

## Information about the Sunday services

### Today

**8.30am Holy Eucharist**

**10.00am All-Age Eucharist**

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**No Evening Worship**

### Next Week

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

**8.30am** Holy Eucharist  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist  
**No Evening Worship**

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**[www.abingtonchurch.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:victorialouiseaustin@hotmail.com) or to my home address, 87 Cedar Way, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4SH by **WEDNESDAY** evening.  
Thank you.

**CCL 528464**

## **Welcome to Abington Church**



**THE FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
BEFORE LENT  
PRESENTATION OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
TEMPLE**

**3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY  
2019**

### Today

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

The flowers in church this week are given by June Martin in memory of her daughter Jane Gibbs, and by Dianne Ward in memory of her father Albert Ward and her friend Trevor Bailey.

### This Week

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

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**NO Morning Prayer**

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**NO Morning Prayer**

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**NO Morning Prayer**

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.00am** Holy Eucharist

### **Summer Fete 2019 - Date for your diary**

Please note that this year's summer fete will be held on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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**

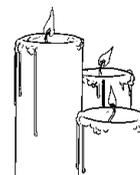
*In your prayers this week*, please pray for all Christians and for The Church in Burundi, and the Most Revd. Martin Nyaboho.

In our local community, please pray for Tim, our organist, the 'Abington Singers' who will start rehearsing in church this week for 'Greater than Gold', the residents of Parracombe Way, and The London School of Economics.

Please pray for those who are sick, naming especially, Michael Aiers, Roger Hasdell, Nikki Pearcey, Rachel Waters, David Adams, Eleanor Parker, Sarah Raven, Sue Halfacre, Ellen, Jill Pickard 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, naming especially Jim Wishart, and Albert Ward, Peggy Laurillard, Maud Mason, Eddie Oliver, Eustace Pickard, Jane Gibbs, 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.

## Gospel Reading

### Luke 2: 22 - 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## Forthcoming Dates

### Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** *Open to all previous and new singers who claim they can't sing!*

### Collation of Jun on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Lent Lunches

Once again we are planning Lent lunches, hopefully one every week. Following the success of last years' Shrove Tuesday lunch, we are going to do it again this year; jacket potatoes followed by pancakes. I am looking for as many soup makers as possible so that we can have a lunch every week and a successful time again. I believe we shall have plenty of help setting up tables and everything else that

makes for a good lunch. These lunches have always been a good time of fellowship and a good fundraiser for the Church Lent charity - this year, Christian Aid. But, if I don't get the volunteers, there will be no lunches! Thanks, Jeanette Mallard.

## **New Parish Directory Action required!**

We are producing a new Parish Directory ready for the arrival of our new Rector.

A draft of the new Directory is at the back of Church. Please check that your information shown is correct, make any amendments and tick to show that you have done this. If there is a G by your name, please will you complete a GDPR form which we are required to have when holding your information. (These can be returned to Dianne)

If you are not on the list and would like to be included in the Parish Directory, please complete a form.

Many thanks, and please could you check your return by **11<sup>th</sup> February**.

## **First Reading**

### **Malachi 3: 1 - 5**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

## **Psalm 24: 7 - 10**

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

## **Second Reading**

### **Hebrews 2: 14 - 18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.