

The readings are those for the Festival of **Mary Magdalene** and not of the 7th Sunday after Trinity. These are Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-end, Mark 6:30-34, 53-end.

A Few Words on the readings for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Song of Solomon 3:1-4 Love is continually active. It is imaginative and tenacious. No obstacle can stop its search for the beloved. Absence and solitude drive the lover to discover the beloved and love is renewed. This message can be seen in Mary Magdalene's determined search for her Lord and in the fulfilment that she finds as she meets Jesus in the garden.

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 Paul speaks of Christ's overwhelming love for us expressed in his death and resurrection and our need to return that love. The moment we accept his love we are changed for ever and become a new creation. We pray that, in the words of Wesley's hymn, Christ will finish his new creation by leading us into a perfect relationship with him.

John 20:1-2, 11-18 Having sought her Lord and found him, Mary runs to tell others about him. She becomes the Apostle to the Apostles and gives us thus an example of mission which we, both as a church and individually, strive to follow. Let us pray that the re-opening of our church for worship on the Festival of Mary Magdalene may lead us into a greater witness to our community of the love of Christ for us.

Radio & TV

Sunday Worship Radio 4 8.10am The Bishop of Llandaff preaches at St Peter's, Senghenydd, near Caerphilly, in a service exploring rebirth and renewal after trauma.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Katherine Jenkins visits the Roman Catholic cathedral in Arundel and explore the gardens and Radzi Chinyanganya meets chart-topping nuns the Poor Clares.

Choral Evensong BBC Radio 3 Sunday 3pm A repeat of the service from Westminster Abbey to mark the 400th anniversary of the death of church musician. Edmund Hooper & Wed 3-30pm Evensong from Selwyn College, Cambridge, for the eve of the feast of St Mary Magdalene, recorded on June 29th.

The Daily Service (15 m) Weekdays at 9h45 on BBC Radio 4 long wave.

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