



St Mary Magdalene's Monthly Update

January 2026

(Services will be held in the Recreation Pavilion)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 4 th January Christmas .2.	11.00am Family Service	John 1; [1-9]10-18	The Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford; Residents of Crowmarsh Hill & Home Farm; For those who work at The Institute of Hydrology & the British Geological Survey; the Residents of Huntercombe Prison.
Saturday 10 th January	Community Café		Our Village and Community as we come together and build relationships
Sunday 11 th January Epiphany .1. Plough Sunday	11.00am Parish Communion	Isaiah 42; 1 – 9 Acts 10; 34 – 43 Matthew 3; 13 - 17	The Free Church, Brightwell Cum Sotwell; for the Residents of Home Farm & Jethro Tull Gardens. For Farmers & the Farming Community. People who work for local Charities. For our Church cleaners.
Sunday 18 th January Epiphany .2.	11.00am Parish Communion	Isaiah 49; 1 – 7 1.Cor; 1; 1 – 9 John 1; 29 - 42	St Agatha's & St James, Brightwell cum Sotwell; For the residents of Lane End & Meadow Lane. For all Church Leaders of whatever Creed. Staff and Patients in Hospital and all Carers. Welcomer's & Sidespeople.
Sunday 25 th January Epiphany .3.	11.00am Family Communion	T.B.A	Cholsey Free Church. Residents of Murren Croft & Newnham Green' Those who work at R.A.F Benson; The British Red Cross. Members of our PCC

Other regular services:

Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer will be on hold whilst work is carried out in the Church Building.

- **Refurbishment - Loo & Servery** – Work has been gathering on apace, and the pews are now back in their proper place, with lovely new Pew Ends, the others had almost disintegrated with the damp. The Servery and Toilet are now waiting for the installation of the equipment, and facilities, and the Oak cladding will be started very soon. We had a very good response to our “Open Day”, which had been organised by the Builders, and many people made the effort to come along to see what had been happening in the church building. We are hoping that we shall have a Faculty granted very soon for a new floor in the Lady Chapel (North Transept) and also for the floor to be raised in the old Kitchen.

Linda’s Talk – “Christmas in Wartime” was a successful evening, and well received; Edwina and her little group of Carollers went Carol Singing around the Village; and both events raised useful amounts towards our Restoration Funds.

- **The Crowmarsh House Group**;- the House Group with Rosie and Paul is open to more Members if anyone would like to join this Group, Meeting on Thursday Afternoon’s at 2.30pm, it will be re-starting after the Christmas break on 8th January 2026
- **Diary Dates**:-
- **Saturday 10th January** will be our **Community Café**, open 10.00 – 12.00.
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- **Giving**:
- All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are very welcome: the majority of our members use the Parish Giving Scheme as it is the most efficient way of reclaiming Gift Aid - new forms are available at the welcome desk. Alternatively, you can give electronically with the option of Gift Aid, using this QR code on a smart phone. We also accept hard cash!



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