

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

Sunday 27th October 2019

**The Service Leader today is the Revd Janet Gasper and the preacher is
the Revd Matthew Gough**

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

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.



Prayer for the *InSpired* Appeal

Lord of the years, God with us;
You have a heart for our community,
You have given us a generous heritage,
You lead us on ancient paths and new journeys.

Bless our *InSpired* Appeal,
that this Church,
both people and building,
may point clearly to You;
for the sake of Knighton now,
and for the generations to come.

In Jesus name we ask.

Amen.

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. Sunday Club meets in the Narthex for primary school age children.
- 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.
- 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:

Psalm 139 & Mark 9.33-41

Today's title is Questions Jesus Asked:

"What were you arguing about?"

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 27th October Last Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 28th October Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 29th October	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's 2.00pm Craft, coffee & chat
Wednesday 30th October	7.30pm Benefice Choir rehearsal
Thursday 31st October	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 5.30pm "Angels and Heroes" Halloween event
Friday 1st November	
Saturday 2nd November	
Sunday 3rd November All Saints	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Worship 11.30am Eucharist

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 29th November** at 11am.

Adrian and Alison are away this weekend.

Remembering Our Loved Ones with Faure's Requiem

Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm
St Mary Magdalen Church



With the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.
Sung by the Benefice Choir and friends.
All Welcome.

InSPIREd

The campaign to save our spire

InSpired - our appeal for the spire

The Spire Group is continuing to work on an exciting programme of events which we hope will attract people from all over the community. Please tell your friends and neighbours about all our events as they are announced.

InSpired News

Curry Night

Our first special event for the InSpired appeal, the Curry Night at Cuisine of India on Monday 21st, raised a magnificent **£1,064**. This includes donations and raffle proceeds. Many thanks to all who came, all who gave and all who helped, not least Michael, who had the job of counting all those takings!

Online giving

It is now possible to donate to the appeal online. Just go to the parish website and follow the link. This is an easy, efficient way for people who live further away to contribute, so please pass this information on to any of your friends who care about the future of St Mary's.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with the planning of Knighton Open Gardens 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. You don't have to be an expert gardener – just be willing to help lead aspects of the organisation.

Your Spire Fund-raising Group are: Nigel Siesage, Adrian Jones, Sue Holligan, Sian Howard, Lorna Kirk, Michael Kirk.

Donations for the Spire Fund

We continue to receive 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, 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 blue envelopes available for you to use in the pews, if you wish to use this method in addition to your regular giving in the unmarked envelopes. If you are a tax payer and complete the envelope, your gift will increase by 25%. Many thanks. *Nigel*



InSpired

The heart of Knighton for 700 years

- **Celebrating our community**
- **Renewing our heritage**
- **Inspiring our journeys**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS: You will remember that recently we heard the sad news of the death of Johnathan Young, a long-time member of the church who had been living close to family in Yorkshire. I'm pleased to say that there will be a service of remembering and thanksgiving for Johnathan's life at St Mary's on Thursday 7th November at 2pm, and everyone is of course very welcome. I have advised his family that this is a service specifically for those of us at St Mary's who knew Johnathan, and that they should not add to their grief and tiredness by making the trek down here if it is difficult for them. If you have memories of Johnathan that you would like including in the service then do please write them out and let me know ahead of time. Thanks. Adrian

MORE CHURCH FAMILY NEWS: The funeral of Jean Arnison's daughter, Julie, will be held at 1.30pm this Tuesday, 29th October at Great Glen Crematorium. Please do remember Jean and her other daughter Sue, and Julie's partner Steve in your prayers this week.

LICENCES AND WELCOMES! It was a great pleasure to join a dozen or more folk from both churches in our benefice two weeks ago at the 'Called Together' service in the Cathedral. Amongst others, Fiona Wingate was licensed by Bishop Martyn as our Lay Reader, and I'm really pleased that she can now officially join our Benefice Ministry Team. Some of you have also already been introduced to the Revd Janet Gasper who, with her husband Mick, retired into the parish last year and who has also begun supporting ministry in both our churches. Janet's last post before retirement was in the Market Harborough Team and she has extensive experience in other parts of the country too. Please do continue to support and encourage both Janet and Fiona - and indeed all of our Team as together we provide leadership and pastoral care for everyone.

Adrian

HALLOWEEN - CHRISTIANS JOIN IN!?

This year, for the first time, we will be offering our local children and families an alternative to the 'ghoulies and ghosties' of Halloween. Our theme is 'Angels and Heroes' and we will be inviting everyone to dress up and come along for two hours of games, fun activities, story-telling and refreshments in the Parish Centre - either as a complete alternative to trick and treating or as a 'just drop-in' extra. We will be advertising widely in the area, and we know through our contacts that there are lots of families who would value this opportunity but we need team members to make this happen! Please consider helping on the evening (Thursday 31st October, from 5.30-7.30pm), even if only for a short time. Do speak to Adrian or Alison for more details and to volunteer your help. There is also a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you!

THANKS. I just wanted to thank the congregation of St Mary's for all your support and encouragement over the last two year during my Reader training. Thank you to those who attended my licensing at the Cathedral last Saturday and to the many who sent their messages of support and their prayers. I look forward to exploring what Reader ministry in Knighton may look like. Again my thanks. *Fiona*

ADVENT IS COMING! If you would like to order a Fairtrade Real Advent Calendar with children's activity booklet about the real story of Christmas, please sign up on the list at the back of church by Sunday 3rd November. Cost is £3.99. Pay on collection from Alison Roche.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT:

First Friday of the month 10.30am-12pm in the welcome area of St Guthlac's Church. 1st Nov, 6th Dec You are invited to join members of the Friday morning JuVup exercise class (held in Holbrook Hall for all ages and abilities) and other local people for refreshments and a friendly chat. Hosted by St Guthlac's Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Lesley Meakin 2103690

POPPY APPEAL: We will be selling a variety of poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion at the end of services on Sundays 27th October, 3rd and 10th November.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE
CHOIR FOR THE SERVICES OF
LESSONS & CAROLS AT ST. MARY'S
AND /OR ST. GUTHLAC'S?**

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday 13th November 8pm at St. Guthlac's and will be taken by Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster.

Everyone is welcome to join us to sing at either one or both of the services which will take place as follows:

St. Mary Magdalen	Sunday 15th November 6.30pm
St. Guthlac's	Wednesday 18th December 7.30pm

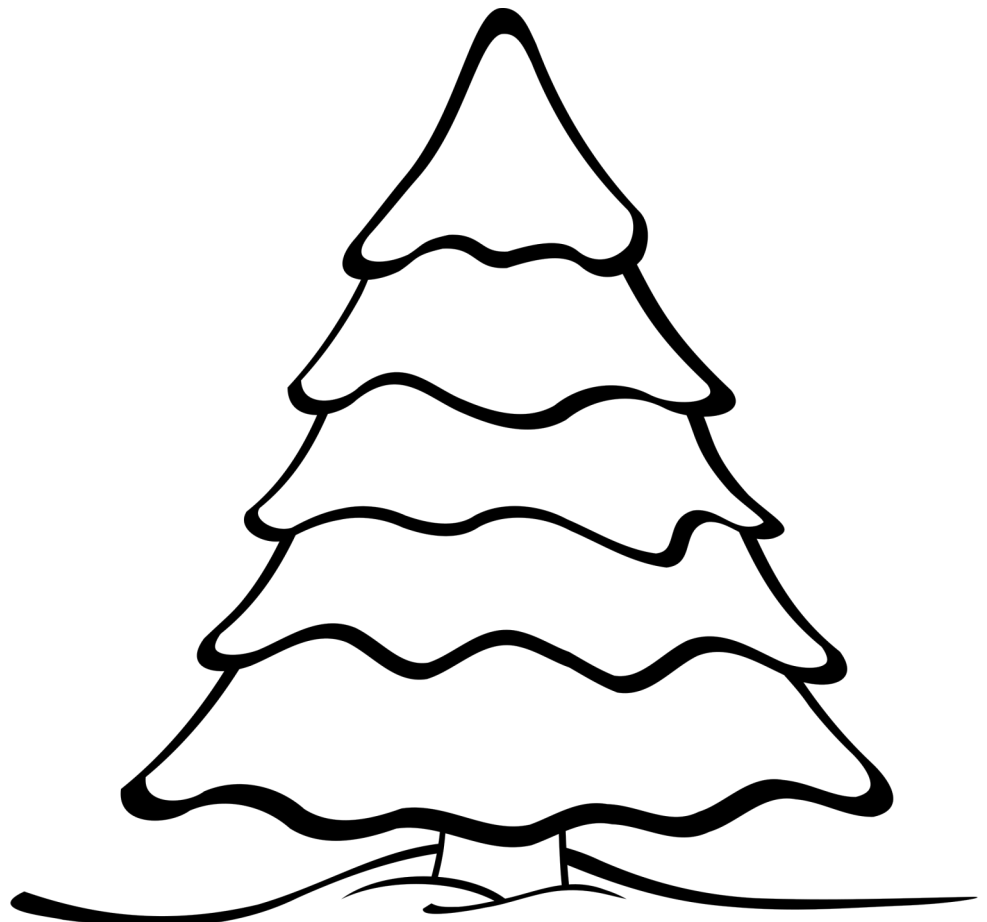
If you would like to sing please can you email administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk or phone Jane Wright (0116 2925220) ASAP so we can ensure we have enough music ready for everyone.

Christmas Tree Festival 2019

CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT - on 29th October at 2pm in the Narthex. Deborah Martin will be guiding us for a second session as we continue to make a "forest" of christmas trees to be used as church decorations. No skill or materials required, the first session was enjoyed by all. We are all amateurs so dont be shy, we would love you to join us.

DISPLAY A CHRISTMAS TREE If you or your family wish to display a tree at the Festival, please see Ida, Beverley or Sue for an registration form.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS: if you have ordered decorations, would you please hand the money for them to Eileen McKellican as soon as possible. Many thanks.



PARISH MAGAZINE Please consider making a contribution to the November issue of the magazine. The closing date for copy, to be sent to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com, is 31 October. Thank you.
Nigel Siesage.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **Saturday 30th NOVEMBER 2019**

11.00am - 2.00pm Parish Centre
*In aid of the **InSpired Appeal***

It is not TOO EARLY to start collecting items for the
Christmas Bazaar :

Please donate for the BOTTLE STALL : Wine, Soft drinks, Sauces and lots of Small bottles.

Second hand goods (**'Posh Tat'**) and Raffle Prizes which can be left in labelled boxes near North Door.

Contact Michael Kirk (Tel: 0116 2707843)

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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. *If you are giving by bank standing order, yellow tokens are available at services to put on the plate, should you wish.*

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%.

 **CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S** Please make cheques for St Mary's payable to **Knighton PCC**.

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)

Give thanks: this week please give thanks for our choir, our musicians and organists and all those who support our worship together as part of the Servers team.

Praying for the World: please pray for renewed efforts to find peace in the Middle East - in disputed areas of Syria, in Yemen's civil war, between rival factions in Lebanon, and between Jews and Palestinians in Israel/Palestine.

Praying for the Church: please join with others in our Diocese this week as we pray for the Bishop's Deliverance Team, headed by Bishop Peter Fox. Pray for the gift of discernment, clarity of mind, compassionate hearts, unwavering faith and for protection against the traps and snares of the Enemy. Please also pray for all those troubled by superstitious fear, Satanic interference in their lives and/ or emotional and psychic disturbance.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on: Hylion Road, Asquith Boulevard, Aberdale Road, Shackerdale Road, Brixham Drive.

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit, and all those with troubling investigations and diagnoses. In particular we pray for **Fred Osborne, Paul, Rob and Charlotte Muddimer, Simon Muddimer, David**, 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.

Alan Westbury

Margaret Green

Basil Harrison

Julie Arnison

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.