Parish Newsletter Sunday 5th Oct Harvest Thanksgiving



All Souls Service of Remembrance Sun 2nd Nov 5.30pm St Mary's



On Sunday November 2nd the All Souls Service is a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of those who are dear to us. This is a gentle time with some singing and readings, a brief talk, reflection and a chance for everyone to light a candle.

This service gives us a safe space in which to name our losses and recognise how we really are. It is a time where you do not need to pretend to be 'ok': it is fine just to be how you are and who you are. In this service we also read aloud the names of those who we are remembering this year.

We have already included those who have passed away over the last two years in our list of those names to be read aloud but if you would like us to include other names please contact Malc in the office on office@kidhp.org.uk.

You can also write names by hand on the list as you arrive.

Sunday 5th Oct Harvest Thanksgiving

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Communion Harvest Thanksgiving (St Mary's and livestream)

10am All Together Harvest Thanksgiving (St John's)

2pm Baptism (St Mary's)

5pm Harvest Thanksgiving (Hampton Poye)

Mon, Weds and Fri 10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 7th Oct 7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 8th Oct 11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

> Sunday 12th Oct 17th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (St Mary's and livestream)

10am Holy Communion (St John's)

All livestreams are here: www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch

Don't forget our service sheets are downloadable and online. Feel free to bring a tablet to the service to help the environment.

Parish Office: 01865 375611

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SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER - 6PM

William Whyte

Professor of Social and Architectural History at St. John's College, Oxford University will share stories and history about St. Mary's 800 year old church- 'our most precious treasure'* and other old and fascinating buildings in and around Kidlington.

*Simon Jenkins in his guide to England's 1000 Best Churches

St Mary's Church Street, Kidlington OX5 2BA

Tickets £20 - discounts available Booking - fosmk.org.uk or Eventbrite



You are invited
to the institution by
the Bishop of Dorchester,
Rt Revd Gavin Collins, and the
induction and installation by the
Archdeacon of Dorchester, the
Venerable David Tyler, of

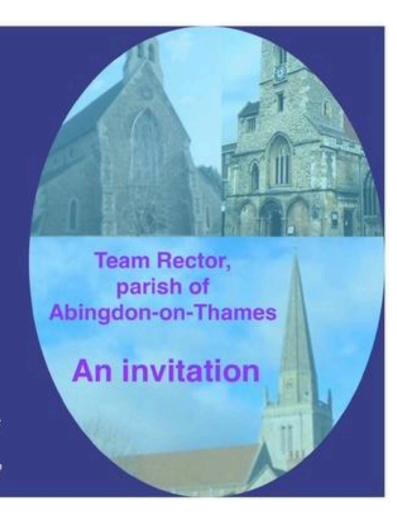
Revd Dr Jen Brown as Rector of Abingdon-on-Thames

on 21st October 2025 at 7pm in the church of St Helen, Abingdon

Refreshments served in the South Aisle of the Church immediately following the service.

RSVP requested by 17th October, to the parish office: administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk

The service will also be available on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. Please contact the parish office to request the link.



Youth Weekend Away

A big thank you to the church and for your support of our young people this year, especially in our fundraising efforts for the weekend away. Our young people will once again be going to the Caldecotte Experience in Milton Keynes from 10th-12th of October. They'll be participating in various outdoor activities, while hanging out together and exploring their faith. Please pray for the weekend, for both young people and leaders, that it would be a great experience for all and strengthen our community in love of God and neighbour.



Scam Avoidance talks

The Parish has arranged two opportunities to hear a talk given by Age UK on Scam Avoidance. Any of us can fall victim to a scam. Scams are increasingly common and many people are caught out.

They can be very distressing, and the impact is often emotional as well as financial. You do not need to be defined as old to attend!

The talks will address:

- The ways scammers might try to approach you
- What you can do if you think you're being scammed
- How to avoid being deceived by scams

Come and hear what you can do stay safe:

Tuesday November 4th at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Kidlington OX5 2AZ Monday November 17th at 7.00pm at St John's Church, The Broadway, Kidlington OX5 1DD

Any of us can fall victim to a scam. Scams are increasingly common and many people are caught out. They can be very distressing, and the impact is often emotional as well as financial.

If you've been the victim of a scam, remember that you're not alone.

The good news is that there are ways to help avoid being taken in by a scam if you know what to look for.

Call us on 0345 450 1276 to hear more about how we can help you to protect yourself.

Age UK Oxfordshire is a registered charity 1091529. Registered office: 9 Napier Court, Barton Lane, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3YT



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

A number of members of the congregation arrange their regular giving to the parish using the national "Parish Giving Scheme", which enables people to set up a direct debit payment for their specific parish. Many thanks to all who support the work of the parish in this way. We have received notice that the PGS will be moving to a new platform in the next few weeks. This means that the PGS website will be taken offline from 3pm Monday 13 October, remaining unavailable until the new system launches on Thursday 30 October. During this time, they will be unable to register or amend regular or one-off gifts. Those using contactless devices connected to PGS will be unaffected. All current donors should be getting an email from PGS in the next week or so, so don't be alarmed if you are in the scheme and get a message from them.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who came to our coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care, and to those who provided cakes and helped on the day.

Thanks to your generosity we raised nearly £370! Well done!

David and Rosemary Meara

Serving the Community Dates for your diary:

All Souls Service of Remembrance Sun 2nd Nov 5.30pm St Mary's

Funerals

John Willoughby

10th Oct 2pm - North Oxford Crematorium

In our Prayers this Week

Peter, Eirian and James

Sheila

Sarah and Vassilis

David and Tricia

Jane

Pat

Pam

Aodhagen

Lily S

Diana C

Tracev

Barbie and Peter, Andrew

Those who have died: Sylvia,

We continue to pray for all where there are wars and that the world's leaders will find a way to bring peace.

Parent Support Speaker Session

Supporting Children with Anxiety and Emotional School Avoidance: A Parent & Carer Information Session



- Real-life experiences of managing school-related anxiety
- Practical strategies to support children and young people
- Guidance on accessing help and resources

St Mary's Church Refectory, Kidlington (Parking available)

Guest Experts: CAMHS Supportive StepsTeam, Nicole Wareing & Angela Shuck



S - SUPPORTIVE

T - THERAPEUTIC

E - EMPATHETIC

- PARENTING PARTNERSHIP

S - SAFE SPACE

FREE - scan the QR code to book your place:

Email Rachel with any questions at rachelreahub@gmail.com





Parent Support Speaker Session

How to apply for an EHC needs assessment and what to do if your request is turned down.



Join us for this FREE informative session for parents of children with SEN and/or mental health challenges, with autism specialist Miranda Cooper

St John's Hall, The Broadway, Kidlington (Parking onsite)

Guest Expert: Miranda Cooper



Making Sense of Special Educational Needs

www.senconsultancy.org.uk

FREE - scan the QR code to book your place:

Email Rachel with any questions at rachelreahub@gmail.com



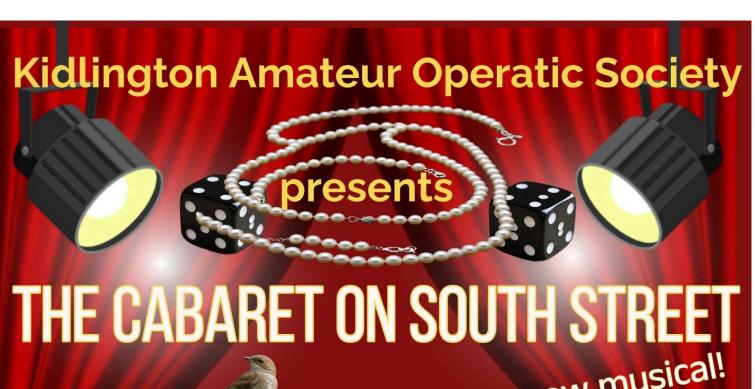


This is a list of the regular Sunday services each week and can also be found on kidhp.org.uk/onsite-services. Please do come even when the service is not in your "regular" church building.

28 September	St Mary's K	10am	Joint Parish Communion
5 October (Harvest)	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	5pm	Harvest
12 October	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
19 October	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
26 October	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion
2 November	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	All Souls
9 November (Remembrance)	St Mary's K	10am	Remembrance Service
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	5pm	All Souls & Remembrance
16 November	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's H	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
23 November	St Mary's K	10am	Joint Parish Communion
30 November (Advent)	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion (with crafts)
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Advent Carols
7 December	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Community Carols
14 December	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Presence & Absence
21 December	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion with Nativity Play
28 December	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion

Also 8am Service of Holy Communion in St Mary's Kidlington every Sunday.

More about Advent and Christmas services nearer the time



Favourite show tunes in a brand new musical!

Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th Sat 25th Oct 2025 7:30 pm

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington

Tickets: £15, 17yrs & under £10 VIP Tickets: £20, 17yrs & under £15







call 01865 375613, online at www.kaos.news

in person at Oxford Building Supplies High Street or Anemone Florist Kidlington Centre

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, the **Christmas Tree Festival** previously advertised for the 13th and 14th will now be held

on Sat 6th and Sun 7th of December 2025.



Building on last year's success, St Mary's Kidlington will once again be hosting its Christmas Tree Festival on Sat 6th and Sun 7th of December 2025.

There will be live music and refreshments and many hundreds of people will pass through the doors to enjoy the Christmas spirit.

This year the festival will be in aid of Papyrus, which works to prevent suicide in Young People, and the Noor Society, which works with disabled people in refugee camps in Bethlehem.

https://www.papyrus-uk.org/ https://noorsocietyfordisabled.wordpress.com/home/

If you would like to support us again and advertise your business / organisation by sponsoring a tree, please fill the form out here:

https://forms.gle/qtPZQ94JCj9HQY2k8

Short video (1min) of last year's festival here with the choir singing live in the background:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= PYBMS_5eRQ



St Mary's Church, Kidlington

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL





Sponsor a tree! Scan for details or email office@kidhp.org.uk Donations in aid of: Papyrus and Noor Society

Papyrus registered charity no. 1070896. Noor Society is a registered charity in Palestine