





# St Mary Magdalene's Monthly Update

## October 2020

(Services in church unless otherwise stated)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Harvest	11.00am <b>Harvest Festival</b> Family Service	 Luke 12:16-30	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of Old Reading Road, Park View; Animal Welfare Day; Grandparents Day; Deanery Synod & Team Council Members
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am Virtual <b>Community Café</b> (on Zoom)		Our village and community as we come together and build relationships
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 18	11.00am Parish Communion (Livestreamed)	Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Our own church of St Mary Magdalene; residents of Portway, Retreat Gardens; Crowmarsh History Group; all who work in our Prisons and Prisoner Welfare People; our Church Cleaners
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October Luke the Evangelist	11.00am Parish Communion	Isaiah 35:3-6 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9	St John's R.C. Church, Wallingford; residents of Robert Sparrow Gardens, Stephens Field; those who spread the Good News of the Gospels; Welcomer's and Sidespeople
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Bible Sunday	11.00am Family Communion (Livestreamed) <b>followed by</b> <b>APCM</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-12 Matthew 24:30-35	St Mary's & St Leonard's, Wallingford; residents of Thames Mead, The Limes; Doctor's and Nurses and all who work for and in the Care Service; Members of the PCC
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>All Saints'</b>	11.00am Family Service ----- <b>6pm All Souls'</b> <b>Memorial</b> <b>Service</b>	Matthew 5:1-12 -----  Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33 John 6:37-40 -----	The Methodist Church, Wallingford; residents of The Street, Winters Field; Crowmarsh Ladies, Crowmarsh Indoor Bowls; Remembering all who have gone before us; our Churchwardens  ----- For all the faithful departed.

Livestreamed services (alternating with Brightwell's 9.30am Sunday service) appear on the Wallingford CofE Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/wallingfordcofe](http://www.facebook.com/wallingfordcofe)).

Other regular services:

- Morning Prayer (Common Worship) - Fridays 9am
- Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) - Sundays 6pm (switching to 4pm when clocks change)

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## **Church News:**

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

This meeting has been delayed from April and reviews our church life in 2019 but also looks forward as we elect our PCC and church wardens (and hopefully their deputies). For those who can't join us physically in church, a Zoom meeting (ID 687 610 8967 & Passcode 422377) starting around noon will also allow remote participation from home. Please check your details on the Electoral Roll at the welcome desk, or fill in a form if you would like to be added.

### **Church Finances**

At this time of year, we would normally be in full fundraising mode with the Autumn Fair and Fun Dog Show and the Quiz'n'Chips, neither of which are currently feasible. This undoubtedly leaves a hole in our finances. Among his reflections on the lockdown and "rule of six" (see [www.oxford.anglican.org/six/](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/six/)), the Bishop of Oxford has suggested that church members who have been lucky enough to be unaffected financially could consider raising their church giving from 5% of annual income to 6%. Of course, his other suggestions are equally important, so please do check them out!

### **Regular Giving - the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**

We encourage all our regular church members to give via the Parish Giving Scheme, a direct debit which you control, but crucially it allows the Gift Aid element to be received every month which is a significant boost to our cash flow.

More details can be found here: [www.oxford.anglican.org/support-services/parish-support/generous-giving/parish-giving-scheme/](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/support-services/parish-support/generous-giving/parish-giving-scheme/) and it is possible to join or adjust your giving with a simple phone call to 0333 002 1271, quoting the appropriate PGS Parish Code: 270627530.

### **and for "one-off" Gifts...**

Online giving is now simple and easy from any smart phone or internet-connected device. Donors are given the choice of giving with the benefit of Gift Aid or completely anonymously. Scan or click on this link:



### **Looking ahead: All Souls**

Each year in November the church has a special day on which we remember and pray for those who have died. The day is called All Souls. Working within the social distancing rules, we shall once again be holding a special service to mark this on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6pm**, during which the names of the departed will be read out and there is an opportunity for those who wish to light a candle in memory of loved ones. If you wish to include the names of anyone known to you please add their name to the list which will be at the back of church.

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