

St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

20th May 2018
Pentecost

Welcome to our Sunday Services

A warm welcome to everyone joining us at St Mary Magdalen this week, especially if you are here for the first time or visiting. On the next page of this newsletter you'll find all the essential information you might need for this morning's service.

"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1.3) Over the years many people have played important parts in the life of St Mary's Church and helped us to live and worship together. Today I would like to record my particular thanks to two members of our congregation who have recently stepped down from their roles. **Peter Carr** has held key responsibilities in the church at key moments in our shared life and has been a faithful member of the serving team for our Sunday worship, but has now decided that it is time to put this role down. **Simon Britton** has been PCC Secretary for the last two years and has helped me enormously during my settling in as Vicar. Again, Simon has decided that it is time to let go of this role so that he can better balance his many church and 'retirement' activities. I would like to record my personal appreciation of both gentlemen, of all they have done for us together and of the help they have been to me. Adrian

DIOCESAN SYNOD Do you want to be part of helping the local Church of England to flourish? We are looking for new people to volunteer to join the Diocesan Synod- a forum for people from across the Diocese of Leicester to come together two or three times a year.

As well as a kind of assembly for the Diocese of Leicester, Synod is also a place where we come together to pray, discuss, and think about issues affecting the Church of England and our society. A new Synod is elected this summer. For further information speak to Neil in the first instance.



ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service and the readings and hymns are on an additional sheet. Large print versions are available from the sidespersons (the welcomers at the door).
- If you are using a hearing aid, please switch it to the T position so as to make best use of the hearing loop system.
- It is traditional to stand for the hymns and some of the prayers and readings, but if this is difficult for you then please do remain seated and comfortable.
- In the entrance area are toilets, and there is a crèche area at the back of the church.
- During the service there are activities in the entrance area for children of all ages, at Sunday Club.
- As part of each service we share Communion together and everyone is invited to come forwards to receive bread and wine as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. If you would prefer to come for a blessing then simply carry the service booklet with you.
- At 10.00am, non-alcoholic communion wine is available on request in the Lady Chapel (to the left) and gluten free wafers on request at the main Communion rail.
- Please talk to the sidespersons if you have any other questions and do please stay after the 10.00 am service for tea or coffee and introduce yourself to some of us.

Listening to God's Word, Sunday 20th May 2018

Our Bible readings at our services are:

Psalm 104.24-30

Acts 2.1-21

John 16.5-15

The sermon title today is **"Witnessing, not waiting!"**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 20th May Pentecost	8.00am 10.00am 2.00pm	Eucharist Sung Eucharist Blessing & Thanksgiving
Monday 21st May Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 22nd May	9.30am 3.30pm	Eucharist Parkinsons Choir visit to Church
Wednesday 23rd May	10.30am 1.00pm 8.00pm	Funeral _ Elizabeth Coulseay (St G) Tiny Tots 'Happiness Course' (Narthex)
Thursday 24th May	10.00am 7.30pm	Thursday Morning Club (Centre) "Exploring Mark" - Narthex
Friday 25th May		
Saturday 26th May		
Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th May**.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS: It is with much sadness that I have to tell you that Elizabeth Coulseay died in hospital on Monday 7th May. She will be much missed by her many good friends at St Mary's and St Guthlac's, and beyond. Elizabeth's funeral will be on **Wednesday 23rd May**, at 10.30am, at St Guthlac's Church. Adrian

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(The Parish Office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9.30am until 2.30pm, unless stated differently in the diary above.)

The office is closed on **Mondays**.

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, ‘fiftieth’ of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover.

On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Festival, as described in Acts 2:1-31. Christians believe this event represents the birth of the Church, as this was the moment that the early Church was empowered to perform the mission which the risen Christ had entrusted to it. St Paul notes the importance of the festival from the very beginning of Christianity (Acts 20:16 and 1 Corinthians 16:8 for example).

Pentecost was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ’s disciples are born again of water and the spirit.

There is some evidence that the Ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke’s chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of this flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of his Spirit.

Pentecost was originally known as “Whit Sunday” or “Whitsun” and this is how it is described in the Book of Common Prayer. Though some think that name derives from white clothes worn by newly baptised in Eastertide, it may be derived from “wit”, hence “wisdom”, referring to Holy Wisdom in Proverbs and the Book of Wisdom, with which the Holy Spirit has often been identified.

(from the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer)

QUIET DAY The Quiet Day at Launde Abbey is now fully booked.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £1000 from our recent production of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat; this has been divided equally between the Leicester Royal Infirmary Teenage Cancer Trust and The Bodie Hodges Foundation. Many thanks to everyone involved.

MOTHERS UNION Just a reminder that there will be no outing or meeting on 21st May. Instead, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 28th August at 2.15pm with a talk on 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Everyone is welcome.

CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT? Veronica Brown needs a lift to church and then back home on Sunday 27th May for the 8.00am Eucharist. If you're able to help Veronica, please call her in the afternoon on 288 9284.

SUMMER LUNCH

Saturday 16th June - 12noon for 12.30pm

Parish Centre

Tickets £7 each (available from Judi Stone and Cora Paul)

Come and join us for a delicious lunch of cold salmon,
salads and new potatoes. (other options available)

Selection of homemade desserts, wine, tea and coffee.

Enjoy the food and fellowship with your community and church family.

CHERISHING THE PAST, SHAPING THE PRESENT AND PLANTING FOR TOMORROW - THE NEXT STEPS: A small booklet outlining the results of my consultations with you about the past, present and future of St Mary's is now available at the back of the church. Please do take it away to read, think and pray about some more as the PCC consider our next steps. *Adrian*

DISCOVERING RURAL GEMS: A GATHERING FOR THE WHOLE DIOCESE TO CELEBRATE RURAL LIFE AND CHURCH - As Bishop Martyn's Rural Commission draws to a close, a special event to celebrate rural life and church, and open to everyone, is to take place at Brooksby Hall. 'Discovering Rural Gems' provides 'something for everyone to enjoy, discover, and to be inspired by'. As well as a Celebration Service, there is the chance to have a go at bell ringing, learn more about Forest Church and to meet some of the Brooksby farm animals. This special event takes place on Saturday 9th June, from 11am-4pm in the grounds of Brooksby hall and admission is free. Please see the poster at the back of church and the Diocesan website.

RAMADAN HAS BEGUN: A few days ago our Muslim neighbours began the fasting month of Ramadan, one of the annual obligations of Islam. During this month Muslims do not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset each day, and many will spend more time in prayer and reciting the Quran, and take up good deeds for others. It is also a time for the paying of 'Zakat', a donation to the poor of 1/40th of an individual's total wealth. Such a sustained level of fasting inevitably takes its toll, so please be extra considerate and kind towards our Muslim neighbours until the festival of Eid ends Ramadan on 15th June. *Adrian*

DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK - whatever your connection with dementia, or if you just want to know more, Leicester cathedral is offering a range of events and services to mark Dementia Action Week, 21st -27th May. There are leaflets with more information at the back of church.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

Cornelia Arnolda Johanna ('Corrie') ten Boom (1892 - 1983), Dutch Christian who helped Jews in WW2 and when discovered was sent to a concentration camp.

WW1 CENTENARY

The WW1 display in St Mary's will include photographs, memorabilia and artefacts from the period spanning 1914 - 1918.

Do you have anything you would be able to "loan" us for the first 2 weeks of November? Great care will be taken of anything loaned. We'll need the your items by Sunday 30th September.

Photographs of family, information of your family tree or old uniforms/medals of relatives? Maybe photographs of Knighton at that time.

Please contact any member of the display team. This includes: Sue Holligan, Ida Stanyer, Judi Stone, Sue Bonnett, Deb Martin and Carolyn Oldershaw. Thank you.

WW1 The Portfolio for Captain William Frances Macalevey, 54th Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps, is available at the back of church for you to read and take home. Information supplied by Barry Whitehead.

CAR PARKING On Sunday mornings, please do not park in front of the church or on the church path unless you need to do so for mobility reasons. Also, please do not block the paths.

GIVING SCHEME Regular giving can be made either by weekly envelope, periodic cheque or bank standing order. Details of the Scheme can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Giving Scheme Secretary : telephone 0116 2704272 or e-mail: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com If you are a tax payer and gift aid your giving, our Church can claim an additional 25%.

CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S Please note that any cheques for St Mary's must be made out to Knighton PCC.

Please send items for inclusion in the diary or notice sheet to James Gutteridge by **Thursday 12.00 noon**.

Contact James on office@knightonparish.co.uk or 0116 2702705.

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Please pray.....

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people..." 1 Timothy 2.1

Praying for the World: Pray for calm and peace in relationships between the USA and Iran, and all those other nations and leaders caught up in current tension.

Praying for the Church: please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and in the world, renewing Christians everywhere to live and share their faith more clearly.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive, Heddington Close, Baldwin Road.**

We pray for those who are unwell at the moment.

Gracious God, who journeys alongside us when we are sick, anxious or troubled, we pray today for

Anne Squires

Helen Nicholls

Bill & Ann Ibbs

May they know the power of your healing love, at work in body, mind and spirit. In the name of Christ the healer, hear us now. Amen

Please pray for those with ongoing illness, and for those whose names are on the prayer board in the Requiem Chapel.

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends:

Elizabeth Coulsey

Marko Cabaniuk

Please advise Adrian or Neil of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list.

