



St Mary  
Magdalen  
OXFORD

# **Parish Notes**

**February 2019**

## **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

## **Candlemas Sunday, Feb 3**

10.30am - High Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, with blessing and procession of candles

## **Scripture on Saturday**

Our monthly Bible study mornings continue on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, when we shall be considering Colossians 4.

All are welcome, no previous experience or participation required.

## **Vicarage Tea**

The next Vicarage Tea will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm at 15 Beaumont Street. Further details of the talk to follow.

## **Lent Events at St Giles'**

Our neighbours at St Giles' are hosting two ongoing events during Lent

The first is an exhibition entitled "Encountering the Cross". This exhibition will include works by Nick Mynheer, Roger Wagner, Robert Wright, Romola Parish and Eularia Clarke. We are probably all familiar with traditional ways to depict the cross. It is interesting and thought provoking to see how these artists of our time have shifted the focus. Do they see something new in this well-known and central representation of the Christian faith? The exhibition runs from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April.

The second is a series of talks entitles "Appreciating The Cross" which will be at lunch-time in St Giles' Church on the Thursdays during Lent. The talks will look at the understanding of the Cross through a number of different approaches, namely: symbolic, historical, Evangelical, Catholic, Artistic and present day in our devotional life.

# Notices

## **PCC Meeting**

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February in church at 7.30 pm.

## **New Book from the School of Theology**

The Mary Magdalen School of Theology's latest output 'Love Makes No Sense: an invitation to Christian theology' is now available from SCM press. The authors include Mthr Jenn, Fr Jarred, and Fr Peter.

The Christian faith is something people practice. The Church prays, listens to the Scriptures, celebrates the sacraments, cares for the suffering, and liberates the oppressed. This is where the task of theology begins.

In "Love Makes No Sense", each chapter engages central issues of theology but remains focused on the Christian life. Although it is a book about doctrine—Christian teaching—it insists that one cannot present a doctrine of the Trinity, or Incarnation, or anything else in the abstract.

Teaching divorced from everyday life is not Christian teaching. This does not mean this book is primarily 'practical' as opposed to 'theological'. It is an invitation to Christian theology that refuses to separate the two.

The aim of this book is not to satisfy the intellect, but to train its readers through approachable theological teaching to live the love that Christian theology proclaims.

Suitable for people looking to explore Christian theology more deeply, be they life-long Christians who want a deeper understanding of their faith, new Christians, or those who are interested in the Christian faith and looking to find out more.

## **Hospitality 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. At present we have too few such people, placing an unfair burden on the existing team. If you think you could help with this simple task every few weeks, please let Jonathan Roberts or Veronica Ellis know. This is a simple and effective way to serve our church community.

## **Palm Crosses**

We are now collecting last years palm crosses in preparation for Ash Wednesday There is a shoebox near the north door for these.

## **Electoral Roll**

2019 is a year when we are required to make a completely new electoral roll. This is the record of all those who are members of our congregation and who have the right to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Jonathan R will be sending a registration form to the whole mailing list by email and they will also be available in church by the north door. Please return this form either electronically or physically by the end of February to allow us to compile the roll in good time for the APCM.

## **Women's Day of Prayer**

This international event will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> March this year. There will be a service at the URC church on that day, using materials prepared by the women of Slovenia.

## **27<sup>th</sup> February**

This day marks the commemoration of the poet and priest George Herbert. As he is a favourite writer of both the vicar and the parish administrator, here is one of his poems which experiments with written shape on the page.

## Easter Wings

George Herbert 1593-1633

Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,  
Though foolishly he lost the same,  
Decaying more and more,  
Till he became  
Most poore:  
With thee  
O let me rise  
As larks, harmoniously,  
And sing this day thy victories:  
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did beginne  
And still with sicknesses and shame.  
Thou didst so punish sinne,  
That I became  
Most thinne.  
With thee  
Let me combine,  
And feel thy victorie:  
For, if I imp my wing on thine,  
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

## **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, Allan, Ian, Alan, William, Chloe, Sybilla, Liam, Di, Tracy, Abigail, William, Jane, Tony, David, Charlotte, Barbara, Jo.

## **Sunday readings**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-32

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.3-8, 11; Luke 5.1-11

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Jeremiah 17.5-8; 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20; Luke 6.17, 20-26

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February: 1 Samuel 26.2-23; 1 Corinthians 15.45-49; Luke 6.27-38

# February 2018

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					<b>1 Feria</b>	<b>2 Feria</b>
					Steven, our Bishop	Justin, our Archbishop
<b>3 Candlemas</b>	<b>4 Feria</b>	<b>5 Agatha, V M</b>	<b>6 Paul Miki and Companions M</b>	<b>7 Feria</b>	<b>8 Feria</b>	<b>9 Feria</b>
Parish Community	The persecuted church	Missionary work	The PCC	Christian Aid	Winter Night Shelter	Religious communities
<b>10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>11 Feria</b>	<b>12 Feria</b>	<b>13 Feria</b>	<b>14 Cyril Monk and Methodius B</b>	<b>15 Feria</b>	<b>16 Feria</b>
Parish community	Helen and Douglas House	Confessors	Penitence	Spiritual Directors	Monthly requiem	Sacristans and servers
<b>17 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>18 Feria</b>	<b>19 Feria</b>	<b>20 Feria anointing 6pm</b>	<b>21 Feria anointing 12.15</b>	<b>22 Feria</b>	<b>23 Polycarp B M</b>
Parish Community	Oxford Deanery	Oxford City Council	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Ordinands	Bishops
<b>24 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>25 Feria</b>	<b>26 Feria</b>	<b>27 Feria</b>	<b>28 Feria</b>		
Parish Community	Christian Unity	The homeless	The Gatehouse	Fr Michael Farthing		