perform another
Roger Jones work "Greater than Gold" about a
Welsh girl, Mary Jones, and her bible.
Rehearsals will be at 7.30pm on: **Wednesday 6th
February, Wednesday 13th February, Wednesday
20th February, Wednesday 27th February,
Thursday 7th March, Monday 11th March. Open to
all previous and new singers who claim they can't
sing!**

Leprosy Mission

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the
recent stamp collection in support of the Leprosy
Mission. A decision has been made to keep the
collecting box at the back of the church for at least
a few more months to allow people to continue
with this collection. Once we have a carrier bag full
of stamps (so far we have filled about half a bag!)
Cathy will take it over to the charity's HQ in
Peterborough. Thank you.

First Reading

Nehemiah 8: 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.