

21 JULY 2024

Dear Friends

The Rev'd Castro Adieabah, pictured, will lead our Eucharist on Sunday at 10.30.

Some of our regular activity is now closing for the summer. The Jolly Club and in-house Bible Study will resume in September, and Zoom Bible Study will resume on 6 August. There is no Sunday evening prayer this week or next week.

Our church will close after the service on 4 August, reopening on 8 September under Fr James. During this period, our sister church on Lake Como, the Church of the Ascension, and St Edward's church in Lugano will remain open. More details in next week's newsletter.

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Notice of Council meeting 25 July

Fr James will join our July Council meeting as a guest. The agenda for our next Council meeting, to be held by Zoom at 21:00 25 July 2024, contains the following items:

1. Treasurer's report and financials to 30 June
2. Update on church matters
3. Motion to transfer legal representation of the church from Rupert Dodds to the Rev'd James Hadley effective from 8 September 2024
4. Resignation of John Sanders as Council member

John is resigning as he and his family are relocating to the United States of America.

If you have any views on any of these issues, or any other matters concerning our church, please speak to a Council member beforehand. The Council comprises Rupert Dodds (Lay Vice-President and Treasurer), Carol Carmody (Secretary), Lee Kirkpatrick-Smith and Florine Postell (Churchwardens), Robert Morley (Clergy), Orla Ralph and Ozioma Onwochei (Synod representatives), Ester Luconi, Pietro Vita Spina, Julia Holden, Rosemary Albergo, Albert Adjabeng and John Sanders.

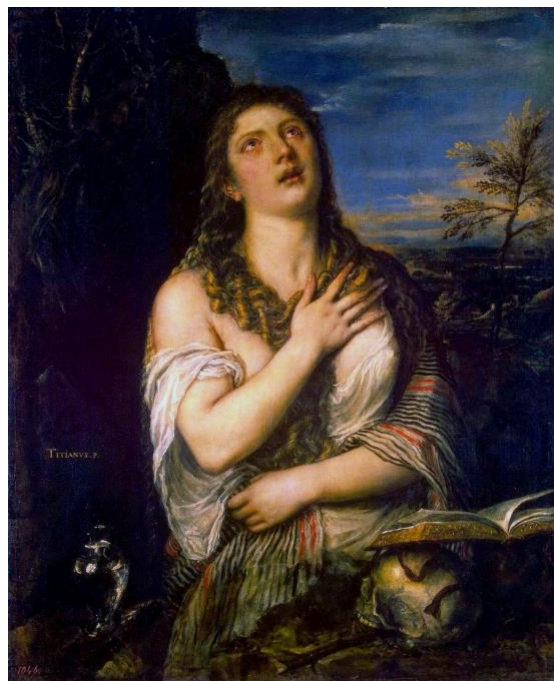
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Feast day of St Mary Magdelene

The feast day of St Mary Magdelene, or Mary of Magdala, falls on 22 July. Magdala is a fishing village on Lake Tiberius.

Mary is mentioned extensively in all four gospels as a travelling companion of Jesus. She is mentioned more often than any other woman, and more often than most male apostles, so she carries much importance. So much so that Pope Francis refers to her as “Apostle of the apostles”.

All four gospels have Mary as a witness to the crucifixion, and the three synoptic gospels place her at the burial. She is described as either the first or one of the first witnesses to the Resurrection.



*Repentant Magdelene – Titian
The Hermitage Leningrad*

Mary can blame Pope Gregory for slandering her reputation by suggesting she was a promiscuous woman, even a prostitute. There is no evidence that the unnamed “sinful woman” who anoints Jesus’ feet in Luke 7 is Mary. To the contrary, Mary may well have been wealthy and a sponsor of Jesus’ ministry on earth.

Pastoral care

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone (0039) 345 5835978 (Church mobile), (0039) 026 552258 (Priest’s apartment), or [email](#).

Links to our regular activities

Sunday evening prayer will not take place on 21 July. **Morning prayer**, at 9.00 Monday to Friday, is [here](#).

Bible study by Zoom will not take place throughout the rest of July, and in person Bible study and the Jolly Club will resume in September.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of anyone within the All Saints’ community, then please contact our safeguarding officer, [Catherine Bell](#), or use our Safeguarding Policy found [here](#).