

St Mary Magdalene's Monthly Update – May 2024

(Services in church unless otherwise stated)

Day / Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for
Sunday 5 th May Easter 6 / Rogation Sunday	11am Family Service	Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17	A good growing season and for all who produce and supply our food; The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford; residents of Lane End, Meadow Lane; C.A.B.I.; The Air Ambulance Service; Deanery Synod and Team Council Members
Thursday 9 th May Ascension Day	8pm Team Communion at St Agatha's, Brightwell	Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-end Luke 24:44-end	Our understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ as risen, ascended and glorified
Saturday 11th May	10.30am – Noon Community Café at the Village Hall	CAFE	Our village and community as we come together and build relationships
Sunday 12 th May Sunday after Ascension	11am Parish Communion 4pm Evening Prayer Newnham Murren	Ezekiel 36:24-28 Acts 1:15-17,21-26 John 17:6-19 Psalm 147:1-12 Isaiah 61 Luke 4:14-21	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Murren Croft, Newnham Green; those recently retired; Nursing home Residents and Staff; our Flower Arrangers
Sunday 19 th May Pentecost	9.30am Confirmation Service at St Agatha's, Brightwell	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	St Agatha's & St James', Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Old Reading Road, Park View; people who live alone and the lonely; our Church Cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards
Sunday 26 th May Trinity Sunday	11am Family Communion	[Isaiah 6:1-8] Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	United Reformed Church, Aston Tirrold; residents of Retreat Gardens, Robert Sparrow Gardens; all who work in Universities & Higher Education; our Congregation
Sunday 2 nd June Trinity 1	11am Family Service	Mark 2:23 - 3:6	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of Stephens Field, Thames Mead; Grand Parents & Great Grand Parents; our Sacristan and Servers

Other regular services:

- Morning Prayer (CW) Fridays 9am
- Evening Prayer (BCP) Sundays 6pm

The Crowmarsh House Group meets regularly on Thursdays at 2.30pm at Paul & Rosie Benham's home (30 Marshfield). Please ask them for more information.

APCM News:

Linda Parker continues as our sole Church Warden and we will be looking for a new Treasurer at the end of 2024, ideally who could shadow Frank Sadler for a smooth handover. We have now received two tenders for the new toilet and servery work, which gives us a target of around £150k – a generous donation of £10k has already been given which gives us a wonderful start!

All church members are encouraged to join those in elected posts in doing the Basic Awareness and Foundation SafeGuarding Training: see www.oxford.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/

SPECIAL EVENT: Confirmation Service at St Agatha's on Pentecost

Instead of our usual 11am service, please come to support the 4 teenage candidates from Brightwell, as well as two people from St Peters Wootton, who will be Confirmed by Bishop Gavin of Dorchester at the 9.30am service on Sunday 19th May. Please also pray for them as their big day approaches.



Christian Aid Week: 12th - 18th May 2024

Let us help to push back against poverty to save lives from hunger and help families build more resilient futures. Christian Aid Week is an opportunity to give to this worthwhile cause and any donation will be very gratefully received. Please give generously via https://give.christianaid.org.uk



Church Guide: We are hugely grateful to Paul Benham for putting together a new online church guide which can be followed on a smartphone around the church. Give it a try by opening the camera on your phone and scanning this QR code. You may need to be patient as it loads but then you should be able to scroll through it. Feel free to share any feedback.

Dates for your Dlary:

- Saturday 25th May: 2-4pm Spring Fair at St Agatha's, Brightwell
- Sunday 30th June: 11am Team Communion here at St Mary Magdalene's

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 efficent 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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