

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, Oakley, Peter Parsons, David Platt, Richard Gurney, Brian, Martin, Ray Hey.

ALL SOULS The Commemoration of All Souls is observed this year on Monday 2nd November. There will be a said requiem mass at 12.15, and a High Mass of Requiem at 7:30pm. There is a list by the north door where those to be remembered by name may be recorded.

At the High Mass the choir will sing the Requiem by Gabriel Faure.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is kept this year on Sunday 8th November. All are also encouraged to observe the nationwide silence on Wednesday 11th November at 11am.

STRIDE AND RIDE Involvement by no fewer than seven members of Mary Mags led to a spectacularly successful Stride and Ride this year, resulting in £2359 being collected. Half of this sum comes directly to St Mary Magdalen's, the other half to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, from whose grants we have recently benefited. Thanks are due to all those involved: Muriel Hunt, Mary Beer, Miranda Jones, Glenn Sheasby, Jonathan Roberts, Hannah Milner and Nigel Speight.

FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS are due to Nigel, who - by using the Just Giving website - enabled us to enter a competition which added a further £1000 on top of the sum mentioned above. The task was to come up with a film / food pun, and the winning entry was "Educating Raita", suggested by Alison Coldstream (better known to most as Brady), a stalwart of our choir and church.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL AND GIFT DAY Thanks to all who worked hard to make the Dedication weekend such a success, particularly to Stephen and the choir, to the servers and those who cleaned the church, to all who helped with the lunch and to Fr John for a wonderful sermon. At the time of writing approximately £3000 has been banked from the Gift Day. If you have not yet made a contribution, envelopes are still available in church.

ST MICHAEL AT THE NORTHGATE welcomes its new Priest-in-charge, the Revd Bob Wilkes, at a Licensing service on Wednesday 4th November at 7:30pm. All are welcome to support him by attending. Visiting clergy will be robing for the occasion in St Mary Magdalen's.

SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS IN PERFORMANCE On Saturday 21st November St Mary Magdalen's will host a performance by the Milton Consort to mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of Shakespeare's Sonnets. The Consort is led by the Shakespearean actor Peter Hamilton-Dyer with the support of musicians from the Globe ensemble who will provide accompaniment on period instruments. Many will remember the success of last year's performance of Samson Agonistes, and we hope for a similarly engaging evening. Admission is free - please invite any friends who may be interested. Full publicity will follow shortly.

STUDYING LUKE'S GOSPEL There will be a study morning on Luke, the gospel for the church's new liturgical year, led by Fr John Muddiman, on Saturday 28th November from 9:45am - 12noon. We take for granted in Oxford the presence of so many Christian scholars who contribute to the life of the church. We are doubly blessed in having Fr John - one of the leading scholars in the Anglican Communion -

as a member of our clergy team. This study morning on Luke is warmly recommended not just to our own congregation but to any friends or acquaintances who may be interested. (Fr John is leading a similar session. the previous week at St Mary's Iffley: anyone unable to attend on the 28th is welcome to Iffley on the 21st from 9:30am.)

THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FOODBANK The CEF project exists to provide necessary food to those in extreme need. St Mary Magdalen's will shortly be joining other local churches in having a collection box enabling people to make contributions to this simple but important aspect of Christian mission. (We will also continue to support the Gatehouse in the normal way.) Below is some information from the co-ordinator of CEF. Details of which foods are required can be found on their website www.cefoxford.co.uk

CEF has been operating in St Francis Church Holloway for nearly a year. We open for two hours a day on a Tuesday and Friday provide non perishable food for people in a cash crisis. The referral agencies are pleased with the help we are able to give their clients and we have had many compliments about the welcome those coming for food receive from the CEF Volunteers. It is often a traumatic experience for people to come through the door with a food voucher and some have taken some weeks to pluck up sufficient courage to come along. CEF relies mainly on the generous giving of food by the congregations of many of the churches in Oxford and the surrounding areas. We distribute over 1,000 items of food a month and are seeing an increase in need as the financial crisis deepens so we are wholly reliant on the generosity of our donors. All the food on our list are welcome, although we are at present well stocked with baked beans, pasta and tea.

OXFORD SLEEP-OUT The Sleep-Out in aid of homeless people takes place on the night of Saturday 14 November in St Clement's Churchyard. Details are on the website at www.oxfordsleepout.moonfruit.com which has a link to the Just Giving site—one way to give to this cause. There are some publicity materials at the back of the church, including sponsorship forms. Please consider sleeping out and, everyone, please sponsor those who sleep out. You can sleep in your own bed for £20, paid to The Oxford Sleep-Out, c/o Oxford Night Shelter, PO Box 177, Luther Street, Oxford, OX1 1SF.

INTERCESSIONS If you have friends or acquaintances whose names are on our intercessions list, please could you be sure to update either Fr Peter or Joyce Day as to their progress each month. It helps us to hear news of those for whom we are praying, and also prevents names being left on the list in perpetuity by accident. If nothing is heard, we will normally remove names after four weeks.

THE REVD JENNIFER STRAWBRIDGE is a priest from the Diocese of Virginia in the Episcopal Church of the USA who, before she was ordained, attended St Mary Magdalen's while a Masters student at Keble. She is a close friend of Fr Peter and Fr Allen Shin, who are delighted to have her back in Oxford. Jenn is serving as Assistant Chaplain to Fr Allen at Keble whilst undertaking doctoral work in New Testament and Early Christian Studies, and has also kindly agreed to take on the Wednesday lunchtime mass celebration at Mary Mags whilst Sr Margaret Anne is at LMH. Many will have seen her on Sunday mornings, and we look forward to her growing involvement with us over the coming months.

CANON WILFRID BROWNING formerly Oxford's Diocesan Director for Ordinands and for very many years a regular celebrant at St Mary Magdalen's, has now moved away from the city. His new address is The College of St Barnabas,

Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, RH7 6NJ. He would be delighted to hear from any old friends at Mary Mags.

A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch's major new BBC TV series on Christian history begins this month, with the first episode to be screened on Thursday November 5th at 9pm on BBC4. Filming this series has taken Diarmaid all over the world, though members of Mary Mags will be pleased to know that several scenes were filmed within and from our church, and one of our servers even swung a thurible for the cameras. (Whether these shots have made it into the final edit remains to be seen.) All are strongly encouraged to watch what promises to be a highly educational and entertaining programme.

KEBLE COLLEGE MID-TERM RETREAT Fr Allen Shin is pleased to invite members of St Mary Magdalen's to a day retreat taking place at Keble on Saturday 7 November from 10:30am - 4:30pm. The title is "Meditations on 'The Light of the World'", and the Revd Georgie Simpson, Director of the Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth, will lead reflections on Holman Hunt's famous painting. The cost is £5, and includes lunch. Please speak to Fr Peter or email Fr Allen (allen.shin@keble.ox.ac.uk) if you would like to take part.

ADVENT STALL AND CHRISTMAS PRODUCE There will be a stall selling home produce, decorations and other items after the high mass on Advent Sunday, 29th November. There will also be an order form printed allowing members of the congregation to order produce in time for Christmas. All proceeds will go to church funds.

SUNDAY CELEBRANTS In accordance with the decision of the PCC, the names of those celebrating mass on Sundays are listed in each month's Parish Notes, as well as on the weekly pew sheet one week in advance. November's celebrants are as follows:

1st November 8am, 10:30am: Fr Peter Groves; 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson
 8th November 8am Fr Richard Smail; 10:30am Fr Peter Groves; 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson
 15th November 8am Fr Peter Groves; 10:30am Fr Peter Groves; 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson
 22nd November 8am Fr Richard Smail, 10:30am Mthr Leanne Roberts, 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson
 29th November Fr Richard Smail, 10:30am Fr Peter Groves, 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson

STUDENT NIGHT Tuesday evening is student night at St Mary Magdalen's. We meet weekly for a variety of activities, gathering at the vicarage from 7:30pm to share a drink, each other's company and our thoughts, prayers and ideas. At 10pm the evening ends with Compline, for which we repair to Hertford College Chapel. The theme chosen for our attention this term is "Food in the Bible", and we shall have a series of reflections and Bible studies concerning Biblical eating and drinking over the next few Tuesdays.

Sunday Readings

NOVEMBER 1ST:	Revelation 7:2-4,9-14	I John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
NOVEMBER 8TH:	1 Kings 17.10-16	Hebr 9.24-28	Mark 12.38-44
NOVEMBER 15TH:	Daniel 12.1-3	Hebr 10.11-14, 18	Mark 13. 24-32
NOVEMBER 22ND:	Daniel 7.13-14	Apoc 1.5-8	John 18.33-37
NOVEMBER 29TH:	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	1 Thess 3: 12-4: 2	Luke 21: 25-28,34-36



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 November 2009

1	Sun	ALL SAINTS	<i>Parish Community</i>
2	Mon	All Souls	<i>The faithful departed</i>
3	Tue	Feria	<i>John, our Bishop</i>
4	Wed	Charles Borromeo, B	<i>Rowan, our Archbishop</i>
5	Thur	Feria	<i>The PCC</i>
6	Fri	Feria	<i>Oxfam</i>
7	Sat	All Saints of England	<i>Our country</i>
8	Sun	32ND SUNDAY: REMEMBRANCE	<i>Parish Community</i>
9	Mon	Feria	<i>Spiritual Directors</i>
10	Tue	Leo the Great, B Dr	<i>Theologians</i>
11	Wed	Martin B	<i>Victims of conflict</i>
12	Thur	Feria	<i>Oxford deanery</i>
13	Fri	Feria	<i>Helen and Douglas House</i>
14	Sat	Feria	<i>Parish fundraising</i>
15	Sun	33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<i>Parish Community</i>
16	Mon	Feria	<i>The homeless</i>
17	Tue	Feria	<i>Peace in the Holy Land</i>
18	Wed	Feria	<i>Vocations</i>
19	Thur	Feria	<i>The elderly</i>
20	Fri	Feria	<i>Confessors</i>
21	Sat	Feria	<i>Choir and Musicians</i>
22	Sun	CHRIST THE KING	<i>Parish Community</i>
23	Mon	Feria	<i>Oxford City Council</i>
24	Tue	Feria	<i>Altar servers</i>
25	Wed	Feria: anointing at 6pm mass	<i>Healing ministry</i>
26	Thur	Feria: anointing at 12.15pm mass	<i>Oxford's hospitals</i>
27	Fri	Feria	<i>Home communicants</i>
28	Sat	Feria	<i>The persecuted church</i>
29	Sun	ADVENT SUNDAY	<i>Parish Community</i>
30	Mon	Andrew, Ap.	<i>The church in Scotland</i>
