



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes
March 2017

Services

Sundays

Eucharist at 8am and 5.30pm,
Mattins at 10am, High Mass at 10.30am

Weekdays

Eucharist at 12.15pm and 6.00pm
Morning Prayer at 8.15am
Evening Prayer at 5.40pm

Confessions

Daily after the 12.15pm Mass,
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 6.30pm
Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage by
appointment with the Parish Priest

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Events

Ash Wednesday

1st March

The first day of Lent falls on 1st March. There will be a Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 12.15pm, and a High Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm.

Church Preparation and Silver Cleaning

4th March

There will be another cleaning session in church from 9:30am on Saturday 4th March, in the first week of Lent. Please come and help out if you are free. Refreshments will be provided. If you are not currently on the cleaning mailing list, but would be able to help occasionally, please speak to Fr Peter or Susan Weavers, or email Katie at marymagsoxford9@gmail.com in the parish office.

The Way of the Cross

8th March

As is usual, we shall mark Lent with a weekly service of Stations of the Cross, followed by an address, and concluding with Benediction. Each service will begin at 7.30pm. The theme for the addresses this year will be the Servant Songs, four passages from Isaiah 40 – 55 (the section known as “Second Isaiah”) which proved particularly important for the early Christian interpretation of Christ.

The first such service will take place on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm, and the preacher, on Isaiah 42.1-4, will be Fr Peter.

NewChoir Concert

11th March

The ensemble NewChoir will present Gloria - a concert featuring settings of the Gloria in Excelsis – on Saturday 11th March at 7.30pm in church. Music will include works by Vivaldi, Mendelssohn and Simon Johnson, plus excerpts from Mozart and Victoria. Further details on the NewChoir website.

Scripture on Saturday

18th March

Our monthly Bible study mornings continue this month on Saturday, 18th March, from 10.30am in church. We shall be looking at the passion narrative in Luke's gospel, starting at the beginning of Luke 23. All are welcome, no previous experience or participation required.

The Feast of the Annunciation

25th March

The Annunciation, 25th March, falls this year on a Saturday, and so there will be a High Mass at 10.30am.

Mothering Sunday

26th March

The fourth Sunday in Lent is "Laetare", known in the Church of England as Mothering Sunday. At the high mass we will be distributing posies for mothers and others, which all are welcome to take.

Notices

Oxford Lent Concerts

This year's Oxford Lent Concerts will feature both instrumental and choral music by baroque composers from England, Italy and Portugal: John Taverner and Christopher Tye, Antonio Vivaldi and Agostino Steffani, and Manuel Cardoso and Manuel Leitão de Aviles. Some of this music has only recently been discovered and other pieces are rarely performed. The artists whose icons will illuminate the music's themes are Alison Berrett, Nicholas Mynheer, Tim Steward and Roger Wagner. As always, the concerts are FREE with donations going this year to Christian Aid, Médecins Sans Frontières and The Gatehouse, Oxford. All are welcome to these concerts, which are held in Queen's College Chapel, 6 for 6:15 pm to 7 pm. The dates are Tuesday April 4th and Tuesday April 11th (Tuesday of Holy Week). Please note these dates in your diaries and plan to come. And they would also be grateful for your prayers, please.

Homelessness in Oxford

It would have been almost impossible to walk round the centre of Oxford this winter without noticing the number of people sitting huddled on the pavements, clearly with nowhere else to go. It is embarrassing that in a country as rich as ours homelessness has been allowed to develop. A few years ago there were probably no homeless people and now it seems the new normal.

Churches Together in Central Oxford, of which St Mary Magdalen's is a member, is deeply concerned about this. Lucy Faithfull House, a hostel which had around sixty beds, was closed last year, and it is proposed to close Simon House in 2017. The squeeze on City and County Council budgets appears to make this inevitable. But it will cause vulnerable people to become more vulnerable, and threatens to reduce their pathways back to a more stable way of life. CTCO would like to petition the local authorities not to close hostels until alternative accommodation has been identified.

Last year the City Council asked the churches and other voluntary bodies if they could provide temporary severe weather accommodation. The response was positive, although the point was made that this ought to be the responsibility of the statutory authorities, and that volunteers do not have the resources to take on all that is required over a sustained period. In the event, while some groups took things into their own hands (there was a squat in an empty building on Iffley Road), churches which proposed to offer their premises ran into 'health and safety' and fire precautions issues which prevented them opening, despite a large number of volunteers offering their services.

A meeting has been planned for Saturday 18th March, from 10am-12 noon at New Road Baptist Church to consider the way forward, so that we can be better prepared for next year.

In the meantime the churches are continuing with other collaborative initiatives to help those who are homeless or vulnerably housed. This includes the Gatehouse, which provides sandwiches and cake at 5.30pm every day for about 50 people.

Another initiative which has been greatly appreciated is to provide Starter Boxes of household cleaning equipment for those who are offered accommodation. A washing-up bowl is filled with essential items which are expensive when you have to buy them all. It is a good present that the churches can make, and they have been welcomed and appreciated. There has been quite a run on these recently, and supplies are getting low. Would a further offering (after last Christmas's crib collection) be possible now, when it is sorely needed; every penny would be put to good use.

Revd Vivien Edwards, Chair CTCO

Starter box items

All purpose cleaner eg Flash

Cream cleaner eg Cif

Lavatory gel

Small packet washing powder

Washing up liquid

Spray kitchen surface cleaner

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Bars of soap

Tea towel

Dish cloth or brush

Sponge scourers

10 tea bags in small plastic bag

Small Salt and Pepper shakers

Bar of chocolate

Loo roll

Small washing up bowl

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, 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, Pauline Chadwick, William Missin, Jane Thomas, Tony Washington-Jarvis, David Games, Charlotte Jacob-Maguire, Joanna Hickie.

Sunday readings

Sunday 5th March: Genesis 2.7-9, 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

Sunday 12th March: Genesis 12.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.8-10; Matthew 17.1-9

Sunday 19th March: Exodus 17.3-7; Romans 5.1-2, 5-8; John 4.5-42

Sunday 26th March: 1 Samuel 16.1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday	2 Feria (Lent)	3 Feria (Lent)	4 Feria (Lent)
			Penitence	Steven our bishop	Justin our archbishop	Missionaries
5 1st Sunday of Lent	6 Feria (Lent)	7 Perpetua & Felicity Ms	8 Feria (Lent)	9 Feria (Lent)	10 Feria (Lent)	11 Feria (Lent)
Parish community	Confessors	The persecuted church	Vocations	Oxford City Council	Monthly requiem	Christian Aid
12 2nd Sunday of Lent	13 Feria (Lent)	14 Feria (Lent)	15 Feria (Lent) anointing 6pm	16 Feria (Lent) anointing 12.15	17 Patrick B	18 Cyril of Jerusalem B Dr
Parish community	World peace	Sacristans and servers	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Ireland	Preachers
19 3rd Sunday of Lent	20 Joseph, Husband of the BVM (transferred)	21 Feria (Lent)	22 Feria (Lent)	23 Feria (Lent)	24 Feria (Lent)	25 Annunciation of the Lord
Parish Community	Family life	Bishops	The homeless	The PCC	The shrine at Walsingham	Thanksgiving for the incarnation
26 4th Sunday of Lent	27 Feria (Lent)	28 Feria (Lent)	29 Feria (Lent)	30 Feria (Lent)	31 Feria (Lent)	
Parish Community	Parents	Choir and musicians	Ordinands	Churches Together	The Gatehouse	