



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

October 2018

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
Marriage by appointment with Fr Peter.

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Events

Christianity – the basics

An enquirers' course and study group, designed to introduce the basic building blocks of Christian teaching, begins on Tuesday 16th October. From then on, each Tuesday during University Term, the 6pm mass will include a sermon on a central topic of Christian theology. After the mass, from 6.45pm, there will be a study and discussion group on the same topic. (One can attend the study group whether or not one has been at mass and heard the sermon.)

In a new initiative, and responding to the Bishop's appeal for the diocese as a whole to renew our ministry of catechesis, we will be working with a team of ordinands from St Stephen's House, who will combine with our own catechesis team to prepare each session. The timetable for the course will be as follows:

- October 16: Jesus & the Love of God
- October 23: Love Personified: Incarnation
- October 30: Love Realised: Spirit in Creation
- November 6: Love Shared: Trinity & the life of the Church
- November 13: Love Entrusted: Baptism & Eucharist
- November 20: Love Inhabited: Prayer
- November 27: Love Outspoken: Scripture

This promises to be a rewarding course which all will find helpful, whether new to Christian teaching or seeking to explore their existing faith further. Please consider supporting it by attending any or all of the sessions.

Harvest Festival

We kept Sunday 30th September as our Harvest Festival, providing an annual opportunity to help two local charitable projects, the Gatehouse Drop-in Centre for the Homeless and the Community Emergency Foodbank. The Gatehouse is in particular need of produce to make sandwiches - peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned tuna, mayonnaise, Marmite/Bovril, and Branston pickle, as well as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar and cup o'soup. The Community Emergency Foodbank, for which we regularly collect, welcomes almost all kinds of tinned food, as well as hot chocolate, jams and other spreads, sugar and long life fruit juice & milk, plus any practical toiletries. They both ask that anything donated is well within its sell-by date. Items can be brought to church throughout the next week, please put them in the boxes beneath the font.

Newcomers Party

To kick off the new academic year, there will be a drinks party from 8pm on Tuesday 9th October ("first week" of Oxford University's Michaelmas Term), at the Vicarage. All are welcome, young or old, student or not.

Talks at St. Giles

St Giles' series of Lunchtime Talks on Thursdays is starting again this month with the theme of 'My Top Ten: Readings, Stories, and Quotes that Inspire'. Speakers include Bishop Steven and Rana Mitter. Further details can be found on the poster board next to the North door.

The Gatehouse: Celebrating 30 Years

The Gatehouse has been providing support for people experiencing homelessness in Oxford for 30 years and this year, for World Homelessness day, they are inviting guests, volunteers, staff, local services, supporters/donors to celebrate at The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES between 5pm and 8pm on Wednesday 10th October.

Vicarage Tea

All are invited to tea at the Vicarage, 15 Beaumont Street, from 3.30pm on Wednesday 24th October. This is a monthly social event which offers a chance to get to know other members of the congregation and listen to a short informal talk. This month some of those who joined the parish pilgrimage to Rome will be describing the trip and showing photographs.

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible Study mornings continue on Saturday 13th October from 10.30am in church when we shall be finishing our study of Judges. All are welcome, no previous participation is necessary. Next month, we shall begin an examination of Colossians, which Bishop Stephen has recently commended to the whole diocese for particular study and close reading.

Oxford Half Marathon

On Sunday 7th October the annual Oxford Half Marathon will be run. This will involve a number of road closures, some very close to the church, and some on the way to central Oxford (such as Marston Ferry Road). Those who travel by car or bus are advised to leave earlier than usual. Full details can be found at the website www.virginsport.com/oxford

Dedication Festival

On Sunday 28th October we will keep our Dedication Festival, the first time we have celebrated the feast since our major restoration works last year. The preacher at the High Mass will be the Revd Dr Michael Bowie, Assistant Priest at All Saints Margaret Street in London. Fr Michael was a member of our congregation when studying for his DPhil at Corpus Christi College in the 1980s, and was sent forward from Mary Mags to train for ordination at St Stephen's House. He has since ministered in a number of different parishes, in England, Wales and Australia.

Notices

Carol Service

Our candlelit service of lessons and carols will be on the 9th December this year. Please encourage any family and friends to come and join us in enjoying the wonderful music that Will, David, and the choir will be providing.

St Giles Fair and Ride and Stride

Many thanks to everyone who helped with these two events and in particular to Nigel S. who managed them both so well. Between the two events £2500 was raised for the church.

Gift Day

As is our custom, we are having our Annual Gift Day shortly. This year it will take place on our Dedication Festival, which is Sunday October 28th. 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 a week or two beforehand and bring it back, filled, on the day itself.

We are drawing attention this year to two particular needs, one domestic and one external. Over the summer months, major works have been undertaken to make safe and repair the church clock. Inspection revealed greater problems than expected, and the total cost has run to a figure in excess of ten thousand pounds. The more we collect to underwrite this essential work, the better. In addition, we would like as the year closes to be able to make a generous donation to the Oxford Winter Night Shelter, a project on which a number of Oxford churches have been working together. It will open again on 1st January, and is a major act of Christian witness and mission in our city which we should support as fully as possible.

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 7th October: Genesis 2.18-24; Hebrews 2.9-11; Mark 10.2-12, 13-16

Sunday 14th October: Wisdom 7.7-11; Hebrews 4.12-13; Mark 10.17-27, 28-30

Sunday 21st October: Isaiah 53.10-11; Hebrews 4.14-16; Mark 10.35-41, 42-45

Sunday 28th October: 2 Chronicles 5.6-11, 13-6.2; 1 Corinthians 3.9-13, 16-17; John
4.19-24

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	1 Teresa of the Child Jesus V Dr	2 Holy Guardian Angels	3 Feria	4 Francis of Assisi R	5 Feria	6 Feria
	Steven our Bishop	Justin our Archbishop	Those new to Oxford	Franciscans	Sacristans and Servers	Ordinands
7 27th Sunday of the Year	8 Feria	9 Feria	10 Paulinus of York, B Ab	11 Ethelburga	12 Wilfrid B	13 Edward the Confessor
Parish community	Peace in the holy land	Helen and Douglas House	Preachers	Religious communities	Bishops	Westminster Abbey
14 28th Sunday of the Year	15 Teresa of Avila V Dr	16 Feria	17 Ignatius of Antioch B M	18 Luke Ev	19 Frideswide Ab	20 Feria
Parish Community	Spiritual Directors	St Barnabas, Jericho	The persecuted church	Evangelists	The city of Oxford	Colleges in our parish
21 29th Sunday of the Year	22 Feria	23 Feria	24 Feria Anointing 6pm	25 Feria Anointing 12.15	26 Feria	27 Feria
Parish Community	Famine relief	Churches Together	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Church musicians	Biblical scholars
28 Dedication Festival	29 Feria	30 Feria	31 Feria			
Parish Community	The homeless	The Gatehouse	The Lutheran churches			