



**St Mary Magdalen Church
Church of England, Knighton**

**Sunday 18th August 2019
9th Sunday after Trinity**

**Service leader : the Rev'd Adrian Jones
Preacher: the Rev'd Matthew Gough**

Welcome to Morning Worship

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.

ON FIRE MISSION : 'RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF'

All Saints Church, Emscote, Warwick Saturday 12th October
10:00am - 4:00pm

A Midlands Celebration Saturday for all seeking renewal in the Holy Spirit., including age appropriate activities for everyone.

All Saints Church, Emscote, Warwick CV34 5NL

Speaker : The Revd Canon Kathryn Fleming, Canon Residentiary and Pastor, Coventry Cathedral.

On Fire Mission is an inclusive network, rooted in the Church of England, and open to all, which is dedicated to promoting Charismatic renewal blended with the riches of Catholic spirituality

Attendance is FREE but please reserve your place through www.eventbrite.co.uk (search for On Fire Mission Midlands). Tea, Coffee and soft drinks provided but please bring your own lunch.

For more information email : midlands@onfiremission.org or contact Fr Trevor Thurston-Smith tel. 0116 2880985

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service 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 main 10am service, Sunday Club for children meets in the Narthex as usual; the children go to their Club after 'A Word for the Children'.
- As part of the 8.00am 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.
- You are welcome to join Adrian for a short time of prayer before the main service: 9.30-9.45am at the front of the Lady Chapel (the chapel on the left).
- 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

Our Bible readings today are:

Jeremiah 23.23-29 and Luke 12.49-56

Today's theme is: "**Jesus-firestarter**"

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 18th August 9th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday 19th August	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 20th August	9.30am	Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 21st August		
Thursday 22nd August	9.30am	Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 23rd August		
Saturday 24th August		
Sunday 25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 30th August** at 11am.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING, SPECIAL GUEST BOB HARTMAN

Thursday 29 August 9:30am - 3:00pm

The Diocese of Leicester and Open The Book are pleased to present a day particularly for those involved in Open The Book to offer encouragement and support with Bob Hartman sharing his wisdom on storytelling. If you didn't already know he's fantastic at it. And there will be some exciting Open The Book updates. The day may also be of interest to those thinking about starting Open The Book, or interested in storytelling, if you're not sure if it's for you then contact Louise Warner, louise.warner@leccofe.org.

Book your free place here: <https://theartofstorytellingleicester.eventbrite.co.uk>

Refreshments will be provided throughout the day, including lunch and you are invited to make a donation towards the cost on the day. Don't forget to let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

There is a Christian Bookshop at St Martins House, who stock a range of things and will have copies of Bob's books available to purchase.

Thursday 29 August 9.30 for registration, the programme begins at 9.55am, – 3.00pm.

The campaign to save our spire

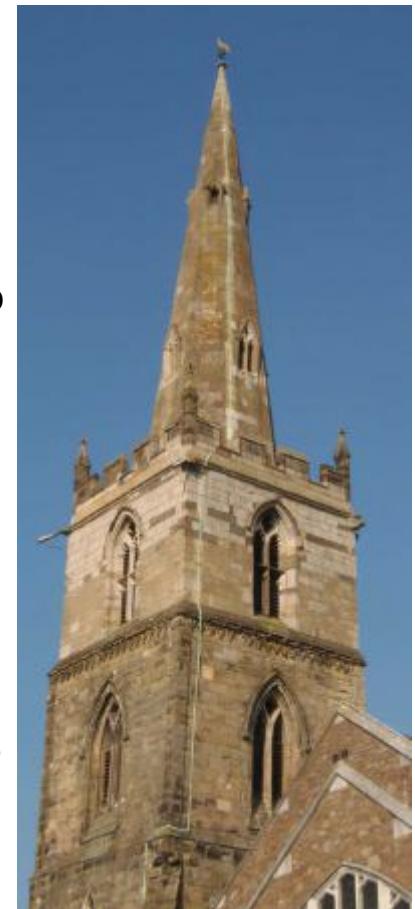
InSpired - our appeal for the spire

Many thanks to all of you who have placed orders for the special Christmas card. The response has exceeded expectations and will make a very valuable contribution to the appeal. We can now go ahead with our initial order. If you missed this opportunity, we'll make sure that we buy extra for purchase later.

The Spire Group is continuing to work on an exciting programme of events which we hope will attract people from all over the community. The Christmas Tree Festival in December promises to be really spectacular.

Please tell your friends and neighbours about all our events as they are announced.

One for your diaries now: there will be a curry night at Cuisine of India in Wigston at 7.00 on Monday 21 October. Tickets, for an excellent meal with a range of starters, main courses and ice cream, will be £16. There will be quizzes and a raffle. Tickets will go on sale shortly.



We are still looking for volunteers to help us in a couple of important areas:

- Is there anyone who could help design a logo and marketing literature for the appeal? We need something simple, not necessarily sophisticated but effective, which can be used for all events and on the web.

- Knighton Open Gardens is one of our biggest planned events, and we hope to run it next June. It offers the prospect of lots of fun and of course the potential to generate a lot of money for the appeal. But we need a small team to pull it together.

If you think you might be interested in one of these areas, please let one of the Spire Fund-raising Group know.

We are: Nigel Siesage, Adrian Jones, Sue Holligan, Sian Howard, Lorna Kirk, Michael Kirk.

Donations for the Spire Fund

We have already received some very generous donations. Cheques for the Spire should be made out to Knighton PCC, but make it clear that they are for the Spire, possibly by writing 'Spire Fund' on the back of the cheque.

If you already give to the church with Gift Aid, it will be possible to claim it on spire donations. Please speak to Lorna Pollard for advice if you have any questions about this.

Also, there are **Spire Fund Appeal envelopes** available for you to use in the pews. If you are a tax payer and complete the envelope, your gift will increase by 25%.

Many thanks
Nigel

STRIDING FOR THE SPIRE Flick will be undertaking the sponsored Historic Churches walk once more on 14th September and welcomes sponsors. Half the money raised comes back to St Mary's.

EMPTY CEREAL PACKETS FOR YOUTH GROUP If you have any empty cereal packets could you please donate them for a Youth Group activity? Please leave them in the box in the front of St Mary's porch. Thankyou, Tina.

CURRY NIGHT There is still time to sign up for the curry night on 21st October in aid of the spire appeal. See the list at the back of church. About half the available places have already gone, so don't leave it too late - and ask your friends and neighbours. Tickets are £16, and there will be quizzes and a raffle. The venue, Cuisine of India in Wigston, provides an excellent meal, has good parking and convenient access.

PARISH MAGAZINE The next edition of the magazine will be published in mid-September. Have you had a holiday which took you to interesting places of worship, or gave you insights into other denominations or faiths? Then you have the basis for one our occasional Travellers' Tales articles. All contributions relevant to our church and our readership are welcome. The deadline for this issue is 31 August. Please send copy to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com . Many thanks, Nigel Siesage

MOTHERS' UNION The diaries have arrived . I did order some extra for those who did not get round to asking for one. They cost £4.15 each. LP

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. Knighton Parish Office, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG

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(The Parish Office is open **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** and

Friday from 9.30am until 2.30pm, unless stated differently in the diary)

The office is closed on **Mondays**.

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME

Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day to day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 0116 2704272 or e mail: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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Please pray.....

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5.16-18)

Praying for the World: We pray for where there is severe political unrest in parts of the world where tyranny and oppression degrade the image of God's created humanity. We pray for the ongoing crisis in Kashmir. We pray for a return of the peace which has enabled families, schools and businesses to flourish. We pray against the authoritarianism in Hong Kong and Russia, for the courage of ordinary citizens standing against brutality and corruption. We pray for God's kingdom to come in these places. We pray for our partner Diocese in Tanzania, Mount Kilimanjaro. We pray for the work of Bishop Stanley Hotay how God continues to use his ministry to build the church there. We pray for their spiritual and material needs. At this time we pray for rain and for God's hand to oversee the flour production so that people's basic needs may be met. We pray for the ongoing work of the evangelists and ministers across the Diocese.

Praying for the Church: We pray for God's Kingdom to come amongst all those working with the homeless and vulnerable people on the margins of society. We remember that Jesus said "that whatever you do for the least you do it for me". We lift up the work of Sound Café in St Martin's House. We thank God for their hospitality and safe space which has now endured for five years. We thank God for the creativity and life giving poetry, arts and music which has richly grown amongst the women, men and volunteers. We thank God and seek his blessing for those individuals and businesses willing to commit time and gifts to the food banks and church based meal providers. We pray for those experiencing poverty and housing problems in our parish. We pray particularly for families on low incomes having to care and feed their children throughout the school summer holidays. May we have eyes to see as the Lord sees those in need and have a heart for befriending those who are overlooked.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:

Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue, Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay Road.

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for **Julie Everitt, David, Keith, Brian Pinder** and all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today.

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

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

Andrew Nutter

*Names will remain on the prayer list here for three weeks -
please let us know if they should then be moved to the 'Continuing Prayer' list used for
intercessions during the week.*