**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sundays**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 1st & 3rd Sunday

Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) 2nd & 4th Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship ) 2nd,3rd & 4th Sunday

with Sunday Club and Crèche (followed by tea or coffee fellowship)

Services on the 5th Sunday as announced

**Healing**

A Healing Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 8.00am communion service and also at 10.30am. Unless otherwise announced.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms will take place (by prior arrangement) at 12.15 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month, except during Lent. The November service is held on the third Sunday only To arrange a Baptism see Mr. Keith Houghton MBE after the 10:30 am service (approx 11:45am) ( 01942 797838).

**Arrangements for Weddings**

For weddings, parishioners should see Rev. Martin Cox at the Vicarage. Please telephone and make an appointment in advance (01942 883313) .

**Pastoral Needs and Visits**

Parishioners with pastoral needs (requests for counselling, personal problems or advising of illness) or any request of an urgent nature should contact the vicarage direct on telephone 01942 883313.

Housebound sick communions can also be undertaken and any parishioner not presently on the sick communion list, who wishes to be considered to receive such a visit, should advise clergy accordingly.

***Martin, our Team Rector, has a rest day towards the end of each week. Please make contact with him as you need to on 01942 883313 and he will respond to you as speedily as he can.***

**St. George’s Church**

We now have a website for you to use, with lots of up to date and interesting information. We welcome your feedback.

http://www.tyldesleystgeorge.co.uk

**The Parish Church of**

**St. George, Tyldesley.**

**June 2018**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

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***01942 883313***

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St. John’s Vicarage, Mosley Common

***0161 790 2957***

**Ordained Local Rev. Angela J Dand**

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**Treasurer**

**“Together in worship, love and service”**

**JulyEdition 2018**

**REFLECTING ON ST.MARY MAGDALENE.**

On 22nd July, the Church celebrates the feast of St.Mary Magdalene. And in the Western Christian tradition, she has come down to us as something of a composite figure.

From the Gospels we know that she cane from Magdala, a town in Galilee (hence her name), and she was freed from our Lord from a terrible affliction. After her healing, Mary became a follower of Jesus, and together with a number of other women, she accompanied and helped our Lord and his disciples as they travelled around Galilee. She was present when Jesus made his last journey to Jerusalem, and on the following Friday she stood at the foot of the cross and looked on in horror as her Lord, and ours, was crucified. And it was to Mary, inconsolable in her grief, that the risen Jesus first appeared. And she it was who bore to the disciples the wonderful news of his resurrection.

This much we know for certain. But as time went on, other details came to be added. In the Middle Ages, a tradition arose in the Western Church identifying her with the unnamed woman who was a sinner and with Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who anointed Jesus’ feet with ointment. This tradition has always been challenged by the Eastern Orthodox Church, and is not accepted by most scholars today. It is significant that the Common Worship calendar commemorates separately Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany.

And yet running through the whole of this composite picture of St.Mary Magdalene there is a common theme. And it is quite simply this; that a living faith, arising out of true devotion to our Lord, inevitably leads to growth, and continuing growth, in our relationship with him. And this idea of moving on, and of new beginnings, is present in all aspects of the tradition.

It is there in our Lord’s healing of Mary, which led to her devoted discipleship. It is there also in the life of the woman who was a sinner, whose crushing burden of guilt our Lord removed, enabling her to make a new start. So too it is present in the story of the anointing at Bethany,

**From the Registers May 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1st | Funeral |  |  | 90 | | 6th | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Morning Praise |  | 3 | 39 | | 10th | Team Eucharist | 34 |  | 34 | | 13th | Morning Prayer |  |  | 5 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 36 | 3 | 39 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 25 | 180 | | 20th | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 45 | 5 | 46 | |  | Evening Prayer |  |  | 2 | | 22nd | Funeral |  | 2 | 30 | | 27th | Morning Prayer |  |  | 3 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 12 |  | 12 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 16 | 67 | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |

**Collection Totals May 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**  £269.55 £25.00 £790.00 £525.25  **Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund**  £10-00 / per week  **Donations** £24.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

Margaret and Stuart would like to thank everybody for their Sympathy cards, Prayers and all their help and support, also the generous donations to the Royal British Legion in memory of David a loving husband and father.

God Bless you all.

Margaret and Stuart

Our most grateful thanks go to Mrs Agnes Smith for her donation of £200.00 to the Restoration Fund which is most appreciated.

It was lovely to see our friend Mr. Jim Fearick back in Church. Jim please be assured of our thoughts and prayers that you will make a good recovery.

Kath & Iain

where Jesus uses Mary’s act of devotion to prepare her for his sacrificial death. And it is present as well, and majestically so, in the risen Lord’s appearance to her in the garden, where he beseeches her not to touch him. She was not to try to recapture the past, to settle back into the relationship she had had with Jesus when they had journeyed together in Galilee. Their relationship had been close but it had been subject to the limitations of time and space. However, with our Lord’s ascension to the Father, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, a new and even deeper relationship between Jesus and Mary would be possible, which would not be thus confined. And it was towards this new relationship that our Lord was leading Mary; itself both a goal or an end, but also a new beginning.

Mary Magdalene’s pilgrimage is the pilgrimage of us all.

Irrespective of where we are on our personal journey of faith, we too are invited by our Lord to move on, to enter into an ever deeper and closer relationship with him. He it is who provides us with the capacity to change and grow. He it is also who will lead us, provided we listen attentively to his voice calling our name. ’Do not hold me’, said Jesus. Do not cling to past experiences, precious though they are, that you are willing to sacrifice the present and the future. Every day of our lives, our Lord sets before us any number of new opportunities to grow; to enter more fully into the life in all its fullness which he gave his life to bring us.

May we, like the blessed St. Mary Magdalene, in love and devotion to our Lord, be willing to take them; that we too, in joy and wonder, may continue to recognise and re-discover our Lord afresh, and more profoundly, as she did on that first Easter morning.

With love and prayers,

David



**July Flower List**

"We thank the following members of the congregation for Altar flowers in July"

1st July. Mrs Elsie Winward.

8th July. "Open for offers"

15th July. Daughters of the late Mr Charles G. Baker

Mrs M West.

22nd July. The family of Mrs Florence Holtom.

29th July. Mrs Margery Howcroft.

Our thanks to Mr Alan Taylor for additional flowers in Loving Memory of his dear wife Patricia Taylor and Birthday Memories of his dear daughter Sharon Louise on 23rd May.

Many thanks to Mrs Joan Berry and family for additional flowers with Loving Birthday Memories of her dear husband Harry.

On 10th June we thank Anne Saunders Bradford for additional flowers to celebrate the 90th birthday of her dear Mother.

Thank you to Mr Keith Houghton for this continued support to the flower fund.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower fund during June. L.F.

**Consolation**

To the family of

Darrell Berry

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Welcome to the Family**

Caroline Amanda Dennison

Ivy Elizabeth Brennan

Iyla Seren Bancroft

Frankie Eric Medley-Thornton

Olly James Molyneaux

Nell Olivia Johnson

Bella-Rose Twist

*Newly Baptised*