

## Sunday Eucharist at 10am in April

April 7th	Revd Jackie Fox
April 14th	Revd Martin Bull
April 21st Easter Day	Canon Michael Glanville-Smith
April 28th	Revd Jackie Fox & Mrs Loretta Williams

### Silence-Reflection-Compline:

**Wednesday 17th 8pm-9pm** an hour of silent prayer and reflection in the chapel. Concluding with Compline.

**Maundy Thursday 18th April 10am.** Eucharist

**Good Friday 19th April 2-3pm Reflections at the Cross**

### The Magdalen Fellowship

Meets for a time of silence and reflection every Monday morning except Bank Holidays: starting at 10:00 am. Our monthly Eucharist and Service of Healing will be held on Monday, 1st April. For more information contact Anne-Marie Tarter on 602129.

### Sunday Readings as set in the lectionary

April 7th	Philippians 3. 4b-14	John 12.1-8
April 14th	Philippians 2.5-11	Luke 23.1-49
April 21st	1 Cor. 15.19-26	John 20. 1-18
April 28th	Revelation 1.4-8	John 20.19-31

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**We have a website: <http://stmarymagdalenripon.org/>**

## Chapel of St Mary Magdalen Newsletter April 2019



**With Easter A New Day Dawns  
with a prayer and a challenge.**

### Prayer Before Birth: Louis Macneice

I am not yet born; O hear me.  
Let not bloodsucking bat or the rat or the stoat or the  
Club footed ghoul come near me

I am not yet born; console me.  
I fear that the human race may with tall walls wall me,  
with strong drugs dope me, with wise lies lure me,

On black racks rack me, in blood baths roll me

I am not yet born; provide me  
With water to dandle me, grass to grow for me, trees to talk  
to me, sky to sing to me, birds and a white light  
in the back of my mind to guide me.

I am not yet born; forgive me  
For the sins that in me the world shall commit, my words  
when they speak me, my thoughts when they think me,  
my treason engendered by traitors beyond me,  
my life when they murder by means of my  
hands, my death when they live me.

I am not yet born; rehearse me  
In the parts I must play and the cues I must take when  
old men lecture me, bureaucrats hector me, mountains  
frown at me, lovers laugh at me, the white  
waves call me to folly and the desert calls  
me to doom and the beggar refuses  
my gift and my children curse me.

I am not yet born; O hear me,  
Let not the man who is beast or who thinks he is God  
come near me.

I am not yet born; O fill me  
With strength against those who would freeze my  
humanity, would dragoon me into a lethal automaton,  
would make me a cog in a machine, a thing with  
one face, a thing, and against all those  
who would dissipate my entirety, would  
blow me like thistledown hither and  
thither or hither and thither

like water held in the  
hands would spill me.

Let them not make me a stone and let them not spill me.  
Otherwise kill me.

*Highlighted points to ponder - but then they all are.  
In the Easter life we seek to nurture life.*

## Coming Up

The regular monthly events will be on the back of this Newsletter  
as usual - less common events to remember in your prayers or  
as appropriate put in your diary include:

### **Poetry Evening: Was held on Saturday 16th March**

We were given £200 toward the fundraising account from the  
enjoyable evening. Allison is hopeful that another poetry event  
will take place in September WATCH THIS SPACE

### **Annual Meeting: took place on Sunday 24th March.**

The Dean, as Master presided for us at 10am and then chaired  
the Annual Meeting of the Chapel.

It was not news to the Chapel Congregation that I am standing  
down and handing on the role of Chaplain at the end of July this  
year. I don't have the amount of energy I had and age and  
demands are wearing, I feel that is the time to hand on the role.  
A role that I enjoy and have gained great encouragement from.  
The Dean is looking....for a successor to me. Do look at the  
Minutes of the meeting for other news...but keep the afternoon  
of Friday 26th July free for a celebration of 30 years since the  
chapel was rededicated, and a celebration of all that our many  
supporters and Friends have contributed over the years. The  
Bishop, the Trustees and others hope to be there along with our  
Friends from St Johns Bondgate.