

# St Nicholas Cuddington Welcome

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 ~ All Saints Sunday

**10am Holy Communion**

**Leader and Preacher:** The Revd Jonathan Hawkins

**Subject ~ God's care is constant - Hagar**

## NOTICES

Today Service of Remembrance ~ see notice below

Wed	Wednesday Seekers	68 Willis Road	7.30pm
Thurs	Prayers	Church	9am
Fri	Toddler singing group	Church	10am
	Bellringing practice	Church	7.30pm
Sun	Prayers	Church	9.10am
	All Age Service ~ Remembrance	Church	10am

*Churches Together in Haddenham invite you to a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the lives of those we have loved and who have died.*

**Sunday 5th November 2017 at 3pm in the Baptist Chapel, Stockwell, Haddenham**

A peaceful time to hold our loved ones in our memories and an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and thanksgiving.

**Safeguarding training for all who work with children and young people at St Nicholas' Cuddington on Saturday 25th November, in Church, 10am (to approx 12.30pm) with refreshments from 9.30am.**

*Please email [alisontwycross@hotmail.com](mailto:alisontwycross@hotmail.com) to receive an invitation to book a place on this event.*

## **Sam Baker concert ~ Sacred and Secular**

With grateful thanks to all who supported the concert last weekend we will be sending £865.43 to the Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of Sarah Hayward.

### **Christingle time!**

If you would like to make Christingles to bring to the service on 3rd December please email: [anna.gadsden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anna.gadsden@hotmail.co.uk) or tel: 01844 292013  
Full instructions and all 'ingredients' will be provided.

### **Collect**

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Bible Reading Fellowship Vacancy:**

**Programmes Administrator and Sales Development Officer**

For further details and to apply, visit [www.brf.org.uk/current-vacancies](http://www.brf.org.uk/current-vacancies)

### **PRAYER TOPICS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

We pray for Remembrance Day this week and for our Remembrance Service.

*If you would like prayer for someone please give the name to Graham (290000). Please seek permission from the person; names will stay on the list for 2 weeks. Thereafter, anyone needing ongoing prayer support will continue to be supported by one or more of our homegroups, and names will be listed here on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.*

<b>Rector:</b>	The Revd Margot Hodson ~ 01844 291244
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<b>Benefice Office:</b>	01844 291108 ~ <a href="mailto:office@wychertvale.org">office@wychertvale.org</a> St Mary's Centre, Church End, Haddenham Open 10-12 Mon-Fri

**Worshipping God, Serving Community, Sharing Life**

## *Old Testament Reading – Genesis 21: 1-19*

### **The Birth of Isaac**

**21** Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

### **Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away**

<sup>8</sup> The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, <sup>10</sup> and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

<sup>11</sup> The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. <sup>13</sup> I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.” <sup>14</sup> Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she<sup>[c]</sup> began to sob. <sup>17</sup> God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. <sup>18</sup> Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

## **IMPORTANT – NEW PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

The Diocese of Oxford has launched a new and exciting Parish Giving Scheme and the PCC have agreed to join this.

- ⇒ It gives us all an opportunity to consider the amount we give to the church - after careful and prayerful consideration –and also to give regularly if we don’t already do so.
- ⇒ It eases the present burden on the volunteers administering the current scheme and speeds up our cashflow.
- ⇒ It enables us to give the amount we wish by direct debit monthly, quarterly or annually.
- ⇒ We also have the choice to give anonymously.

Please read the leaflets handed out today and take time and prayer to think this matter over. Please talk about giving to your fellow church members and to PCC members if there are any questions not answered by the information in the leaflets.

We would like to encourage every church member to please join this scheme for 2018 by sending in the form before the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Don’t forget to cancel your standing order for 2018 if you currently have one.

Please help make this a success and join the new Parish Giving Scheme. “God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Cor 9 6-7 so please join and let us have lots of cheerfulness!!!

*Please take this notice sheet with you when you leave the service as a reminder of meetings, events, organisations and individuals for whom your prayers are asked*

### ***New Testament Reading - Mark 11: 21-24***

<sup>21</sup> Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!” <sup>22</sup> “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup> “Truly<sup>[a]</sup> I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.