

**COLLECT for  
the SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens  
and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in  
all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

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**DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon 1st</b>	1.45 pm	Bible Group (in the Coffee Shop)
<b>Tues 2nd</b>	7.30 pm	Home Group, 13 The Avenue
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	1.15 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Communion (Revd Rod Corke) Alpha Course, Session 3
<b>Thurs 4th</b>	11.00 am 7.30 pm	Holy Communion (Revd Dennis Cavaghan) Contacts Group meeting (in Church)
<b>Fri 5th</b>	8.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Communion (Revd Rod Corke) Choristers Practice Adult Choir Practice Voice
<b>Sat 6th</b>	9.30 am	Parish Prayers for All (Chapel)

**Monday to Friday 2.45 pm Evening Prayer is said in Church.**

# Today

at St Mary Magdalene Church

**Sunday 31st January 2010  
Second Sunday before Lent**

Companion to  
"Together"  
St Mary Magdalene's  
monthly magazine

Dear Friends,  
Welcome to St. Mary Magdalene today—we hope you feel comfortable and able to worship God. We try hard to be a friendly, forward looking Church.

The latest edition of the sister publication of the Today sheet, the Together magazine, is published today and is a very good read. Thank you to all involved in producing and distributing it.

Last week some of our young people ran Eternity Café on Sunday evening in the Upper room. The room was made to look attractive and coffee and cakes were served. We then enjoyed worship together and it was a refreshing way to end a Sunday evening. They hope to run Eternity café once a month and attract others to join them. Well done to you all!

A correction is needed however: the Ash Wednesday Communion Service, will need to be at **6.00pm** because Alpha begins at 7.00pm.

The TCT Service of Unity was also held on Sunday evening at Trinity Church and the Revd Michael Whitfield from the URC spoke on the importance of churches working together.

The bookshop is making changes. We struggle with making a profit on new books so the emphasis is switching to second hand. So if you have finished reading books you received for Christmas, please donate them. They would be gratefully received. If you can help in the bookshop we are always looking for volunteers!

Ken Gratrex has received several orders for the new angel figure in glass. Don't miss out - sign up today!

The scaffolding has gone and the roof repaired. Normality returns—praise the Lord! The website has been updated, new dates entered and the Today sheet should now be online. Don't forget to look at [stmarymagdalenetaunton.org.uk](http://stmarymagdalenetaunton.org.uk). We are still struggling to upload recordings of the sermons—but I'm working at it!



Blessings, Rod

## THIS SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY—SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

### 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher: Revd Dennis Cavaghan

### 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (no robed choir)

President: Revd Rod Corke

Deacon: Revd Paul Tullett

Preacher: Revd Dennis Cavaghan

Welcome team led by Shirley Gurnham

Intercessions: John Lee

Readings: I Corinthians 13; John 4: 19-29a

Reader: Daphne Seddon

Hymns: AMNS 336 (omit vv 3, 4), 170 (omit vv 3, 4),  
166, 172 (omit v 3)

### 6.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Leader: Revd Paul Tullett

Preacher: Revd Rod Corke

Readings: I Chronicles 29: 6-19; John 4: 19-29a

Reader: John Hassall

Hymns: AMNS 184, Choir Anthem "If ye love me", 102, 161

Psalm: 48

## NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY—SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

### 8.00 HOLY COMMUNION

President and Preacher: Revd Rod Corke

*This service will include a celebration of the 58th Anniversary of the Accession of the Queen. Coffee will be served after the service.*

Readings: I Peter 2:11; Matthew 22:16

### 10.00 CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP

Leader: Revd Rod Corke

Preacher: Revd Paul Tullett

Welcome team led by Betty and Colin Matthews

Hymns: Per sheet

### 6.30 pm HOLY COMMUNION (Sung Eucharist)

President and Preacher: Preb Terry Stokes

Deacon: Revd Paul Tullett

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Matthew 6:25-end

Reader: Joan Martin

Hymns: AMNS 105 (omit vv 4, 5, 6), 180, 263, 204

## We Pray for:

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK** John Bower, Nigel Crayford, Shirley Graves, Faith Gunter, Kenneth Higgins, Ruth Hodgson, Julia Mann, Alison Mollan, Norma Punshon, Joyce Gratrex, Frances McKirgan, Marianne Ring

**IN HOSPITAL** Elizabeth Stevens

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY** of Charles Farrow

**YEARS MIND** Harold Lockwood (01.02.1993), Marjorie Bartlett (03.02.2000), Charles Farrow (04.02.1997), Jack Anderson (05.02.1996), Harold Bailey (05.02), Peggy Hancock (05.02.2001), Leonard Bosley (05.02.1997), Bill Holway (06.02.2000), Alan C Thomas (06.02.2007)

**A TOTAL OF £315** was raised for Open Door as a result of your Christmas card donations—well done!

**BABY HATS** Please keep knitting as hats are urgently needed for our Musgrove outreach, and we are so grateful to all knitters. Jane Maclure is away but please give them to the Bookshop and Ann Tomlinson will pick them up from there for immediate distribution. Warmest thanks.

**CONTACTS GROUP MEETING** The meeting planned for next Wednesday, 27th January has been POSTPONED until Thursday, 11th February. Please check e-mails, pigeon holes and letterboxes for your current list.

**TOTS PRAISE** will be starting again on Friday, 5th February.

**FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS** A quiet day for Lent, exploring desert spirituality, will be held at St John the Evangelist Church, Taunton, on 20th February from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. For more information, contact Revd Jane Eastell on 01823 321069 or e-mail [jane.eastell@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:jane.eastell@bathwells.anglican.org).

**HOME GROUPS** If you are interested in joining a Home Group, would you please let Paul know (contact details on back of sheet). Also, if anyone is interested in hosting a small group meeting monthly or fortnightly, would they please have a word with Paul.

**A LINK LEADERS MEETING** will be taking place on Tuesday, 9th March at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

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**BOOKSHOP** The Bookshop needs your books! Both hardback and paperbacks would be welcome on any subject to help us build and expand our selection of secondhand books. Please think of us first, as any that we cannot use will be taken to the Oxfam Bookshop and disposed of on your behalf. We have some exciting plans for the future of the Bookshop but we will need to build up our stock before we can put our plans fully into action.

**BOOK GROUP** We are looking for interested parties to join our new St Mary Magdalene Bookshop Reading Group to start in February, reading a different book each month and then joining in with a group discussion led by Gary Penny. If you are interested, would you please put your names and contact details down on the list at the back of the church and Gary will contact you with full details. For further information, contact Gary on by e-mail at [info@whitewedding.uk.com](mailto:info@whitewedding.uk.com) or telephone 01823 433321 (Mobile 07970 762629).

**AUTOGRAPH WALK** Rosie's Ramblers are invited to join her on Saturday, 6th February at 11.00 am at West Monkton Quarry to follow Taunton Deane's Walk 14. The walk is 5 kilometres (just over 3 miles): "quite a short walk over undulating countryside to the north of this pleasant village, with fine views all around". Do come along and join us by signing up at the back of church by Thursday, 4th February and taking a sheet of instructions.

**AUTOGRAPH PANCAKE AND QUIZ NIGHT** on Tuesday, 16th February at 7.00 pm in church. Cost £3. Please sign up on the list at the back of church. If you are able to provide pancakes, would you also indicate this on the appropriate form. Thank you.

**IAN CARSON** is planning to go to the opening recital on the new Slovenian Skrabi pipe organ in Lyme Regis parish church on Monday, 8th February at 7.30 pm. He would be able to transport three people, if anyone is interested in going. Free tickets from the Tourist Office (telephone 01297 442138).

**A 'KESHER' COURSE** exploring the origins of Christianity will be taking place at Rockwell Green Christian Centre over 10 monthly sessions on Saturday evenings at 7.00 pm starting on 13th February. For more information, contact Mrs M A Threlfall (telephone 01823 663287 or e-mail [marionthrelfall@hotmail.com](mailto:marionthrelfall@hotmail.com)).

Would you please note that the **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed during the week beginning 8th February for remedial work. Lucy will be working at home and will be back in the office on Tuesday, 16th February at 9.15 am.