



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

April 2018

Services

Sundays

Eucharist at 8 am and 5.30 pm,
Matins 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

Easter Day

1st April

Drinks will be served after the Easter Vigil service on Saturday evening, and after the High Mass on Easter Day. Please join us to celebrate.

The Feast of the Annunciation

9th April

The usual date for “Lady Day” (25th March) fell on Palm Sunday, and so the Feast is transferred to the first day outside the Easter Octave, that is Monday 9th April. Mass at 12.15pm and 6pm as usual.

Parochial Church Council

17th April

The PCC meets next in church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th April.

Scripture on Saturday

21st April

Our monthly Bible study mornings continue this month on Saturday April 21st, from 10.30am in church. We shall be looking at Judges 9 and 10. All are welcome, no previous experience or participation required.

Annual Parochial Meeting

22nd April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 22nd April after mass. At this meeting, we shall elect our churchwardens for the coming year. We shall also elect several representatives to the Parochial Church Council, and one to the Deanery Synod. The parish’s accounts for 2017 will be presented by the Treasurer, and reports on various bodies and activities will be provided, along with the Vicar’s annual report to the parish. Please make a note of this in your diary and join us.

Vicarage Tea

25th April

All are welcome to tea at the vicarage on Wednesday 25th April from 3.30pm.

Notices

New Administrator

We are delighted to welcome Dr Jonathan Roberts as our new parish administrator. He succeeds Katie Balfour who has done a wonderful job for the last two years and will be much missed. In Jonathan we have a splendid replacement. He will begin work on Tuesday 3rd April. The contact number and email address for the parish office will remain the same.

Hospitality and Church Watch at St Mary Mags

We benefit every Sunday from the kindness of volunteers who serve coffee or other drinks, and clear and wash up afterwards. If you think you could help with this simple task every few weeks, please let Fr Peter or Veronica Ellis know.

We also welcome any offers of church watch – both these are simple and effective ways to serve our church community.

We are aiming to keep the church open for longer hours now, so our need for church watch is extended and we are now looking for cover on Monday-Thursday 3-5.30pm. If anyone can help, please speak to one of the church wardens or to Jonathan.

Electoral roll revision

In preparation for the APCM, the Electoral Roll of the parish will be revised. If you are not on the roll please collect a form from the back of church by the north door, or email the parish office to ask for one.

The Gatehouse

Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches for the Gatehouse, a responsibility which we at St Mary Magdalen's take on every couple of months. It is an easy way of serving Oxford's homeless community, whose need is greater than ever. Please speak to Joyce Day if you can help.

Oxchurch-info

Oxchurch-info is a newsletter which aims to publicise as many different church events and activities in Oxford as possible. Copies are available by the north door in church. If you would like to join the electronic mailing list, speak to Joyce Day.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid are organising two fundraising events, so if you feel able to help, please contact David Potts.

5th May, 9.30 – 12.30 Plant Sale in Summertown, outside the NOA community Centre

14th – 18th May, daily 'Bucket collection' at Oxford Rail Station, 7.30 – 9.30 am & 5.00 – 7.00 pm, 1 hour shifts.

Contact David on 01865 511340 davidrpotts@hotmail.co.uk

Christian Aid week this year runs from 13th – 19th May.

Easter Day

A sermon extract by Fr Peter, from 2012.

What greets us in the story of the first Easter is what greets us at the beginning of the Book of Genesis. Nothing. The formless void which in Genesis is the absence of all things is in John the empty tomb, the empty tomb which is also the absence of all things because buried in that tomb was life itself. Jesus is the personification of creative love, he is the incarnate Lord who alone brings something from nothing and light where there is darkness. Those who come looking for his ending find only a new beginning because that which truly creates can never stop pouring forth its life into the emptiness and the absence which is truly nothing.

When the two disciples come to the tomb, what do they see? Not presence, but absence. The cloths wrapped up neatly, lying separately, almost as if the bed has been made. When Lazarus came from the tomb he came back from the land of the dead, he was still bound in his grave clothes, he needed to be set free to live again. But Jesus has not been brought back so that he can have another ending, Jesus is reborn because the world has another beginning. This, the story of the resurrection, this is the Christian story of creation, the turning upside down of everything that is, everything that exists, everything that has been made, and now remade, in the life and the love of God.

In my end is my beginning. What we celebrate this morning is not a new beginning, but the new beginning, the beginning, the recreation of all things by the love of the crucified God. As we come to the conclusion of Lent, as we rejoice once again at the completion of the triduum and the end of Holy Week we give thanks to God for the ending of death and the death of all endings, for the beginning of life, and the life of beginnings which is ours in Jesus Christ. And we can begin to think about how, once more, we can begin.

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, 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 Jacob-Maguire, Trevor Shakeshaft, Barbara Shakeshaft, Sidney Rutter, Rowena Mackaness, David Gostick, Kevin Timpe, Arthur Boyd.

Sunday readings

Sunday 1st April: Acts 10.34, 37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-9

Sunday 8th April: Acts 32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31

Sunday 15th April: Acts 3.13-19; 1 John 2.1-5; Luke 24.35-48

Sunday 22nd April: Acts 4.8-12; 1 John 3.1-2; John 10.11-18

Sunday 29th April: Acts 9.26-31; 1 John 3.18-24; John 15.1-8

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2 Easter Octave	3 Easter Octave	4 Easter Octave	5 Easter Octave	6 Easter Octave	7 Easter Octave
Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
8 2nd Sunday of Easter	9 Annunciation of the Lord (tr.)	10 Feria	11 Feria	12 Feria	13 Feria	14 Feria
Parish community	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation	Steven our Bishop	Justin our Archbishop	Vocations	Monthly requiem	The homeless
15 3rd Sunday of Easter	16 Feria	17 Feria	18 Feria Anointing at 6pm	19 Alphege B M Anointing 12.15	20 Feria	21 Anselm B Dr
Parish community	Helen and Douglas House	The PCC	Healing ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Choir and musicians	Theologians
22 4th Sunday of Easter	23 George, M	24 Feria	25 Mark, Ev	26 Feria	27 Feria	28 Feria
Parish community	Our country	The Gatehouse	Biblical scholars	Those preparing for exams	Ordinands	Oxford Deanery
29 5th Sunday of Easter	30 Feria					
Parish community	Scholars					