



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes
August 2018

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

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Events

August Feasts

The Feast of the Transfiguration is on 6th August, which is a Monday this year. We will keep the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday the 15th with a sung Mass at 7.30.

Lecture Invitation

The Fernley Hartley Lecture 2018 will be given by Rev'd Professor Dion Forster (Stellenbosch University) on Friday August 17th 2018 at 5pm at Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford (Light refreshments available from 4.30pm). The title of the lecture is "Revival, Revolution and Reform in Global Methodism: An understanding of Christian perfection as African Christian Humanism in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa."

Bishop Steven's Prayer Pilgrimage

On Sunday the 9th of September Bishop Steven will be visiting our church as part of the prayer pilgrimage he is undertaking, visiting every church in the Oxford Archdeaconry across six days. He is setting off from Kidlington in the morning and will be arriving at St Mary Magdalen to lead a short service of prayer and blessing at 2.00. It would be good to have a strong showing from the congregation for this.

Notices

Ride and Stride The annual Ride and Stride in aid of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, who granted us £17,000 last year, takes place on Saturday, 8th 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 Jonathan Roberts for further details.

If you aren't walking or riding yourself, please consider sponsoring one of the members of the congregation who are.

St Giles Fair We will be running our full complement of stalls this year and so any donations are very welcome: clothes, books, jewellery, CDs, DVDs, bric-a-brac. Collection is possible by arrangement. Deposit items at the church office on weekdays or after Sunday service, or email Nigel S. as above.

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 or 01865 558969.

Also, any volunteers to help man the stalls on the 3rd and 4th of September please speak to Nigel S. or Jonathan R.

Residential Christian Community

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church has a residential Christian community for three people based in a flat on its premises in central Oxford. Two of the existing members are moving on, so we are now seeking expression of interest from potential community members. For further information please visit <http://www.wesleymem.org.uk/churchflatproject.htm>

Fundraising sleepout Natasha Gordon-Polomski, a member of our congregation, is raising money for Homeless Oxfordshire by sleeping out on her 21st birthday. Please support her by visiting www.justgiving.com/fundraising/natasha-polomski

Church Watch We are looking for volunteers to help keep the church open to the public as much as possible during the day. We are especially looking for people to cover 3.30 to 5.30 Monday to Thursday, and 11.00 to 1.30 on Fridays. There is a sign-up sheet and further information to the right of the North door underneath the hymn books. If you have any questions ask one of the Church Wardens or Jonathan R.

Comings and goings

Several stalwart members of Mary Mags are moving on to new things this summer. Matthew Schrecker leaves us to take up a postdoctoral position in Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA. He is also to be congratulated on recently completing his DPhil. Matthew has been our head server for the last couple of years, and will be much missed.

Francesca Vernon, having finished her degree in Classics at Corpus, will continue to explore her vocation by participating in the Stepney Interns scheme, a chance for young people to work as parish assistants and lay ministers in East London – Francesca will be based in Hoxton and working with Fr Christopher Woods, a friend of Fr Peter's.

Naomi Gardom is moving from Oxford to St Alban's, where she will be part of the Pastoral Assistants scheme based at the Cathedral, under the supervision of the Dean, Fr Jeffrey John, another longstanding friend of St Mary Magdalen's.

Please pray for all those moving from or to Oxford in the coming weeks.

Community of St Frideswide

There will be a service to mark the launch of the community on the evening of Sunday 9th September (the day on which Bishop Steven is visiting our church). Fr Paul Cowan, Bishop's Chaplain, writes:

We are delighted to invite members of your church community, to a Eucharist at St Frideswide's, Botley Road on Sunday 9th September at 6pm marking the launch of the Community of St Frideswide (CStF) and the Bishop of Oxford's initiative of the renewal of Catechesis across the Oxford Archdeaconry. At this service the first members of CStF will be commissioned for the year ahead, together with those who are leading catechesis initiatives in parishes and chaplaincies across the archdeaconry.

We do hope that you will be able to come and join us as we mark the beginning of these significant projects in the context of prayer and worship.

School of Theology

The St Mary Magdalen's School of Theology continues its work, and we recently celebrated the completion of our first book, *Love Makes No Sense: an invitation to Christian Theology*, which will be published by SCM in 2019. The book provides an introductory survey of Christian doctrine from within the lived tradition of the church, and features essays by Mthrs Mel, Judith and Jenn, and Frs Peter, Jarred and Jonathan.

We hope this will be the first of many printed publications, and we continue to publish very successfully through our website, which is much visited and appreciated by a wide range of people both here and abroad.

Intercessions

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

Holly, Wendy, Ann-Marie, Abigail, Melanie, Dan, Angela, Anna and Phoenix, Philip, Chris, Julie, Michael, Sue, Alex, Richard, Brian, Jonathan, John, Allan, Ian, Alan, William, Chloe, Colin, Sybilla, Liam, Di, Tracy, Abigail, William, Jane, Tony, David, Charlotte, Barbara, Jo, Edwin

Sunday readings

Sunday 5th August: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4.17, 20-24; John 6.24-35

Sunday 12th August: 1 Kings 19.4-8; Ephesians 4.30-5.2; John 6.41-51

Sunday 19th August: Proverbs 9.1-6; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58

Sunday 26th August: Joshua 24.1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5.21-32; John 6.60-69

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