



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

September 2018

Current Services

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Eucharist 6.00 pm
Morning Prayer 8.15 am,
Evening Prayer 5.40 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

September Feasts

This month we keep the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday the 8th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the 14th, and Michaelmas on the 29th.

Ride and Stride The annual Ride and Stride in aid of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, who granted us £17,000 last year, takes place on Saturday, 8th September. This is a great way to see some of the very many fascinating churches in our part of the world, while raising money to preserve and maintain them at the same time. Half of any money raised by members of our congregation will come straight back to St Mary Magdalen's. Please speak to Nigel Speight or Jonathan Roberts for further details.

If you aren't walking or riding yourself, please consider sponsoring one of the members of the congregation who are.

St Giles Fair We will be running our full complement of stalls this year and so any donations are very welcome: clothes, books, jewellery, CDs, DVDs, bric-a-brac. Collection is possible by arrangement. Deposit items at the church office on weekdays or after Sunday service, or email Nigel S. as above.

Those who can make scones, biscuits, cakes, jams, chutneys etc. are encouraged to start as soon as possible; these can be brought to church where they will be collected and stored - freezer space is available. The pre-ordering of produce brings about a third of the money we raise.

Also, any volunteers to help man the stalls on the 3rd and 4th of September please speak to Nigel S. or Jonathan R.

Blessing of the Fair at 5pm on the 2nd of September there will be a short service to bless the fair involving clergy from our church and St. Giles and St. Michael's, and hymns accompanied by the Salvation Army band. There will be no evening Mass on this Sunday.

Bishop Steven's Prayer Pilgrimage

On Sunday the 9th of September Bishop Steven will be visiting our church as part of the prayer pilgrimage he is undertaking, visiting every church in the Oxford Archdeaconry across six days. He is setting off from Kidlington in the morning and will be arriving at St Mary Magdalen to lead a short service of prayer and blessing at 2.00. It would be good to have a strong showing from the congregation for this.

The prayer walk is taking place between the 2nd and 9th of September and Bishop Steven is encouraging people from the archdeaconry to join him as he walks to 46 churches. Whether you walk with him for a few minutes or the whole day, or simply want to pray with the bishop at one of the churches en route, all are welcome. You just need a packed lunch, appropriate walking attire and a heart for prayer. Further information and a form to register your participation are available at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/oxfordprayerwalk

Rome Pilgrimage

Between the 10th and 17th of September, several of our clergy and congregation will be on a 'holiday pilgrimage' to Rome. Please pray for them and for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome who have helped in organising this trip.

PCC

The Parochial Church Council meets on Tuesday 25th September at 7.30pm in the church.

Church Watch We are looking for volunteers to help keep the church open to the public as much as possible during the day. We are especially looking for people to cover 3.30 to 5.30 Monday to Thursday, and 11.00 to 1.30 on Fridays. There is a sign-up sheet and further information to the right of the North door underneath the hymn books. If you have any questions ask one of the Church Wardens or Jonathan R.

Harvest Festival

We will keep 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, honey, chocolate spread, jam (strawberry preferred), Marmite/Bovril, and Branston pickle, as well as tea, coffee and sugar. The Community Emergency Foodbank, for which we regularly collect, welcomes almost all kinds of tinned food, as well as tea, coffee, biscuits, cereal, rice and pasta. They ask that anything donated has a best before date at least six months on. Please bring any items to church during the week before.

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible Study mornings continue on Saturday 8th September from 10.30am in church. We shall be continuing our study of Judges, looking at chapters 17 and 18.

Community of St Frideswide

There will be a service to mark the launch of the community on the evening of Sunday 9th September (the day on which Bishop Steven is visiting our church). Fr Paul Cowan, Bishop's Chaplain, writes:

We are delighted to invite members of your church community, to a Eucharist at St Frideswide's, Botley Road on Sunday 9th September at 6pm marking the launch of the Community of St Frideswide (CStF) and the Bishop of Oxford's initiative of the renewal of Catechesis across the Oxford Archdeaconry. At this service the first members of CStF will be commissioned for the year ahead, together with those who are leading catechesis initiatives in parishes and chaplaincies across the archdeaconry.

We do hope that you will be able to come and join us as we mark the beginning of these significant projects in the context of prayer and worship.

Notices

Clock works Smith of Derby are currently working to bring our tower clock back to full operation.

Hospital Chaplaincy position Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust are looking for a compassionate and resourceful chaplain with significant experience in caring for children and families at times of illness and bereavement, to continue the development of a high standard of religious, spiritual and pastoral care for patients, staff and families in their Children's Hospital and across the Trust.

<http://jobs.ouh.nhs.uk/job/v1245693>

Oxford Half Marathon Advance warning that on Sunday the 7th October there will be extensive road closures to allow this event to take place. Further information can be found at: www.virginsport.com/oxford

Congratulations to Natasha Gordon-Polomski, who slept out on her birthday and raised over £1000 for Homeless Oxfordshire. Many thanks to all who supported her.

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, John, Allan, Ian, Alan, William, Chloe, Colin, Sybilla, Liam, Di, Tracy, Abigail, William, Jane, Tony, David, Charlotte, Barbara, Jo.

Sunday readings

Sunday 2nd September: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8; James 1.1, 7-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7.1-8, 15-15, 21-23

Sunday 9th September: Isaiah 35.4-7; James 2.1-5; Mark 7.31-37

Sunday 16th September: Isaiah 50.5-9a; James 2.14-18; Mark 8.27-35

Sunday 23rd September: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20; James 3.16-4.3; Mark 9.30-37

Sunday 30th September: Numbers 11.25-29; James 5.1-6; Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Giles, Rel
						St Giles Oxford
2 22nd Sunday of the Year	3 Gregory B Dr	4 Birinus B	5 Feria	6 Feria	7 Feria	8 Birth of the BVM
Parish community	St Giles Fair	Steven our bishop	Justin our Archbishop	The Gatehouse	Oxfordshire Historic Churches	St Mary the Virgin, Oxford
9 23rd Sunday of the Year	10 Feria	11 Feria	12 Feria	13 John Chrysostom B Dr	14 Holy Cross	15 Feria
Parish community	Pilgrims to Rome	The St Frideswide Community	The Restoration and Development Trust	Preachers	Devotion to Christ crucified	Church musicians
16 24th Sunday of the Year	17 Feria	18 Feria	19 Feria anointing 6pm	20 Martyrs of the Pacific anointing 12.15	21 Matthew Ap	22 Feria
Parish Community	Oxford City Council	Ecumenical work	Healing ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Evangelists	Confessors
23 25th Sunday of the Year	24 Our Lady of Walsingham	25 Feria	26 Cosmas and Damian Ms	27 Vincent de Paul Pr	28 Feria	29 St Michael and All Angels
Parish Community	The Shrine at Walsingham	The homeless	The persecuted church	The poor	Oxford Diocese	St Michael at the Northgate
30 26th Sunday of the Year						
Parish Community						