



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

November 2018

Parish Clergy:

Current Services:

Sundays

Eucharist at 8 am and 5.30 pm
High Mass at 10.30 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer 8.15 am
Evening Prayer 5.40 pm
Eucharist 12.15, 6.00 pm

Confessions

Daily after the 12.15 mass, or by
arrangement with the parish clergy

Baptism, Confirmation and
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Events

All Souls Day

The Commemoration of All Souls is observed on Friday 2nd November. There will be a said mass of Requiem at 12.15pm and High Mass at 7.30pm. There will be no evening prayer that day.

Paul Atyeo RIP

The funeral of Paul Atyeo takes place at Ss Peter and Paul, Church Hanborough, at 11am. Fr Peter will preach.

Out Of The Blue

Out of the Blue is Oxford's premier all-male a cappella group. They recently sang in church in conjunction with the Yale Whiffenpoofs and will be performing a full programme themselves on the 29th of November at 7.30pm.

Remembrance Sunday

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on Armistice Day itself, 11th November, and marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. 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 Celebrant will be Fr Barry, who is of course the former Chaplain of the Fleet. The preacher will be Fr Peter. The Act of Remembrance will take place during the High Mass as usual.

Vicarage Tea

All are invited to tea at 15 Beaumont Street from 3.00pm on Wednesday 14th November. Please not the earlier start time. Steven Hilton our ordinand on placement will give a short talk about his training at Ripon College Cuddesdon.

Parochial Church Council

The PCC will meet on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm in church.

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible Study mornings continue on Saturday 24th November from 10.30am in church. Anyone is welcome, no previous participation is necessary. We will be beginning the study of Colossians with chapter 1.

Journey's End

In the run up to Armistice Day this year, a group of students are putting on a production of R. C. Sherriff's play about life in the trenches, in the church. There will be three performances on the 9th, 10th and 11th of November at 8pm. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/oxford/st-mary-magdalens-church/journeys-end

Notices

Memorial service and tree planting

Ripon College Cuddesdon are commemorating John Carbery who was on placement at St Mary Magdalen's when he was an ordinand there in the 1980s. The service is at 1.30 on the 27th of November. Fr Peter will be attending.

Advent Sale and Raffle

Our Advent Sale and Christmas Raffle launch will be on Sunday December 2nd. The array of Christmas cards and cakes and confiture will be spectacular as usual. but this year thanks to a recent donation there will be some spectacular cut glass potential Christmas presents on offer at bargain prices too. That is already in church and available to purchase **now**, so if you are interested just email Nigel S on nigespeight@gmail.com. If you would like to contribute on the baking or jam-making fronts, please contact Anne Dalziel on madal62@bttinternet.com

Carol Service

Please book in your diary the afternoon of Sunday 9th 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.

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

The Oxford Winter Night Shelter is run by a number of churches in Oxford and provides a warm welcome with a hot drink and snack, a bed for the night, and breakfast the next morning for men and women who are rough sleeping. They have expanded their capacity this year and leaflets providing more details and explaining how you can help with donations or volunteering can be found by the doors.

Letter from Bishop Steven

Bishop Steven recently sent a letter on Inclusion and respect to all clergy and ordinands in the diocese. Extracts are given here the full text is available at <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/clothe-yourself-with-love/>

“It is clear that it will be some time before the process of discernment in the Church of England reaches a conclusion. During that period we want to encourage, above all, an attitude of inclusion and respect for LGBTI+ people across the Diocese of Oxford.

Talking about sexuality and gender identity in the Church may be, and often is, difficult. It involves our deeply personal loves and the attachments that shape them; our understanding of ourselves and our relationship with God and others, and our approach to Scripture and the core convictions of our faith. To talk about these things is to make ourselves vulnerable. Moreover, in the Church of England conversations about these matters often bear a weight of pain and distrust caused by the past and present experiences of hurt, exclusion and misunderstanding. However, many speak of such conversations as being ultimately liberating and positive.

Debates about human sexuality and gender identity in the Church seem likely to continue, and perhaps to grow in intensity, over the coming years. It is important that these debates should be grounded in Scripture, reason and tradition as well as in deep prayer and our common life of worship. They must also be conducted with attention to people’s experiences and in a spirit of love, mutual care and respect.

We are also actively exploring the setting up a new chaplaincy team for the LGBTI+ people and their families and loved ones, across the Diocese. Over the summer we have been seeking to learn from other dioceses in this area, including in the Church in Wales. The team will probably take the form of a volunteer chaplain or chaplains in each episcopal area giving time to this ministry alongside their other work. The role of the chaplains will be to listen, to offer support and to advise local clergy and congregations and ourselves in our welcome and support of LGBTI+ people and their families, and to learn from the insights of LGTBI+ people about being church together.

Therefore “as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience”. These are the qualities we need as the church as we continue to build a common life together.”

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 4th November: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14; I John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

Sunday 11th November: 1 Kings 17.10-16; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 1.14-20

Sunday 18th November: Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14, 18; Mark 13.24-32

Sunday 25th November: Daniel 7.13-14; Revelation 1.5-8; John 18.33-37

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Saints	2 All Souls	3 Feria
				Steven our Bishop	The faithful departed	Justin our Archbishop
4 All Saints	5 Feria	6 Feria	7 Feria	8 All Saints of England	9 Feria	10 Leo, Pp Dr
Parish community	Ecumenical work	The Gatehouse	Famine relief	Our country	Sacristans and servers	Theologians
11 Remembrance Sunday	12 Feria	13 Feria	14 Feria	15 Albert B Dr	16 Margaret of Scotland	17 St Hugh
Parish Community	Peace in the Holy Land	Churches Together	Healing ministry (anointing at 6pm)	Oxford's hospitals (anointing at 12.15)	Those in authority	Our church and parish
18 33rd Sunday of the Year	19 Feria	20 Edmund M	21 Feria	22 Cecilia VM	23 Feria	24 Feria
Parish Community	Community Emergency Foodbank	The persecuted church	Helen and Douglas House	Musicians	The PCC	The homeless
25 Christ the King	26 Feria	27 Feria	28 Feria	29 Feria	30 Andrew, Ap	
Parish Community	Christ Church Cathedral	Christian Aid	Oxford City Council	Colleges in our parish	The people of Scotland	