







St Mary Magdalene's Monthly Update November 2023

(Services in church unless otherwise stated)

Day / Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 5 th November All Saints	11am Family Service ----- 6pm All Souls' Memorial Service	Matthew 24:1-14 ----- 	The faithful departed; St John's RC Church, Wallingford; residents of Murren Croft, Newnham Green; Paramedics and Ambulance Drivers; all who visit our Village; Deanery Synod and Team Council Members
Saturday 11 th November	10.30am – Noon Community Café at the Village Hall		Our village and community as we come together and build relationships
Sunday 12 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.45am gather at Lychgate War Memorial	 Isaiah 2:2-5	The Royal British Legion, all those in the Armed Forces at home or overseas; The Methodist Church, Wallingford; residents of Old Reading Road, Park View; Our Flower Arrangers
Sunday 19 th November 2nd before Advent	11am Parish Communion	Zephanaiah 1:7,12-18 1Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	The Wallingford Baptist Church; residents of Retreat Gardens, Robert Sparrow Gardens; Local Politicians and Government Workers, our Parish Council; Church Cleaners
Wednesday 22 nd November	7.30pm Open Meeting		That we may build a team to manage the new toilet and servery project
Sunday 26 th November Next before Advent Christ the King	10.00am Team Communion at St Mary's, Wallingford	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31- 46	St Mary's and St Leonard's, Wallingford; residents of Stephens Field, Thames Mead; Crowmarsh Indoor Bowls Club; for all who work at RAF Benson; our Team Congregations
Sunday 3 rd December Advent Sunday	11am Family Service ----- 4pm Advent Carol Service at Newnham	Mark 13:24-37 ----- Various	The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford; residents of The Limes, The Street; Crowmarsh Youth Football Club; Neighbourhood Watch; our Sacristan and Servers

Other regular services:

- Morning Prayer (CW) Fridays 9am
- Evening Prayer (BCP) Sundays 4pm (except 5th Nov / 3rd Dec)

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From the Team Vicar:

Please support Brightwell's **Mini-Christmas Market** on Saturday 4th November from 10am to 1pm at St Agatha's, also serving tea/coffee and cake, etc.

All Souls' Memorial Service – Sunday 5th November at 6pm

Each year in November the church has a special "All Souls' Day" when we remember and pray for those who have died. During this service, 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 on the welcome desk.

We will be holding an **Open Meeting** on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm** in the church with the aim of building a project team to manage all aspects of the **toilet and servery project**, including grant funding at each stage. Please invite any community-minded villagers who would like to be involved.

The Crowmarsh House Group will continue to meet on Thursdays at 2.30pm at Rosie & Paul Benham's home (30 Marshfield), following the new video-based Bible Society Course on Romans. See: www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-romans-course/

Advent Carol Service at Newnham Murren Church – Sunday 3rd Dec at 4pm

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the Farm House next door for £3 per person, with funds raised split between for our church and the Churches Conservation Trust.

Christmas Dates for your diary:

Sunday 10th December, 6pm: Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 24th December, 3pm: Crib Service

Children especially welcome as we retell the Nativity story, with children in costume

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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