

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

Holly Ryan, 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, Jonathan

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 High Mass of the Lords Supper with the Washing of Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose, followed by the Stripping of the Altars and a Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

12 noon Three Hours Devotion led by Fr Peter Groves

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Time

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

Eucharist 8.00

High Mass with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows 10.30

CHURCH PREPARATION AND SILVER CLEANING will take place from 9:30am in church on Holy Saturday (3rd April). Morning Prayer will be said beforehand, at 9am.

CHRISM MASS On Maundy Thursday, the Cathedral will host the Eucharist with the Blessing of Oils and renewal of ministerial commitment. The service begins at 11am and all are most welcome to attend.

MAUNDY THURSDAY The Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 7.30pm, and the watch of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will continue until midnight.

THE THREE HOURS DEVOTION on Good Friday will be led by Fr Peter Groves. The theme will be "The challenge of Luke's gospel", and the addresses take the form of meditations upon six episodes from Luke which are unique to his gospel.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH There will be a special meeting for Holy Week and Easter on Maundy Thursday at 3pm, beginning at St Mary Magdalen's. All children and their families are most welcome, whether or not they have been before. Members of the church are particularly encouraged to invite any friends and relatives who might be interested.

CONFIRMATION Alan Russell will be confirmed by Bishop Henry Richmond at the High Mass on Sunday 18th April. Alan is well known to our lunchtime congregation as a faithful attendee at daily mass, to which he comes from his work at the Ashmolean Museum. Since he lives a fair distance from Oxford, he is not usually able to worship with us on Sundays, and hence is one of a significant number of our members who frequent the church on weekdays rather than at weekends. It is important that a church such as ours makes the most of the varied congregational patterns which we enjoy thanks to our location, and so we are absolutely delighted to welcome Alan to confirmation this month.

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL The electoral roll of the parish will be brought up to date in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Anyone who has attended the church regularly during the last six months is entitled to be on the roll, and so to be able to vote at the APCM. Application forms are available on the table

by the north door. If you are not on the roll, and are qualified, please complete an application form and give it to one of the church officers.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Vicarage.

THE RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST meets on Saturday 17th April from 10am in the Vicarage.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30 in church. It will be preceded by the Annual Vestry, which will elect two church wardens for the ensuing year. This year's APCM will be out of the ordinary. The formal business will be completed swiftly, and there will be an opportunity to share refreshments before Fr Peter speaks. As well as offering his report on the state of the parish, he will be announcing some very important developments concerning our future ministry. All members of St Mary Magdalen's are strongly urged to make this meeting an absolute priority.

NOMINATION FORMS for candidates for election to the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod are available at the back of the church. Everyone who wishes to stand for election must be proposed and seconded. Nomination forms should be handed in to the parish priest, churchwardens, or Susan Purver, Secretary of the PCC, preferably not later than Sunday 25th April.

VICARAGE TEAS This month's vicarage tea will take place on Wednesday 28th April, from 3:30pm in the Vicarage. Melanie Marshall will give a short talk on her research into the great Roman historian Tacitus, and his portrayal of Roman politics and government. All are very welcome. Any wishing to attend this tea and stay on for the Annual Parochial Meeting are most welcome to make extended use of the vicarage—please speak to Fr Peter.

TAIZE The annual Diocesan trip to Taize takes place this year from July 24—August 2. The trip is for those aged between 16–30. Any who are interested can find more by visiting the Taize website, or collecting a flyer from church.

GET THEE TO A MONASTERY is a scheme initiated by the Anglican Religious Communities Council to spread awareness of the role which can be played by these Communities enriching the spiritual lives of any who may feel drawn or who may just be curious. You are invited to spend 24 hours with a Community of your choice. This day, which includes the 12 hour Greater Silence, will provide time for prayer, worship and meditation and also working and talking with those who do this every day.

Religious Communities have been described as the 'praying heart of the church'. If this is so, then they are a resource which church members should feel free to call on and use as imaginatively as possible. Some Communities have facilities for groups to come for Away Days or planning meetings, where the ambience of prayer and peacefulness is refreshing and helpful for considering new approaches. Our regular Thursday evening group makes use of such facilities at All Saints Convent.

The list of all participating Communities may be found by contacting info@gttam.org.uk In Oxford, for information about All Saints Sisters of the Poor, www.asspoxford.org/ please contact Sister Jean Raphael on 01865-249127 or jeanraphael@socallss.co.uk to discuss their day which runs from evening on 19th until evening on 20th April, or simply speak to Sr Margaret Anne. Regarding Sisters of the Love of God at Fairacres Convent, www.slg.org.uk please contact Sister Clare-Louise on 01865-721301 about their day from 4pm on 20th—4pm on 21st April.

GIANTS OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT This long promised series of study morning will finally get underway this summer. The first two sessions will both concern great Christian thinkers from the church's early life. On Saturday 8th May, Dr Stan Rosenberg of Wycliffe Hall will speak on Augustine of Hippo (AD 354—430), and on Saturday 5th June, the Revd Dr Teresa Morgan, Fellow of Oriiel, will lead a session on Irenaeus of Lyons (c. AD130—202).

FR PETER will be on holiday from work from 6—13 April

SR MARGARET ANNE will be on holiday from the parish from 12—19 April.

SUNDAY CELEBRANTS April's celebrants are as follows:

Sunday 4th April 8am Fr Richard Smail, 10:30am Fr Peter (No 5:30pm mass)

Sunday 11th April 8am Fr Richard Smail; 10:30am, Sr Margaret Anne ASSP, 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson

Sunday 18th April 8am, 10:30am Fr Peter; 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson.

Sunday 25th April 8am Fr Richard Smail, 10:30am Fr Peter, 5:30pm Fr Jay Wilson (The Triduum services will be celebrated by Fr Peter.)

A YEAR IS NOT A LONG TIME

by Fr Peter

As I prepare each month's Parish Notes, I look back at the previous year's effort, and doing so this year reminded me that it is almost twelve months since Sister Margaret Anne joined us as Associate Priest. I'm sure you will agree with me that she has been a tremendous blessing to the parish, and I personally have found her a wonderful support, and a pleasure to work with. The changes we made to our normal practice before the appointment was made seemed enormous at the time, but the seamless way in which we have continued to flourish is a reminder that fear of change can be a blight upon the church. As we go from strength to strength as a praying and worshipping community, we should not only give thanks for all the blessings we are afforded, but accept prayerfully the responsibility we are given to build on our present circumstances, and to ensure that St Mary Magdalen's continues to be an energetic centre for the gospel of Jesus Christ for many generations to come. The challenges we face will come at a cost, but I have every confidence that now is the time to move forward boldly. For this reason, we are making this year's annual parochial meeting gathering of the highest import. At the meeting we will take the opportunity to share our plans for the short, medium and long term, and invite our members to join in the task of bringing those plans to fruition. Please prioritise this meeting, which takes place on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in church.

Sunday Readings

APRIL 4TH:	Acts 10.34, 37–43	Colossians 3.1–4	John 20.1–9
APRIL 11TH:	Acts 5.12–16	Revelation 1.9–13, 17–19	John 20.19–31
APRIL 18TH:	Acts 5.27–32, 40–41	Revelation 5.11–14	John 21.1–14
APRIL 25TH:	Acts 13.14, 43–52	Revelation 7.9, 14–17	John 10.27–30



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 April 2010

1	Thur	MAUNDY THURSDAY	<i>Vigilance</i>
2	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY	<i>Penitence</i>
3	Sat	HOLY SATURDAY	<i>Hope</i>
4	Sun	EASTER DAY	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
5	Mon	Easter Octave	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
6	Tues	Easter Octave	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
7	Wed	Easter Octave	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
8	Thur	Easter Octave	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
9	Fri	Easter Octave	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
10	Sat	Easter Octave	<i>Thanksgiving for the resurrection</i>
11	Sun	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Parish Community</i>
12	Mon	Feria (Easter)	<i>John our Bishop</i>
13	Tues	Feria (Easter)	<i>Rowan our Archbishop</i>
14	Wed	Feria (Easter): <i>anointing at 6pm</i>	<i>Healing ministry</i>
15	Thur	Feria (Easter): <i>anointing at 12.15pm</i>	<i>Oxford's hospitals</i>
16	Fri	Feria (Easter)	<i>Monthly requiem</i>
17	Sat	Feria (Easter)	<i>Choir and musicians</i>
18	Sun	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Parish Community</i>
19	Mon	Feria (Easter)	<i>The persecuted church</i>
20	Tues	Feria (Easter)	<i>Oxfam</i>
21	Wed	Anselm B Dr	<i>Theologians</i>
22	Thurs	Feria (Easter)	<i>Altar servers</i>
23	Fri	George, M	<i>Our country</i>
24	Sat	Feria (Easter)	<i>The homeless</i>
25	Sun	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	<i>Parish Community</i>
26	Mon	Feria (Easter)	<i>Christ Church</i>
27	Tue	Feria (Easter)	<i>Churches Together</i>
28	Wed	Feria (Easter)	<i>Our parish</i>
29	Thur	Catherine of Siena, V Dr	<i>Spiritual directors</i>
30	Fri	Feria (Easter)	<i>The faithful departed</i>
