

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

Holly Ryan, John Bason, Wendy Webb, Ann-Marie and Andy, David Games, Daniel Argov, Abigail, Melanie, Dan, Angela, Anna and Phoenix, Philip, Chris, Lewis, Timothy, Ilona Zimon, Steven Wiltshire, Jenny Hey, Julie, Michael, Sara Ali, John Cuff, Sue Goodall, Alex Underwood, Janet Semper, Peter Parsons, Richard Gurney, Brian, Ray Hey

ASH WEDNESDAY The first day of Lent falls on 17th February. There will be a said Mass with hymns and Imposition of Ashes at 12.15pm and a High Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS BEFORE LENT Fr Peter will be in church to hear confessions at 6:30pm on Friday 12th February, at 6:30pm on Saturday 13th February and at 5pm on Tuesday 16th February. Sr Margaret Anne will be available to hear confessions in church at on Tuesday 16th February at 12.45pm. Other times are available by appointment.

SHROVE TUESDAY Our regular student gathering will take place as usual on Tuesday 16th February, when we shall gather to watch Diarmaid MacCulloch's "History of Christianity". We shall combine this with a pancake party, from 7pm. All members of the church and friends, young and old, are warmly invited to join us. (Compline will be sung in Hertford College Chapel at 10pm as usual.)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS As usual, we shall be celebrating Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Wednesday evenings during Lent, at 7:30pm. Each service will feature a short address after Stations, and will conclude with Benediction. The theme of this year's addresses will be "The Grace of God". Please try to make this service part of your Lenten observance.

PARISH LUNCH There will be a bring and share lunch at the Vicarage after the High Mass on Sunday 14th February. All are most welcome. A list where those intending to come can note what they plan to bring, will be available in church for the two preceding weeks.

LENT COLLECTION Our Lent collection this year will again be in aid of Helen & Douglas House. The hospice and respite movement is an increasingly important aspect of medical and pastoral care, and it is a privilege to have those two groundbreaking Christian institutions on our doorstep. Sr Margaret Anne is, of course, a member of the community which founded and houses both institutions, and their Chaplain, Fr Mark Birch, has been one of our regular celebrants for many years. Collection boxes will be available to take away and fill during Lent, and we hope many people will want to take part in this project.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES If you are a UK tax payer, please do not put loose money into the collection plate, but put it first into a Gift Aid envelope with your name on the front, which allows us to reclaim the tax payable on that amount.

DIARY DATE The Annual Parochial Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th April at 7:30pm in church.

DICK THOMAS, RIP Dick died peacefully in the John Radcliffe at the beginning of January, having been ill for quite some time. He had received communion at home every week when unable to make it to church. Dick was something of an institution at St Mary Magdalen's. His friendship, enthusiasm, and erudition were very highly valued by very many people, young and old, and he will be greatly missed. At his specific request, a small cremation service

was held soon after his death, to be followed by a High Mass of Requiem which will take place in the spring. This will be on Friday 30th April in church, and it is hoped that as many people as possible from St Mary Magdalen's will want to share in the celebrations and prayers which Dick himself requested.

STEVE IVIN, RIP Another stalwart of Oxford church life was Steve Ivin who for very many years cared expertly and lovingly for our bells, our clock and the tower which houses them. Steve was a member of St Thomas the Martyr, but his contribution to our own church was enormous. He was personally responsible for rehanging the bells and for putting in a new floor in the ringing chamber and making a new frame. He was extremely generous with time, effort and his own resources, and his continuing memorial will be the marvellous sound of our peal of ten bells, one of Oxfordshire's finest. Steve also helped us by keeping a friendly and affectionate eye on our student ringers for a very long time. It is highly fitting that our bells should be the medium through which many new ringers learn the art when at university, and take what they have learned to churches all over the country and around the world. There will be a memorial service for Steve at St Thomas the Martyr on Monday 22nd February at 2pm. All are welcome.

PRAYERS FOR THE HOMELESS The next prayers for homeless people and agencies will be at 1.15 on Wednesday 3 February at The Friends' Meeting House, St Giles. These prayers last just 20 minutes. All are welcome.

STUDENT TOUR GUIDES? ARC is an organisation of young people from across Europe who come together during the summer to live together and work as volunteers in a cathedral in France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain or Britain. The letters ARC demonstrate the three principal aims of the organisation: Accueil—welcome; Rencontre—encounter; Communauté—community. Spend three or four weeks in France, Spain, Italy, Belgium or Germany giving guided tours in English in some Europe's most beautiful churches. Successful applicants will have board and lodging entirely paid for. It's a chance to travel, practise your language skills, learn a little more about history, art, religion and meet students from other countries. See the website, www.encounterarc.org.uk for more information and how to apply. Deadline for applications is 12th March.

GIANTS OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT Last month we announced a new series of study mornings on major thinkers from Christian history to begin this coming Lent. We hope that this will be a continuing series for the months and years to come, with sessions taking place approximately every six weeks. The first session will be on Augustine of Hippo (354–430), and will be led by Dr Stan Rosenberg, Fellow of Wycliffe Hall, and Director of SCIO (Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford). It will take place on Saturday 6th March from 10am in church.

FR ANGUS RITCHIE is Fellows' Chaplain at Magdalen, and Director of the Centre for Contextual Theology in East London. He is one of the coordinators of "Crunchtime 2010" (see below), and we shall be welcoming him as our preacher at the High Mass on Sunday 7th February, to mark the beginning of that week of events.

CRUNCHTIME 2010

by James Holden and Simon Cuff

As with so many things, St. Mary Magdalen's is taking a place of prominence in an exciting movement within the church. So far, a number of our student members have participated in summer placements with the Contextual Theology Centre and the community organising charity 'London Citizens' in East London. 'Community organising' has become vogue recently through its association with the US President Barack Obama, who worked as a community organiser in Chicago before his rise to power.

'Community organising' seeks to strengthen the fabric of society by building a broad alliance of local community and faith groups in order to identify and solve pressing issues that confront us in our common lives. This all might sound rather heady, but is just the process of encouraging and creating new conversations amongst those community groups. As Anglo-Catholics we can find in this movement an avenue for our historic commitment to social justice, and a way in which, through encountering the stranger, we can love and serve the Lord once Mass has ended.

This process is beginning in Oxford through a series of events entitled 'Crunch Time: Money, Politics and Christian Faith' taking place from February 7th—13th. St. Mary Magdalen's is taking a special role by welcoming the Director of the Contextual Theology Centre, the Rev'd Angus Ritchie, as our preacher at High Mass on Sunday February 7th. The launch event with the Bishop of Oxford takes place at Keble College at 20:30 on that same day. A full programme of events is available at www.crunchtime2010.com and on flyers at the back of church.

GEORGE HERBERT The Church of England gives thanks for the life and work of George Herbert (1593—1633), one of its greatest writers, on 27th February each year. This poem, 'Prayer', is among his most celebrated.

Prayer the Churches banquet, Angels age,
Gods breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;

Engine against th' Almighty, sinners towre,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-daies world transposing in an houre,
A kinde of tune, which all things heare and fear;

Softnesse, and peace, and joy, and love, and blisse,
Exalted Manna, gladnesse of the best,
Heaven in ordinarie, man well drest,
The Milkie way, the bird of Paradise,

Church-bels beyond the starres heard, the souls bloud,
The land of spices; something understood.

Sunday Readings

FEBRUARY 7TH:	Isaiah 6.1–8	I Corinthians 15.1–11	Luke 5.1–11
FEBRUARY 14TH:	Jeremiah 17.5–8	I Corinthians 15.12–20	Luke 6.17–26
FEBRUARY 21ST:	Deuteronomy 26.4–10	Romans 10.8–13	Luke 4.1–13
FEBRUARY 28TH:	Genesis 15.5–12, 78–18	Philippians 3.17–4.1	Luke 9.28–36



ST MARY MAGDALEN

Services
Sundays : Eucharist at 8 am and 5.30 pm
Mattins 10 am
High Mass at 10.30 am
Weekdays : Eucharist at 12.15 pm and 6.00 pm
Morning Prayer 8.15 am, Evening Prayer 5.40 pm

Confessions

Daily after the 12.15 pm Mass, Wednesdays & Saturdays at 6.30 pm

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Calendar for February 2010

1	Mon	Feria	<i>John our Bishop</i>
2	Tue	Feria	<i>Rowan our Archbishop</i>
3	Wed	Feria	<i>Children's church</i>
4	Thur	Feria	<i>Churches Together</i>
5	Fri	Agatha V M	<i>The persecuted church</i>
6	Sat	Ss Paul Miki and companions, Ms	<i>Missionaries</i>
7	Sun	5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Parish community</i>
8	Mon	Feria	<i>The Gatehouse</i>
9	Tue	Feria	<i>Theologians</i>
10	Wed	Scholastica V	<i>Religious communities</i>
11	Thur	Feria	<i>Spiritual directors</i>
12	Fri	Feria	<i>Monthly requiem</i>
13	Sat	Feria	<i>Christian Aid</i>
14	Sun	6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Parish community</i>
15	Mon	Feria	<i>The PCC</i>
16	Tue	Feria	<i>Confessors</i>
17	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY	<i>Penitence</i>
18	Thur	Feria (Lent)	<i>The elderly</i>
19	Fri	Feria (Lent)	<i>Ecumenical work</i>
20	Sat	Feria (Lent)	<i>Oxfam</i>
21	Sun	1ST SUNDAY IN LENT	<i>Parish community</i>
22	Mon	Feria (Lent)	<i>Oxford Deanery</i>
23	Tue	Polycarp B M	<i>Preachers</i>
24	Wed	Feria: Anointing during the 6pm mass	<i>Healing</i>
25	Thur	Feria: Anointing during the 12.15pm mass	<i>Oxford's hospitals</i>
26	Fri	Feria (Lent)	<i>Vocations</i>
27	Sat	Feria (Lent)	<i>Helen & Douglas House</i>
28	Sun	2ND SUNDAY IN LENT	<i>Parish community</i>