



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

January 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

January Feasts

The Epiphany is celebrated this year on Sunday 7th January. Monday 8th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible study mornings continue on Saturday 13th January, beginning at 10.30am in church. We will be looking at Judges chapters three and four. All are most welcome, no previous participation is necessary.

Confirmation Service

The Bishop of Oxford will confirm four candidates at a High Mass on Wednesday 17th January (the Feast of St Anthony of Egypt). Please pray for those to be confirmed, Bethany, Francesca, Hugh and Jamie. Please make this date a priority for January.

Pirates and Politics Concert

A concert entitled *Pirates and Politics* featuring (amongst others) Helen Roe's new piece *Birds, Earth, Sun, Sky and Water* takes place in church on 22nd Jan at 7.30pm - *songs for mezzo-soprano and bass clarinet with Alison Wells and Ian Mitchell*. Admission is free with retiring collection in aid of the church, and wine will be available.

The PCC

The Parochial Church Council meets next on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.30pm in church.

Church Cleaning

The next church cleaning session will take place on the morning of Saturday 27th January and will offer the chance to prepare the building for the Festival Weekend at the beginning of February.

St Mary Magdalen's Festival Weekend

takes place on 3 – 4 February 2018. Please come along and invite others.

Saturday, Feb 3

12 noon - High Mass of Our Lady

Celebrant: Fr Christopher Chessun, Lord Bishop of Southwark

Preacher: Mthr Sarah Foot, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History

Followed by lunch

4.30pm - Solemn Evensong and Benediction

Preacher: Fr Christopher Chessun

Featuring the reunited alumni of the St Mary Magdalen's choir

Followed by a drinks reception and the launch of our new School of Theology.

Lord Williams of Oystermouth will speak.

Sunday, Feb 4

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

Celebrant: Fr Peter Groves

Preacher: Fr Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of Oystermouth)

Notices

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

The new Oxford Winter Night Shelter, in which churches in Oxford are working together to provide housing for those experiencing homelessness during the winter months, has begun this week.

We have been paired to help out with St Clement's Church, which is hosting sleepers on Friday nights in January through to the end of March. This Friday will be their first go and they are looking for people with able backs who might be able to stop in to St Clement's on Friday night at 9.30pm and/or Saturday morning at 8am to help set up for the night and/or clean up the next morning.

Please let Fr Jarred know (jarred.mercer@merton.ox.ac.uk) if you are able to help out with this vital project, either for just this Friday evening and/or Saturday morning or on a more regular basis.

Festival Weekend

To make our festival weekend run as smoothly as possible, we will need volunteers to help with our hospitality, particularly on the Saturday. If you are willing to pour drinks, set up tables or carry trays of sandwiches, please email Katie in the parish office on marymagsoxford9@gmail.com

Flyers for the festival weekend are available in church. Please take some and use them as invitations for others.

Noisy Mass

On Tuesdays we continue to welcome babies and toddlers to join us at the 12.15 mass, with coffee and biscuits available after the service.

Parents Group

Our parents group exists so that parents (at any stage) can meet to get to know each other, and reflect on parenting and faith in a supportive environment. The next meeting will be on Saturday 20th January at North Lodge, Norham Gardens OX2 6QR at 10am. Children are most welcome. Please contact Clare Gardom (clare.gardom@gmail.com) or Fr Peter for further details.

Fundraising appeal

Many thanks to those who have responded to our giving appeal. If you have not yet done so, please take a fundraising leaflet home from church.

Gift Aid

Are you a UK tax payer? If so, you can increase any cash donation to the church by 25% if you use a Gift Aid envelope.

Church Watch

Many thanks to those who volunteered to help with keeping the church open last year. Any contribution at all is of value, volunteering for even a single morning or afternoon really does help, so if you feel you could assist with this essential ministry, please contact Katie in the parish office via her email at marymagsoxford9@gmail.com.

News from our neighbours

Clergy from St Mary Magdalen's are continuing to assist our neighbours at St Michael's during their interregnum, following the retirement of Fr Bob Wilkes. The process for the new appointment at St Michael's has now begun, so we look forward to welcoming a new vicar there later this year.

Fr Jonathan Beswick, Vicar of St Barnabas and St Thomas, has been appointed Rector of St Peter's London Docks, a parish church in Wapping which holds a special place in Anglo-Catholic history, having been founded by the great Fr Charles Lowder. (Lowder was a leader of the so-called "ritualist movement": if you wish to know more, Wikipedia is your friend...) Fr Jonathan has been a great contributor to the city and the Deanery as well as to his parish and we wish him every blessing as he moves on in the summer.

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, Helen Burrows, Sidney Rutter, Rowena Mackaness, David Gostick, Kevin Timpe, Beryl Dryden.

Sunday readings

Sunday 7th January: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 14th January: 1 Samuel 3.3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6.13 – 20; John 1.35-42

Sunday 21st January: Jonah 3.1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

Sunday 28th January: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; 1 Corinthians 7.32-35; Mark 1.21-28

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 The Most Holy Name of Jesus		2 Basil the Great, B	3 Feria	4 Feria	5 Feria	6 Feria
Parish community	Steven, our bishop	Justin, our Archbishop	Oxfam	Oxford Deanery	World peace	Students
7 Epiphany of the Lord	8 Baptism of the Lord	9 Feria	10 Feria	11 Feria	12 Aelred, Rel	13 Hilary B Dr
Parish community	Those preparing for baptism	The Gatehouse	Peace in the Holy Land	Monthly Requiem	Spiritual Directors	Scholarship
14th 2nd Sunday of the Year	15 Feria	16	17 Antony, Ab	18 Feria anointing 12.15	19 Wulfstan B anointing 6pm	20 Feria
Parish Community	The homeless	Religious Communities	Those to be confirmed	Healing ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Children
21 3rd Sunday of the Year	22 Feria	23	24 Francis de Sales, B	25 Conversion of St Paul	26 Timothy and Titus Feria	27 Feria
Parish Community	Ecumenical Work	Christian Unity	Confessors	Preachers	Bishops	Theologians
28 4th Sunday of the Year	29 Feria	30 Feria	31 John Bosco, Pr			
Parish Community	Oxford City Council	The bereaved	Teachers			