



St Mary  
Magdalen  
OXFORD

# **Parish Notes**

**March 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**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> March**

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and will take place at St Columba's URC church, at 12.30pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided afterwards. More information at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

### **Korrigan Consort Concert**

**1<sup>st</sup> March**

We are very pleased to welcome back the Korrigan Consort who will be holding the first performance of their concert *Welcome Joy Welcome Sorrow: Songs on cycles and time*, in church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm.

### **Pancake Party**

**5<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be a pancake party at the Vicarage on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All welcome.

### **Commemoration of the martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer**      **21<sup>st</sup> March**

The Prayer Book Society are holding a day of services and talks to commemorate this anniversary. Mattins at St Michael at the Northgate at 11.00 followed by a procession to the martyrs' memorial and wreath laying. Talks from 2.00pm and Evensong at 5.00pm at Pusey House. Further details can be found on a poster by the north door or at [www.pbs.org.uk/news-and-events](http://www.pbs.org.uk/news-and-events).

### **Mothering Sunday**

**31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **The Way of the Cross**

**Wednesdays in Lent**

As is usual, we are marking 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 is the Penitential Psalms.

## **Scripture on Saturday**

**16<sup>th</sup> March**

To accompany our Lenten addresses, our monthly study morning will feature the Revd Professor Susan Gillingham, Professor of the Hebrew Bible and Fellow in Theology at Worcester College. Sue combines her academic work with her ministry as a deacon in the parish of St Barnabas and St Thomas. She is the world's leading authority on the reception history of the Psalms, and we are very fortunate in having her come to speak on the subject of the Penitential Psalms through history. This event will begin at 10.30am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, and we hope as many people as possible will come.

## **Vicarage Tea**

**27<sup>th</sup> March**

All are welcome to tea at 15 Beaumont Street on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm. There will be a short talk, details to be confirmed.

## **2019 Oxford Lent Concerts**

The two Oxford Lent Concerts for 2019 will take place this year on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Queen's College chapel.

Concert I on March 26<sup>th</sup> will offer a concert of purely Baroque music: *Stabat Mater* by Antonio Bononcini, and the *Crucifixus* by Antonio Lotti. The icons will be by Oxford artists Alison Berrett and Tim Steward.

Concert II on April 2<sup>nd</sup> will feature more modern music: the string quartet *Punctum* by the American composer Caroline Shaw, *Da pacem Domine* by Arvo Pärt, and a setting by Pēteris Vasks of a prayer by Mother Teresa, *The Fruit of Silence*. The icons will be by artists Nicholas Mynheer and Roger Wagner.

Concerts are free and begin at 6:15 and finish at 7. Further details are available at [www.op59.net/lent.html](http://www.op59.net/lent.html).

## Notices

### **Bishop Steven's Paper on Evangelism for General Synod**

Bishop Steven has written a paper, based on his experience as Anglican fraternal delegate to the Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2012. Here is a brief extract:

“In 2012, I was privileged to be the Anglican fraternal delegate to the Synod of Bishops in Rome. The Synod met for three weeks in October to discuss a single subject: the passing on of Christian faith in the life of the church – evangelism.

Over 400 people assembled in the Vatican over three weeks. The initial work of the Synod was to listen to five-minute contributions from every part of the world. There was widespread agreement that we live in a time when the passing on of Christian faith is challenging and difficult everywhere.

There was widespread agreement around two further themes. The first is that the Church therefore needs to reflect more, not less, on the reasons for this and our response. The second is that as a Church we need to begin not with techniques or methods but with Christ: dwelling deeply, seeing the face of Christ afresh, exploring again the joy of the gospel.

There have been very significant shifts in our culture and the place of the church within our culture. We understand them only in part. But I believe more and more of the Church of England recognises now that technical solutions are not the answer. I have found more and more over the last three years that when I speak about church growth and how to do evangelism the energy leaves the room.

If I show even a hint of a downward sloping graph, I lose my audience completely. But when I speak of Christ and the wonder and character of Christ and the need to begin from a place of hope and love and nurture the Church as the Body of Christ in very simple ways, the energy levels rise and there is fresh hope and vision.

This is not because people are unwilling to face reality. I think our congregations and communities understand the reality of our situation very well indeed. I think we recognise together that technique or finance or strategies cannot of themselves “solve” the problem. We need as a Church to gather again around Jesus Christ and his gospel and find there renewal and healing and life for us and for the world. These convictions undergird the vision and call we are exploring in the Diocese of Oxford, to be a more Christ

like Church for the sake of God's world: more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous."

The full paper is available at <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/rethinking-evangelism/>

### **Sandwiches for the Gatehouse**

This year we have been asked to provide sandwiches for the Gatehouse on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Any help with making these sandwiches would be much appreciated. The Gatehouse needs us all to help them produce food so they in turn can feed the homeless, of whom we can see, there are sadly far too many on our Oxford streets.

### **Annual Parochial Meeting**

Our APM will take place after the High Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

### **Music in Memory of Tish Speight**

The music on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> has been sponsored in memory of Tish Speight, on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her Memorial Mass at St Margaret's Binsey where there is now a bench in her name.

### **Confessions before Lent**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

12.45pm Fr Jonathan, 6.30pm Mthr Judith

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

11.00am Fr Peter, 5.00pm Fr Peter

Ash Wednesday

11.30am Fr Barry, 3.00pm Fr Peter

Other times available by appointment with any of the clergy

## **Intercessions**

*Please pray for the long term sick and those in special need, among them:*

Elizabeth, Di, Jonathan, Terry, Michael, Lucy, William, Joy, John, Bernard, Fr Michael, Conor, Mary, Margaret, Philip, Liam, Allan, Colleen, Jo, Sr Mary Bernard, Jean

## **Sunday readings**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Ecclesiasticus 22.4-27; 1 Corinthians 15.54-58; Luke 6.39-45

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 9.28-36

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Exodus 3.1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12; Luke 13.1-9

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Josh 5.9-12; 2 Corinthians 5.17-21; Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

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<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>31 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>					<b>1 David, B</b>	<b>2 Feria (Lent)</b>
Parish Community					Wales	Steven, our bishop
<b>3 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>4 Feria</b>	<b>5 Feria</b>	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>7 Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Ms</b>	<b>8 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>9 Feria (Lent)</b>
Parish community	Justin, our Archbishop	Vocations	The persecuted church	Oxford City Council	Monthly requiem	Christian Aid
<b>10 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>12 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>13 Feria (Lent) Anointing at 6pm.</b>	<b>14 Feria (Lent) Anointing at 12.15</b>	<b>15 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>16 Feria (Lent)</b>
Parish community	Aid workers	Refugees	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Schools	Ireland
<b>17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>18 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>19 Joseph, husband of the BVM</b>	<b>20 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>21 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>22 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>23 Feria (Lent)</b>
Parish Community	Bishops	Family life	The homeless	The PCC	Parish clergy	The shrine at Walsingham
<b>24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>25 Annunciation of the Lord</b>	<b>26 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>27 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>28 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>29 Feria (Lent)</b>	<b>30 Feria (Lent)</b>
Parish Community	Preachers	Sacristans and servers	Choir and musicians	Vigilance	Penitence	Hope