



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

October 2017

Current Services:

Sundays

Eucharist at 8 am and 5.30 pm
High Mass at 10.30 am in
Keble College Chapel

Weekdays

Morning Prayer 8.15 am
Evening Prayer 5.40 pm
Eucharist 6.00 pm

Saturdays

Eucharist 12.15 pm and 6 pm

Confessions

Please speak to Fr Peter to arrange

Baptism, Confirmation and
Marriage by appointment with Fr
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Events

Christianity – the basics

An enquirers' course and study group, designed to introduce the basic building blocks of Christian teaching, begins on Tuesday 17th October. From then on, each Tuesday during University Term, the 6pm mass will include a sermon on a central topic of Christian theology. After the mass, from 6.45pm, there will be a study and discussion group on the same topic. (One can attend the study group whether or not one has been at mass and heard the sermon.)

Harvest Festival

We will keep Sunday 1st October as our Harvest Festival, providing an annual opportunity to help two local charitable projects, the Gatehouse Drop-in Centre for the Homeless and the Community Emergency Foodbank. The Gatehouse is in particular need of produce to make sandwiches - peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned tuna, mayonnaise, Marmite/Bovril, and Branston pickle, as well as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar and cup o'soup. The Community Emergency Foodbank, for which we regularly collect, welcomes almost all kinds of tinned food, as well as hot chocolate, jams and other spreads, sugar and long life fruit juice & milk, plus any practical toiletries. They both ask that anything donated is well within its sell-by date. Items can be brought to church after Sunday 1st. Please telephone Katie in the parish office to arrange delivery.

Newcomers Party

To kick off the new academic year, there will be a drinks party from 8pm on Tuesday 10th October ("first week" of Oxford University's Michaelmas Term). All are welcome, young or old, student or not.

Talks at Faringdon Corn Exchange

Thursday October 12th at 7.30pm sees the first of a series of thought-provoking talks about science and faith to be held in Faringdon Corn Exchange. Dr Sharon Dirckx will look at the question "Has science killed God?".

Denis Alexander speaks on the title of his book "Creation or evolution: do we have to choose?" on Friday 3rd November.

These talks are for everyone – with or without any science background, whether church members or with no church links at all. Entry and light refreshments are free. Please email Rev Steve Bellamy, Vicar of All Saints Faringdon & St Mary Little Coxwell, revsbellamy@gmail.com for further details.

Vicarage Tea

All are invited to tea at the Vicarage, 15 Beaumont Street, from 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th October. This is a monthly social event which offers a chance to get to know other members of the congregation and listen to a short informal talk, details of which will be announced later in the month.

Children's Church

During the ongoing renovations at St Mary Magdalen's, our Children's Church alternates between Keble College Chapel and St Michael's Church. This month it will be at Keble on Sundays 15th and 29th October: gatherings are held in the West Vestry.

We shall shortly be arranging events for Advent and Christmas, including our annual Crib Service.

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible Study mornings continue on Saturday 28th October from 10.30am at the Vicarage, 15 Beaumont Street, when we shall be studying I Peter. All are welcome, no previous participation is necessary.

Oxford Half Marathon

On Sunday 8th October the annual Oxford Half Marathon will be run. This will involve a number of road closures, some very close to the church (such as St Giles and Beaumont Street) and some on the way to central Oxford (such as Marston Ferry Road). Those who travel by car or bus are advised to leave earlier than usual. Full details can be found at the website www.oxfordhalf.com.

St Michael at the Northgate

St Michael's will be celebrating their Patronal Festival (transferred) on Sunday October 1st, and this special occasion will also be the last Sunday service celebrate by their Vicar, Fr Bob Wilkes. On Tuesday 3rd October there will be a service of Choral Evensong at 5.30pm to mark Fr Bob's retirement. Please pray for St Michael's as they begin the discernment process in looking for a new Vicar, and for Bob and Sheila, who have made a wonderful contribution to the church and to the city of Oxford, and have given unstinting support and fellowship to us, their neighbouring parish.

Notices

Restoration and Development

The building works continue and with the interior scaffolding moving across from the Lady Chapel, we have decided reluctantly that we must close the church from 27th September reopening again for limited services on Wednesday 4th October. Please see the noticeboard outside church for details of services available at other local churches.

When the church reopens, the central and north aisles will be under scaffolding. Access will be via the South Door, and daily services will be held in the Lady Chapel. There will be temporary lighting whilst the project approaches completion.

It is difficult at this stage to predict exactly when we will be back in church on Sunday mornings, but a rough estimate at the moment would suggest the beginning of Advent.

Parents Group

A new group for parents (at any stage) to meet to get to know each other, and reflect on parenting and faith in a supportive environment. We will meet fortnightly at 10 am, alternating Fridays and Saturdays. The next meeting will be on 14th October at North Lodge, Norham Gardens OX2 6QR and the following one on 27th October. Children welcome. Please contact Clare Gardom (clare.gardom@gmail.com) or Fr Peter for further details.

Gift Day

As is our custom, we are having our Annual Gift Day shortly. This year it will take place on All Saints Sunday, which is Sunday November 5th. The gift day is an opportunity for us all to support the ministry of our parish by making a one-off financial donation. UK tax payers can take home a "gift aid" envelope a week or two beforehand and bring it back, filled, on the day itself.

Parish holiday in Rome

We are planning a parish trip to Rome, for around a week sometime between 10th and 20th September 2018. If you are interested in going, please add your name to the list by emailing Katie in the parish office at marymagsoxford9@gmail.com, further details will be available before the end of the calendar year.

Fresh Coffee

On our return to Mary Mags in December, you will find fresh coffee being served after High Mass on Sundays, from two new filter machines. Coffee lovers are invited to donate towards the cost of these - we are looking for forty tenners. Kindly approach either Nigel or Veronica Ellis. Many thanks.

Thank you to our Charity Knitters

Mary Mags members have been knitting for various charity initiatives since 2015. Thank you to Joyce especially who has been knitting up a storm. We have produced dozens of squares, baby hats and jumpers in a wonderful rainbow of colours.

'Fish and chip jumpers': Many babies in Africa are sent home wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm. The Fish & Chip Baby Jumper Initiative provides jumpers and hats to keep them warm. Bright colours are best as the jumpers are unlikely to be washed.

Knits for premature babies: we send little knitted hats, booties and cardigans to the SSNAP (Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents) shop at the JR hospital.

Shawls for the Fistula Hospital: our many 6" knitted squares are sewn into shawls for women in Ethiopia who have experienced obstetric fistula during childbirth. Most women and girls suffering with obstetric fistula are ostracised by their families and communities, leaving them to live as outcasts. The shawls we make are presented to patients when they leave the hospital. Bright colours and sturdy wool are ideal.

£1 Coins

These will shortly be going out of circulation so if anyone has any spare do please feel free to bring them in and donate them to the church.

Baptism

We will welcome Rose Francesca McCosker to baptism at the High Mass on Sunday 29th October. Please pray for her, and for Catherine and Thomas, as they prepare for this special occasion.

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, Eleanor Harrison, Ian Morris, Alan Springett, Jane Thomas, Bennet Saunders, William Pope, Chloe Ogden, Colin Brown, Sybilla Pfeiffer, Liam Bradshaw, Di Taylor, Tracy O'Sullivan, Abigail Bruins, William Missin, Joanna Hickie, Tony Washington-Jarvis, David Games, Charlotte JacobMaguire, Trevor Shakeshaft, Barbara Shakeshaft, Helen Burrows, Sidney Rutter, Rowena Mackaness, David Gostick, Kevin Timpe, Beryl Dryden

Sunday readings

Sunday 1st October: Ezekiel 18.25-28; Philippians 2.1-5; Matthew 21.28-32

Sunday 8th October: Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 4.6-9; Matthew 21.33-43

Sunday 15th October: Isaiah 25.6-10a; Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22.1-10

Sunday 22nd October: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5; Matthew 22.15-21

Sunday 29th October: Exodus 22.21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1.5-10; Matthew 22.34-40

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1 26th Sunday of the Year	2 Holy Guardian Angels	3 Feria	4 Francis of Assisi R	5 Feria	6 Feria	7 Feria
Parish community	Steven our Bishop	Justin our Archbishop	Franciscans	Those new to Oxford	Sacristans and Servers	Ordinands
8 27th Sunday of the Year	9 Feria	10 Paulinus of York, B Ab	11 Ethelburga	12 Wilfrid B	13 Edward the Confessor	14 Feria
Parish community	Helen and Douglas House	Preachers	Religious communities	Bishops	Those in authority	Spiritual Directors
15 28th Sunday of the Year	16 Feria	17 Ignatius of Antioch B M	18 Luke Ev	19 Frideswide Ab	20 Feria	21 Feria
Parish Community	Peace in the holy land	The persecuted church	Evangelists	The city of Oxford	Monthly Requiem	Colleges in our parish
22 29th Sunday of the Year	23 Feria	24 Feria	25 Feria: anointing 6pm	26 Feria	27 Feria	28 Simon and Jude, Aps
Parish Community	Famine relief	Churches Together	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Church musicians	Biblical scholars
29 30th Sunday of the Year	30 Feria	31 Feria				
The hope of heaven	The Gatehouse	The Lutheran churches				

