



# The Benefice of Tilehurst St George and St Mary Magdalen

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### Lent Term

20<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023



#### COPY DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

#### FROM THE VICARAGE

Adam Carlill writes

Dear Friends,

Lent is about to start, and I am very excited that we will be using the Come and See material from the Diocese. Please see the poster overleaf for how you can join in on Wednesday mornings at St Mary Magdalen's and Thursday evenings at St George's. I am very grateful to Lesley Sutcliffe and Peter Mayers for leading on this.

Holy Week this year will see the traditional Holy Services happening each day at St Mary Magdalen's, while St George's will be having a special Good Friday service on the Friday morning. Please do try to attend as many of these services as you can, so that you can make the most of journeying to the cross and the empty tomb together.

With best wishes,  
Adam

#### WHAT'S ON

##### Weekly Events

- Sun 10am, Holy Communion, St George's and St Mary Magdalen's
- Wed 10am, Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalen's
- Fri 10am, Holy Communion, St George's  
12noon – 4pm, HEED, Hear Embrace Enable Delight, St George's. Drop in for tea, coffee, company and to keep warm.

#### February

- Mon 27 5.30pm, St Mary Magdalen's PCC, Zoom Meeting

#### March

- Fri 3 World Day of Prayer
- Sat 11 10.30am, Norcot Ward Councillors' Surgery, St George's Centre.
- Mon 13 6pm, St George's PCC, St George's Centre  
7.30pm, Café Théologique, Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street.
- Sun 19 11.30am, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Mary Magdalen's
- Sun 26 10am, Closing Service for St George's Mothers' Union  
11.30am, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St George's

#### April

##### Holy Week 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April.

- Sun 2 10am, Palm Sunday service at both churches.
- Mon 3 6pm Holy Communion and Night Prayer, St Mary Magdalen's
- Mon 4 6pm Holy Communion and Night Prayer, St Mary Magdalen's
- Mon 5 10am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalen's  
6pm Holy Communion and Night Prayer, St Mary Magdalen's
- Thur 6 6pm Maundy Thursday Communion, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and Vigil, St Mary Magdalen's.
- Fri 7 10am Good Friday service, St George's  
12 noon Good Friday Liturgy and Communion, St Mary Magdalen's.
- Sat 8 6pm Easter Vigil, Service of Light and First Communion of Easter, St Mary Magdalen's.
- Sun 9 10am Easter Day service at both churches.

#### Funerals from the Benefice

- 09-Jan John Martin Pratt
- 06-Feb Mary Edwina Munday
- 10-Feb Aaron Whight né Grenville  
Josiah Gumbs

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### ADVANCED DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### April continued

- Sat 15 10.30am, Norcot Ward Councillors' Surgery, St George's Centre.
- Mon 24 6pm, St George's PCC, St George's Centre

#### May

- Sat 6 Coronation of King Charles III will be live-streamed in church.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD WIDE CHURCH IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

##### Praying for Christians around the world

- 26-Feb The Scottish Episcopal Church
- 05-Mar Church of the Province of South East Asia
- 12-Mar The Church of South India (United)
- 19-Mar The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 26-Mar The Anglican Church of South America
- 02-Apr Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- 09-Apr Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

#### ADVERTISING POLICY

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# COME AND SEE

**Come and See takes place during Lent each year. It's the Diocese of Oxford's big, warm, open invitation to everyone for an adventure in faith and trust. It's something for the local church and the whole community...**

This year Come and See is based around an exploration of The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12 and Luke 6:20-23)

There are different ways to join in.

**Sign up for Daily emails.**

Register online for Come and See at [www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

Everyone who signs up will receive a daily email during Lent with a short, written reflection that you can also listen to if you wish. Each Sunday, you will receive a link to a short film from Bishop Steven.

If you don't have email, you can buy a small booklet which covers similar material (cost £2)

**Sign up for the weekly resources for families**

Family groups can also sign up for a weekly email for households with primary-aged children. The materials are written to allow either an adult or child to lead and will help the whole household to encounter and engage with the Beatitudes throughout the week.

**Join a midweek study group.**

In the Benefice we will be running two groups.

**Wednesday mornings at St. Mary Magdalen. Starting with worship at 10am. Beginning Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Thursday evenings at St George's centre at 7.30pm. Beginning Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

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