

St Mary Magdalene 185th Anniversary

Congratulations to St Mary Magdalene on reaching her 185th Anniversary! The church first opened 1st December 1939. Sadly a fire broke out in December 1898 after which the church was rebuilt in its current style and dedicated on October 20, 1900.



Original church



Current church

Remembrance Sunday

Each of our churches held a special Remembrance Day Service honouring all those who lost their lives in service of their country. Elizabeth, John, Alice and Robert from St Aidan's created a special memory table where various items of war memorabilia were displayed.



Remembrance Day floral display, created by Alice and Elizabeth



We extend our deepest sympathies to all who have been bereaved together with the assurance of our thoughts and prayers. *Nunc Dimittis*

Name	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Church
Mary Emily Mason	23rd Nov	3rd Dec	St Mary Magdalene



St Aidan, St Mary Magdalene, St Simon with St Philip

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Special Service ~ A Blue Christmas

This year we will be holding a different type of Christmas service The 'Blue Christmas' service is aimed at those of us who find Christmas a hard time of year, through bereavement, loneliness, or any other reason. If you are need of some comfort and reassurance, please do come along on:

Sunday 22nd December at 6.00 pm in St Mary Magdalene.

Wishing everyone a holy and blessed Christmas.

December 2024



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES



1st Dec	United - St Simon 11.00 am–Advent Sunday–Holy Communion		
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde/Rev Ross Mungavin		
Reader/s	Thelma Turpin		
Prayers	Billy Hughes		
Readings	Deuteronomy 21:22-23 Philippians 2:5-8		
8th Dec			
	St Simon 10.00	St Aidan 11.30	St Mary Magdalene 11.30
Service	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Morning Prayer
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde/ Rev Ross Mungavin	Ven Barry Forde	Rev Ross Mungavin
Reader/s	Billy Hughes	Liz Adair	Joan Rodgers
Prayers	Rev Ross Mungavin	John Collins	Rev Ross Mungavin
Readings	Isaiah 29:13-24 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Isaiah 29:13-24 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Genesis 3:14-15 Revelation 12:9-11
15th Dec			
	United - St Mary Magdalene 11.00 am–Acoustic Carols		
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde/Rev Ross Mungavin		
Reader	Ben Mungavin		
Prayers	Ross Mungavin		
Readings	Psalm 110:1-7 Hebrews 5:1-10		
15th Dec			
	United Carols by Candlelight 6.00 pm -St Aidan		
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde/Rev Ross Mungavin		
Reader/s	1 Robert Redpath–Genesis 3:8-15 2 Michelle Gray–Genesis 22:15-18 3 Kate Irving–Isaiah 9:2-7 4 Emma Serplus–Luke 2:1-21 5 Billy Hughes– Matthew 2:1-12 6 Libby Garstang–John 1:1-14		
22nd Dec			
	St Simon 10.00	St Aidan 11.30	St Mary Magdalene 11.30
Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde/ Rev Ross Mungavin	Rev Ross Mungavin	Ven Barry Forde
Reader/s	Sharon Hughes	John Collins	Eddie Gill
Prayers	Billy Hughes	Alan Serplus	Ven Barry Forde
Readings	Genesis 3:14-15 Revelation 12:9-11	Genesis 3:14-15 Revelation 12:9-11	To be confirmed

Readers should inform Rev Ross Mungavin if they are unavailable to read on the selected date

24th Dec	St Simon 4.00 pm–Christmas Eve Carols & Holy Communion
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde/Rev Ross Mungavin
Reader/s	Emma Mungavin
Prayers	Ven Barry Forde
Readings	Luke 2:16-20
25th Dec	
	St Aidan–10.00 am–Christmas Day Service
Lead/Preach	Rev Ross Mungavin
Reader/s	John Collins
Prayers	Rev Ross Mungavin
Readings	Luke 2:8-12
29th Dec	
	United - St Mary Magdalene 11.00 am
Lead/Preach	Ven Barry Forde
Reader	Bill Jeffrey
Prayers	Ven Barry Forde
Readings	Luke 2:41-51 Hebrews 5:1-10

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

An extraordinary meeting of the General Vestry will be held on Wednesday 11th December at 7.00 pm in St Aidan's.
 All registered Vestrymen/women are encouraged to attend. Future plans for our grouped churches will be outlined and you will have the opportunity to express your views and help in the decision making.
 Please keep this process in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS SALE

Blackstaff Snooker Club

Thursday 12th December at 7.30 pm,
 in the Snooker Room at
 St Mary Magdalene halls.

I'm sure everyone will agree that our first united Christmas Sale, held in St Simon's Community Hub on 30th November, was a great success. Thank you to all who supported it in any way and a special word of appreciation to St Simon's for securing the venue and inviting the other two churches to join with them.

There will not be a newsheet produced in January.