



St Mary Magdalene's Monthly Update

December 2025

(Services will be held in the Recreation Pavilion)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 7 th December Advent .2.	11.00am Family Service	Matthew 3; 1 - 12	St Mary's Church Cholsey: Residents of Old Reading Road & Parkview: Local Christian Initiatives- Street Pastors/healing on the Street/the Prayer Walking Ministry: For our Church Cleaners
Saturday 13 th December	Community Café		Our Village and Community as we come together and build relationships
Sunday 14 th Dec. Advent .3.	10.45am Act of Remembrance Church Lych Gate	Isaiah 35; 1-10 James 5; 7-10 Matthew 11;2-11	St Mary Magdalene Crowmarsh Gifford: Residents of Portway & Retreat Gardens: Parish Councillors & the Crowmarsh Historical Society: Sacristan & Servers.
Sunday 21 st Dec. Advent .4.	11.00am Parish Communion	Isaiah 7; 10-16 Romans 1; 1-7 Matthew 1; 18-25	St John's Church, Wallingford: Residents of Robert Sparrow Gardens & Stephens Field: Crowmarsh Indoors Bowls Club; All those who work with the Youth Groups.
Thursday 25 th Dec. <i>Christmas Day</i>	11.00am Family Communion	Isaiah 62; 6-12 Titus 3; 4-7 Luke 2;[1-7]8-20	St Mary's & St Leonard's Wallingford: Residents of Thames Mead & The Limes: All Priests / Deacons and Lay Workers: Local House Groups.
Sunday 28 th Dec. Christmas .1.	10.00am Team Communion St Agatha's		Methodist Church, Wallingford: Residents of The Street & Winters Field: Paramedics and Ambulance Drivers; Neighbourhood Watch: Deanery Synod & Team Council Members.

Other regular services:

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

* Livestreamed services (alternating with Brightwell's 9.30am Sunday service) are on the Wallingford CofE Facebook page (www.facebook.com/wallingfordcofe).

- **Refurbishment - Loo & Servery** – There has been much work done over the past month, the new floor for the Servery has been laid, the back pew on the North Aisle has been removed and the floor levelled and retiled, and all the structural woodwork is almost complete. There are now signs of a Loo and Servery shaped spaces visible. The new Pew Ends are almost ready, so work to replace the Pews will be happening very soon. We were hoping to be able to use the Church for Christmas, and the Builders would have helped us to move the endless bits and bobs, but there would be so much work to do to make it usable, that we felt we would not be up to the challenge so near to the Christmas Season.

We are hoping that we shall have a Faculty granted very soon for a new floor in the Lady Chapel (North Aisle) and also for the floor to be raised in the old Kitchen.

- **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.
- **Diary Dates**;-
- **Saturday 13th December** will be our **Community Café**, open 10.00 – 12.00 and there will be a Table Top Sale, to book a table, contact Zoe Bagley, garagesale25.oxvok@passmail.net. Tea, coffee and cakes in the Village Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Crowmarsh Church building appeal.
- Linda will be giving a Talk to be held in St Mary's Church Wallingford on **Saturday 13th December**, entitled "*Christmas in Wartime*" and will take a look at how Christmas has been celebrated by Armed Forces and civilians in the conflicts of the 20th and 21st centuries.
- **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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