



St Mary  
Magdalen  
OXFORD

# **Parish Notes**

# **November 2017**

## **Current Services:**

### **Sundays**

Eucharist at 8 am and 5.30 pm  
High Mass at 10.30 am in  
**Keble College Chapel**

### **Weekdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> November 12.15 pm All Souls  
service, said mass of Requiem  
Morning Prayer 8.15 am  
Evening Prayer 5.40 pm  
Eucharist 6.00 pm

### **Saturdays**

Eucharist 12.15 pm and 6 pm

### **Confessions**

Please speak to Fr Peter to arrange

Baptism, Confirmation and  
Marriage by appointment with Fr Peter

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## **Events**

### **All Souls Day**

The Commemoration of All Souls is observed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There will be a said mass of Requiem at 12.15pm in church, and all are invited to the sung mass at Keble College Chapel at 6pm. There will be no 6pm service that day in St Mary Magdalen.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The civic Act of Remembrance which takes place in St Giles necessitates certain road closures that morning. Those coming to church from the relevant directions may wish to allow extra time for travel.

The preacher that morning will be Fr Jonathan Jong. The Act of Remembrance will take place during the High Mass as usual.

### **Vicarage Tea in Church**

All are invited to tea on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, but this month not at the Vicarage! We will be holding a tea party in church from 3.30pm, when we hope to be able to show off the newly restored interior, and Fr Peter will speak about the project and the work which has been done. Please make every effort to come if you are free that afternoon.

### **Parochial Church Council**

The PCC will meet on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm in church.

### **Scripture on Saturday**

Our monthly Bible Study mornings continue on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am in church. Anyone is welcome, no previous participation is necessary. We will be completing our study of I Peter by looking at chapter 5.

### **Church cleaning**

The next church cleaning session will be from 9.30am until noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This will offer the chance to prepare the building for the first Sunday Mass back in church on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, as well getting it ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please put it in your diary as if you can help, even for as little as twenty minutes, you will be guaranteed some coffee and company as well as benefiting the church.

# Notices

## Restoration and Development

The building works continue but we have access via the South Door for the daily morning and evening services which are being held in the Lady Chapel. However, we will be back in church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and look forward to welcoming everyone then.

## Parents Group

A new group for parents (at any stage) to meet to get to know each other, and reflect on parenting and faith in a supportive environment. We will meet fortnightly at 10am, alternating Fridays and Saturdays. The next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> November at North Lodge, Norham Gardens OX2 6QR, and the other November meeting will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> also at 10am at North Lodge. Children welcome. Please contact Clare Gardom (clare.gardom@gmail.com) or Fr Peter for further details.

## Gift Day

As is our custom, we are having our Annual Gift Day shortly. This year it will take place on All Saints Sunday, which is Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>. The gift day is an opportunity for us all to support the ministry of our parish by making a one-off financial donation. UK tax payers can take home a "gift aid" envelope on All Saints Sunday and bring it back, filled, on a later date.

## Theology on Tap

This discussion group, led by Fr Jarred, continues on Tuesday evenings during term, meeting at 8pm in the King's Arms or the St Aldate's Tavern. Please check the pew sheet or Facebook for confirmation of the venue each week.

## Parish holiday in Rome

We are planning a parish trip to Rome, for around a week sometime between 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Further details to follow in due course. If you are interested in going, please add your name to the list by emailing Katie in the parish office at marymagsoxford9@gmail.com

## **Hospitality at St Mary Mags**

With the re-opening of church, fresh coffee buffs will now be rewarded with aroma and taste. Donations towards our splendid new coffee machines are very welcome. Cheques payable to St Mary Magdalen Parish (please give to a churchwarden) or direct transfer to 20-65-18, 50799475 (ref "coffee"). Many thanks.

Helping serve this coffee will be Veronica and we thank her and all who have been keeping our ministry of hospitality going. We need some new volunteers to help them after mass and to assist with food and drinks on special occasions. This is a simple and effective way to serve our church community, and is particularly important at this time of year when we welcome many new people to Oxford. If you are able to help, please speak to Veronica Ellis or Fr Peter.

## **Church Watch Resumes in December**

With the church opening again from 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we welcome all offers of help with church watch. Any help at all is of value, volunteering for even a single afternoon in the year would be very useful, so please ask yourself if you can assist with this essential ministry. Those wishing to volunteer or to know more should ring Katie in the parish office (11am-4pm Monday-Thursday) or email her at [marymagsoxford9@gmail.com](mailto:marymagsoxford9@gmail.com)

## **Advent Sale and Raffle**

Advent Sunday this year falls on 3<sup>rd</sup> December – our first day back in church. On that day, there will be an Advent Stall after mass, for sale of produce and gifts. If you have any produce that we can sell including cakes, biscuits, jams, marmalades or Christmas cards, please contact Joyce Day or Anne Dalziel.

Our Big Christmas Raffle raised £700 last year and we now aim to top that. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of any raffle prizes, please speak to Nigel Speight, email Katie in the office, or simply donate direct to 20-65-18, a/c 5709 9475 with the reference "raffle".

## **Carol Service**

Please book in your diary the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, which is the second Sunday of Advent. At 4.30pm that day we will hold our annual Carol Service, always a highlight of our year and an ideal opportunity to invite friends or newcomers to visit our church, and enjoy a familiar liturgy supported by our wonderful choir.

## **Confirmation**

There will be a confirmation service celebrated by the Bishop of Oxford early in the New Year (final date to be confirmed at time of writing). Several candidates have come forward already, and we are always glad to hear of more. If you are interesting in exploring confirmation (or indeed baptism) please speak to Fr Peter or email one of the clergy.

## **Oxford Winter Night Shelter: Volunteers Needed**

OWNS is a project being run by Oxford churches to offer emergency night shelter accommodation for the homeless in Oxford this winter. It is being run over seven nights a week, from January 2018 through to March. We are looking for volunteers. All volunteers will need to attend **one** of the OWNS training sessions and will be asked to provide a suitable reference.

Training dates and venues:

7.00 - 10.00pm,                    14 November, St Michael at the North Gate

7.00 - 10.00pm,                    22 November, St Michael at the North Gate

9.00am - 12.00pm                25 November, St Clément's Family Centre

To register your interest and book yourself on a training session, please email April Hall - [parish.manager@smng.org.uk](mailto:parish.manager@smng.org.uk)

## **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, Bennet Saunders, 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, Simon de Deney.

## **Sunday readings**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14; I John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Wisdom 6.12-16; I Thessalonians 4.13-14; Matthew 25.1-12

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Proverbs 31.-10-13, 19-20; I Thessalonians 5.1-6;

Matthew 25.14-30

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17; I Corinthians 15.20=26, 28;

Matthew 25.31-46

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 All Saints Day</b>	<b>2 All Souls</b>	<b>3 Feria</b>	<b>4 Charles Borromeo, B</b>
			Steven our Bishop	The faithful departed	Justin our Archbishop	Pastors
<b>5 All Saints</b>	<b>6 Feria</b>	<b>7 Feria</b>	<b>8 All Saints of England</b>	<b>9 Feria</b>	<b>10 Leo, Pp Dr</b>	<b>11 Martin B</b>
Parish community	The Gatehouse	Famine relief	Our country	Sacristans and servers	Theologians	World peace
<b>12 Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>13 Feria</b>	<b>14 Feria</b>	<b>15 Albert B Dr</b>	<b>16 Margaret of Scotland</b>	<b>17 St Hugh</b>	<b>18 Feria</b>
Parish Community	Peace in the Holy Land	Churches Together	Healing ministry (anointing at 6pm)	Those in authority	Our church and parish	Choir and musicians
<b>19 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>20 Feria</b>	<b>21 Feria</b>	<b>22 Cecilia VM</b>	<b>23 Feria</b>	<b>24 Feria</b>	<b>25 Catherine of Alexandria VM</b>
Parish Community	The newly baptised	Helen and Douglas House	Musicians	The PCC	The homeless	Christians in the Middle East
<b>26 Christ the King</b>	<b>27 Feria</b>	<b>28 Feria</b>	<b>29 Feria</b>	<b>30 Andrew, Ap</b>		
Parish Community	Christian Aid	Oxford City Council	Colleges in our parish	The people of Scotland		