



St Mary  
Magdalen  
OXFORD

**Parish Notes**  
**August 2017**

## **Services**

### **Sundays**

Eucharist at 8 am and 5.30 pm,  
Mattins 10 am High Mass at 10.30 am

### **Weekdays**

Eucharist at 12.15 pm and 6.00 pm  
Morning Prayer 8.15 am,  
Evening Prayer 5.40 pm

### **Confessions**

Daily after the 12.15 pm Mass,  
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 6.30 pm  
Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage by  
appointment with the Parish Priest

## **Parish Clergy**

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### **Website**

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## **Events**

### **Prayers for the Homeless**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2.10 - 2.30pm, we are hosting a short service of prayer for those experiencing homelessness in Oxford in the church for Churches Together in Central Oxford. Please join us if you are able.

### **Scripture on Saturday**

Our monthly Bible Study sessions continue to examine the First Letter of Peter, and we will meet in the vicarage (please note change of venue) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August at August at 10.30am to look together at I Peter chapter 2. All are welcome, and no previous participation is necessary.

### **August Feasts**

The Feast of the Transfiguration is on 6<sup>th</sup> August, which is a Sunday this year, and so will be observed at the High Mass on that day (in Keble College Chapel). The following Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, we will keep as the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## **Notices**

### **New Babies**

It is with great joy that we welcome two new members of our congregation – Rose Francesca McCosker was born to Catherine and Thomas on Saturday 15th July, and Edmund Francis Taylor was born to Helen and Barney on Sunday 16th July. All are doing well. We send our love, prayers and congratulations, and look forward to meeting Rose and Edmund soon.

### **St Giles Fair**

Because of our redecoration, our St Giles Fair operation is greatly reduced this year, with nothing on sale inside. We shall have our usual table outside though, so no clothes or bric-a-bric this time, but donations of food, books, CDs, DVDs and jewelry remain very welcome. Please bring these into church on any Sunday in August or call Nigel Speight on 075 216 50623.

Those who can make scones, biscuits, cakes, jams, chutneys etc are encouraged to start as soon as possible; these can be brought to church where they will be collected and stored - freezer space is available. The pre-ordering of produce brings about a third of the money we raise. Please liaise with Anne Dalziel – [madal62@btinternet.com](mailto:madal62@btinternet.com) or 01865 558969.

We shall need volunteers to run the table too. Please speak to either Nigel Speight or Nigel Timms, church wardens, if you are able to help.

### **Ride and Stride**

The annual Ride and Stride in aid of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great way to see some of the very many fascinating churches in our part of the world, while raising money to preserve and maintain them at the same time. Half of any money raised by members of our congregation will come straight back to St Mary Magdalen's. Please speak to Nigel Speight or any of the clergy for further details. With our St Giles Fair fundraising curtailed, this is now an excellent way for us to bridge the gap.

## **Changes due to Restoration Work**

The restoration work currently under way involves re-roofing with natural Welsh slates, and replacing the worn out leadwork. Any damaged timber discovered during these operations will be repaired at the same time. When the roof is watertight, the church interior is to be cleaned and redecorated, and new lighting installed. The interior scaffolding will mean that the Lady Chapel cannot be used, so we will use St Catherine's altar for all our services, except for the 10.30am High Mass on Sundays when we will be in Keble College Chapel. During the period that we are using Keble's chapel, there will be no Sunday Mattins.

## **Hours of Church Opening and Church Watch**

Whilst the church has scaffolding inside, the church will only be open for services (not the usual 11am-4pm) and church watch will not be required. Katie Balfour, Parish Administrator, will continue to work in the office for as long as she can, and in due course will work from the Vicarage on some days. She can be contacted as usual via the parish email address at [marymagsoxford9@gmail.com](mailto:marymagsoxford9@gmail.com).

## **Fr Bob Wilkes**

The Very Revd Bob Wilkes, Vicar of St Michael at the Northgate, has announced his retirement, and will step down in the autumn. As well as being the incumbent of St Michael's, Bob has filled the important position of "City Rector", and has been the church in Oxford's principal contact with local government and Oxford City Council. It has been our privilege to work closely with Bob over the last few years, and to have seen our joint children's church go from strength to strength. We look forward to helping our friends at St Michael's during their vacancy, and to working with their new incumbent.

## **Young Achievers Dinner**

Each month we receive notices from other Christian organisations asking us to advertise events. We are pleased to pass on details of the following:

“The sixth Thrive Young Achievers Dinner will be on Saturday 14th October at 7pm at the King's Centre, Oxford. This dinner is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of some amazing young people from Barton, Blackbird Leys and South Abingdon, and to encourage them to fulfil their potential.

Over the next few months, young people from these areas will be working as a team to plan and deliver the event, learning new skills to host you for this gala event. You will enjoy delicious food, see these young people win awards and publicly celebrate them - all for just £30. You are invited to put the date in your calendar and prepare to be inspired as you see these amazing young people and hear their stories.

Tickets are available from Eventbrite (search for “Thrive Young Achievers Dinner), or email [sally.leach@innovista.org](mailto:sally.leach@innovista.org) ”

## **Intercessions**

*Please pray for the long term sick and those in special need, among them:*

Holly Ryan, Wendy Webb, Ann-Marie, Abigail, Melanie, Dan, Angela, Anna and Phoenix, Philip, Chris, Lewis, Julie, Michael, Sue Goodall, Alex Underwood, Richard Gurney, Brian, Jonathan, John Duffield, Allan Moore, Ian Morris, Alan Springett, Bennet Saunders, William Pope, Chloe Ogden, Colin Brown, Sybilla Pfeiffer, Liam Bradshaw, Di Taylor, Tracy O'Sullivan, Abigail Bruins, William Missin, Jane Thomas, Tony Washington-Jarvis, David Games, Charlotte Jacob-Maguire, Trevor Shakeshaft, Barbara Shakeshaft, Helen Burrows, Joanna Hickie, Rowena Mackaness, David Gostick

## **Sunday readings**

Sunday 6<sup>h</sup> August: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1.16-19; Matthew 17.1-9

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Revelation 11.19, 12.1-6; I Corinthians 15.20-27; Luke 1.39-56

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Isaiah 56.1, 6-7; Romans 11.13-15, 29-43; Matthew 15.21-28

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Isaiah 22.19-23; Romans 11.33-36; Matthew 16.13-20

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| Sun  | Mon                | Tue                                     | Wed                            | Thu                              | Fri                       | Sat                 |
|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|  |                    | <b>1 Feria</b>                          | <b>2 Feria</b>                 | <b>3 Feria</b>                   | <b>4 Jean Vianney, Pr</b> | <b>5 Oswald M</b>   |
|  |                    | Steven our bishop                       | The homeless                   | Justin, our Archbishop           | Parish Priests            | Politicians         |
| <b>6 Transfiguration of the Lord</b>         | <b>7 Feria</b>     | <b>8 Dominic Pr R</b>                   | <b>9 Teresa Benedicta V M</b>  | <b>10 Laurence D M</b>           | <b>11 Clare VR</b>        | <b>12 Feria</b>     |
| Parish community                             | Newborns           | Blackfriars                             | Europe                         | The persecuted church            | Franciscans               | Those newly married |
| <b>13 Assumption of the BVM</b>              | <b>14 Feria</b>    | <b>15 Feria</b>                         | <b>16 Feria: anointing 6pm</b> | <b>17 Feria: anointing 12.15</b> | <b>18 Feria</b>           | <b>19 Feria</b>     |
| Parish community                             | Parish fundraising | The PCC                                 | Healing Ministry               | Oxford's hospitals               | Monthly requiem           | Spiritual Directors |
| <b>20 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> | <b>21 Feria</b>    | <b>22 Feria</b>                         | <b>23 Feria:</b>               | <b>24 Feria</b>                  | <b>25 Feria</b>           | <b>26 Monica</b>    |
| Parish Community                             | The lonely         | Churches Together                       | Famine relief                  | Sobell House                     | Vocations                 | Parents             |
| <b>27 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> | <b>28 Feria</b>    | <b>29 Beheading of John the Baptist</b> | <b>30 Feria</b>                | <b>31 Aidan B R</b>              |                           |                     |
| Parish Community                             | Assistant clergy   | Pilgrims                                | Struggling families            | Religious communities            |                           |                     |