



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

October 2021

Current Services:

Sundays

Said Mass 8am
High Mass 10.30am
Said Mass 5.30pm

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

Morning Prayer 8.15am
Evening Prayer 5.40pm
Mass 12.15pm, 6pm

Saturday

Mass 12.15pm, 6pm

Confessions

Daily after the 12.15pm mass, or by
arrangement with Fr Peter

Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage
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Events

October Feasts

The feast of St Luke the Evangelist is celebrated on the 18th October

The feast of St Frideswide, patron of Oxford, is 19th October.

The feast of Ss Simon and Jude is 28th October.

Harvest Festival

We keep Sunday 3rd October 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 currently running a takeaway service because of the pandemic, and so we recommend financial donations to support them. These can be made at www.justgiving.com/gatehouse or by cheque sent to The Treasurer, The Gatehouse, St Giles, 10 Woodstock Road Oxford OX2 6HT.

The 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 ask that anything donated be well within its sell-by date. Items can be brought to church throughout the week or on Sundays; please put them in the boxes beneath the font.

The Parochial Church Council meets on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm in the parish church.

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible Study mornings will shortly restart, via Zoom, starting on Saturday 16th October from 10.30am. All are welcome, no previous participation is necessary.

Concert

On the afternoon of Sunday 17th October, the church is hosting a concert given by the Kennington District & United Church Choirs, in memory of their founder and choirmaster, the late Trevor Cowlett. The programme will include excerpts from Handel's Messiah and favourites from Gilbert and Sullivan.

The concert begins at 2.30pm. There is no entrance charge, but a collection will be taken in aid of the Stroke Association.

Dedication Festival

On Sunday 24th October we will keep our Dedication Festival. Our Dedication Festival will also be our annual Gift Day. You can make a donation to the parish's ongoing life and mission by giving online via the parish website, or by visiting www.justgiving.com/stmarymagdalenoxford or by taking home an envelope marked "gift day" and returning it to church the following week.

The preacher for the Dedication Festival will be the Revd Canon Leanne Robert, Canon Treasurer of Southwark Cathedral, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands for Southwark. Mthr Leanne holds a unique place in our history, as she was the first woman to be sponsored for ordination training by our parish, and later the first woman to sing our high mass. It is highly appropriate that we shall welcome her during the deacon's year of our first female curate.

Notices

Broad Meadow

During the summer, visitors to our parish have enjoyed the facilities called “Broad Meadow”, an area of seating and greenery installed in the middle of Broad St. As this comes to the end of its life, the city council is distributing some of the wildflower turf which made up the meadow, and our churchyard has been selected to receive a section. It will be delivered to us and laid at the south end of our churchyard (opposite Waterstones) in the week beginning 11th October.

Newcomers Party

To kick off the new academic year, there will be a drinks party from 8pm on Tuesday 12th October (“first week” of Oxford University’s Michaelmas Term), at the Vicarage. All are welcome, young or old, student or not.

St Giles Fair

It was a joy to welcome St Giles Fair back to central Oxford this year. Very many thanks are due to all who contributed to our church’s involvement, which raised approximately £2000 for parish funds. Particular thanks to Nigel Speight, who co-ordinated our efforts and led from the front.

Muriel’s Day

Our first charity abseil in memory of the late Muriel Hunt took place on September 18th, and was a spectacular success. Monies were raised for a wide range of charities, including £3000 for St Mary Magdalen’s – many thanks are due to Nigel Speight for organising, and to Alec and Tibha, Bethany and James who braved the drop for the good of the parish. Next year’s “Muriel’s Day” has been pencilled in for June 18 2022. Please consider taking part or inviting friends.

From Fr Peter

I write these few lines a little later than should have been the case, because October has already begun. However, it is a significant day for me personally, as this morning I was able to sing the High Mass in church for the first time since before I broke my ankle in April. Although my recovery is not quite complete, I am very much better and look forward to the new academic year and to something approaching normality, both for myself and for us all as a parish and a community continuing to respond to the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic.

I should like to thank everyone connected with St Mary Magdalen's for the impressive and unflappable response to my sick leave. In particular, Fr Stephen and Mthr Judith ran the parish smoothly and sensitively, and Mthr Esther joined us in the middle of this mini-interregnum, and has thrown herself into parish life with enthusiasm and considerable skill. We are now fully staffed again with clergy. As we all know we still face the challenges of Covid-19 and must remain vigilant. While we look forward to welcoming new faces, we must also remember that many do not wish currently to travel into central Oxford, and so can expect our numbers to remain lower than usual for a while yet.

Last Sunday's celebration of Fr Hugh's diamond jubilee was an occasion of great rejoicing. We are overwhelmingly lucky to enjoy the ministry of so many so-called retired clergy (so-called, because we keep them rather busy!). Of course as the life of the church emerges from lockdown, it will not be the clergy, but all the people of St Mary Magdalen's, whose working together will continue to witness to Christ and celebrate the life of the gospel within and beyond our parish.

Intercessions

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

Ann-Marie, Anna, Phoenix, David, Elizabeth, Di, Michael, William, Joy, Bernard, Philip, Liam, Jo, Sr Mary Bernard, Eleanor, Clifford, Christopher, Alison, Ann, Adrian & family

Sunday readings

Sunday 3rd October: Genesis 2: 18 – 24, Hebrews 2: 9 – 11, Mark 10: 2 - 16

Sunday 10th October: Wisdom 7: 7 – 11, Hebrews 4: 12 – 13, Mark 10: 17 – 30

Sunday 17th October: Isaiah 53: 10 – 11, Hebrews 4: 14 – 16, Mark 10: 35 – 45

Sunday 24th October: 2 Chronicles 5: 6 - 11, 13 - 6: 2, 1 Corinthians 3: 9 – 13, 16 – 17, John 4: 19 – 24

Sunday 31st October: Apocalypse 7: 2 - 4, 9 – 14, 1 John 3: 1 – 3, Matthew 5: 1 – 12

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Teresa of the Child Jesus V Dr	2 Holy Guardian Angels
					Steven our Bishop	Justin our Archbishop
3 27th Sunday of the Year	4 Francis of Assisi	5 Feria	6 Feria	7 Feria	8 Feria	9 John Henry Newman
Parish Community	Franciscans	Children's church	The homeless	Oxfordshire Historic Churches	The persecuted church	Theologians
10 28th Sunday of the Year	11 Ethelburga Ab	12 Wilfrid B	13 Edward the Confessor a	14 Feria	15 Teresa of Avila V Dr	16 Feria
Parish Community	Religious communities	Chichester diocese and cathedral	Westminster Abbey	The shrine at Walsingham	Spiritual Directors	Christian Aid
17 29th Sunday of the Year	18 Luke, Ev	19 Frideswide Ab	20 Feria	21 Feria	22 Feria	23 Feria
Parish Community	Biblical Scholars	Our city	Healing ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Monthly requiem	Servers and sacristans
24 Dedication Festival	25 Feria	26 Feria	27 Feria	28 Simon and Jude Ap	29 Feria	30 Feria
Parish Community	The Gatehouse	College Chaplains	Church musicians	Preachers	Helen and Douglas House	The Lutheran church
31 All Saints						
Parish Community						