



# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones  
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

14th January 2018  
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

## 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.

- 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.

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 14th January</b> 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 15th January	7.30pm 7.30pm	Worship and Outreach Development Group (Vicarage) Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 16th January	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 17th January <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	1.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex)
Thursday 18th January	10.00am 12 noon	Thursday Morning Club (Centre) Pilgrimage of Prayer / Christian Unity
Friday 19th January		
Saturday 20th January		
<b>Sunday 21st January</b> 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 26th January 2018**.

Neil, our Curate, is on a training weekend and then a well-deserved holiday until 30th January.

### **The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 14th January 2017**

Our Bible readings today are:

**1 Samuel 3.1-10**

**John 1.43-end**

The sermon title today is **"Meeting Jesus: a Thoughtful Pair"**

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## "MEETING JESUS" -

### OUR SUNDAY SERMONS FROM EPIPHANY TO LENT.

For the six Sundays between Epiphany and Lent, our Sunday sermons take the theme '*Meeting Jesus*' and each looks at what happened when a specific person or people met with Jesus, as told to us by the Gospel writer John (and Matthew for Epiphany Sunday). You might find it helpful to read through the passages in your Bible at home before each service. We will be using the New International Version (NIV) in church, but the translation will be broadly similar in most versions.

Our series is:

7th January	<b><i>Meeting Jesus: a Travelling Band</i></b>	Matthew 2.1-12
14th January	<b><i>Meeting Jesus: a Thoughtful Pair</i></b>	John 1.43-end
21st January	<b><i>Meeting Jesus: a Wedding Crowd</i></b>	John 2.1-11
28th January	<b><i>Meeting Jesus: a Frightened Teacher</i></b>	John 3.1-10
4th February	<b><i>Meeting Jesus: a Questionable Woman</i></b>	John 4.4-26
11th February	<b><i>Meeting Jesus: a Hopeful Invalid</i></b>	John 5.1-15

*Adrian*

**PRAYER FOR HEALING:** All of us at some time in our life find ourselves, or those we love, needing God's healing. This might be because of physical or mental illness, a spiritual disturbance or dryness, or because of the difficult and painful circumstances that are forced upon us. St Paul says "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people" (1 Timothy 2.1) and in the Gospels we see Jesus constantly blessing and healing. In our shared life we too are called to pray for healing.

On **Friday 26th January**, at 11am, we will hold our next service of Prayer for Healing, with Holy Communion. This is a service for all those who need it - not only regulars, and not only those who feel they have a firm hold on faith. In a simple and unpressurised way we pray for specific people and for all those who need healing, whether present or not. Our confidence and our experience is that God blesses everyone who asks him for healing.

Please do join us, either for your own benefit or on behalf of someone you know - and please do spread the word about this regular service (on the last Friday of every month) to friends and neighbours. Adrian

**ENVELOPES** Numbered box envelopes are available at the back of Church. If any Church members would like to participate, please contact Lorna Pollard or Helen Long. Thank you.

## **CHALKING THE DOOR: AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING.**

“Chalking the door” is an ancient Christian tradition that is once again becoming popular. It is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. Remembering how the Three Kings sought out Jesus at home and in his family, we ask for God's blessing on our own homes, families and all who visit us, as we start a New Year.

This year, our prayers are symbolised by using the markings **20+C+M+B+18**. The numbers remind us of the year and the letters stand for the legendary names of the Kings (Caspar, Melchior and Belthazar) but more importantly for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedictat* or “May Christ bless the house.”

To 'Chalk the Door' this Epiphany, follow these simple steps:  
First gather your 'household' outside, by the door - all who want to share what you are doing. If you live alone, consider asking a friend or neighbour to join you.

Pray- using the prayer below, or something similar.

*Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.*

**Amen**

*Loving God, bless this household we pray,  
with faith, compassion and generosity;  
with health, peace, love and joy.*

*May all who come to our home this year  
rejoice to find Christ living among us;  
and as we welcome and serve everyone we meet,  
may we all know that same Jesus  
who has been revealed to the world  
as your Son and our Saviour.*

**Amen.**

Write the inscription - with a piece of chalk, take it in turns to mark the lintel of the door or porch, or a wall close to the door, with **20+C+M+B+18**, as you do so saying '*May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.*'

Although the chalk will fade over the course of the year, God's presence and blessing will stay with us. To encourage you, there is a basket of free chalk at the back of the church! Do please take a piece on your way home today.

*Adrian*

## WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"Once you accept the existence of God - however you define him, however you explain your relationship to him - then you are caught forever with his presence in the centre of all things."

Morris West (1916-1999) Australian author of "The Shoes of the Fisherman"

**MOTHERS' UNION** Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd January**, when we welcome Revd Alison to be our speaker. We meet at 2.15pm in the Parish Centre Lounge and friends/visitors are also invited.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** Donations from those who used the 'Share a card' board at Christmas raised £43 for the Children's Society. Thank you.

## THE EUCHARIST EXPLAINED

Several people have asked if we might have some background and explanation of the various different elements of the service we call the Eucharist. This seems like a good idea, so each week I'll write something briefly about one aspect of this form of our worship.

Why is it called 'The Eucharist?' The Eucharist has at its heart the sharing of bread and wine, as Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper just before his death. At the time they were celebrating the Jewish Passover, but Jesus told them to remember him every time they gathered to share bread and wine in this way. The word 'Eucharist' comes from the Greek of the New Testament and means simply 'thanksgiving'. This name has been used for the service since the end of the first century but over the centuries different groups of Christians have variously called the service 'The Lord's Supper', 'the Breaking of Bread', or 'Divine Service'. Many Anglicans use the name 'Holy Communion' to stress that, in and through this act, we 'commune' or share in the life and death of Jesus. Roman Catholics use the term 'Mass' for a longer service which includes the Eucharist as one part; 'mass' comes from the Latin word for being sent out. *Adrian*

## CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Would you like to knit poppies to display during the celebration of the end of WW1, in November, in Church?

Wool and patterns provided.  
See Judi Stone for further details - 288 1306



## **SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP**

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018**

Pilgrimage of Prayer for Christian Unity - at lunch times THIS WEEK 12 - 12.30pm at different places of worship. (NB Wednesday is 12.30-1pm)

**Monday 15th January - St John the Baptist Church**

**Tuesday 16th January - St Thomas More Church**

**Wednesday 17th January - Quakers Meeting House (12.30)**

**Thursday 18th January - HERE! St Mary Magdalen Church**

**Friday 19th January - Clarendon Park Congregational Church**

On Sunday 21st January there is a 6.30pm service at St John the Baptist combined with a concert by a Ugandan Orphans Choir. Please support if you can, especially Thursday!

*Flick*

Come and see the Amazing Watoto Choir made up of Ugandan orphans at St John's Church on their 'Signs and Wonders tour' as part of our service for Christian Unity at the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. During the service, a collection will be taken for the choir and the Watoto Church.

*Adrian*

### **#SleepOut Challenge Exceeds £1200**

Well, all the cash is in, counted and banked, and between us we raised **£1245** (£1035 + £210 gift aid) for the Church Urban Fund Sleepout Challenge 2017.

Thank you all so much for all your support which far exceeded all my hopes and expectations.

I am humbled to think that just one night of discomfort for me has done so much to raise funds for and awareness of the plight for the homeless.

All the quilts, sleeping bags, blankets and pillows that were donated have been given to the Open Hands project working with the homeless and based at Trinity Life Church on Upper Tichborne Street in Leicester. I have received an Email of thanks from them for these donations.

With grateful thanks, Neil.

## MEMORY CAFÉ ST GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON

This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment.

There are a variety of activities such as talks, quizzes, craft and simple exercises. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. Meetings are on the second Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm. If you know someone who would be helped by this cafe please let them know. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

The next sessions will be

12 <sup>th</sup> January	Annette Day Action on Hearing loss
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Farzana from Parkwood Healthcare on healthy lifestyle
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Nisha Popat - Seated exercise and laughter
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Deirdra and Stephen Cusack - Group Singing
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Clare King from the British Red Cross

### REF: £10 NOTES

Please note the last Sunday for old £10 notes is **Sunday 25th February**.

### CAN YOU HELP JAMES TO GET TO NEW YORK?

Melton Mowbray Choral Society are proud to have been invited to sing Mozart's Requiem this February, at the world famous Carnegie Hall in New York. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, James is unable to afford to join his choir. A Just Giving page has been set up to try to get James to New York with his choir and so far, **£790** has been pledged. He needs to raise around **£1200** for the trip. If you would like to help James, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/james-gutteridge>



**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@knightonparish.co.uk) or 0116 2702705. Knighton Parish Office, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG

**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 Parish* : This week please pray for all those who live in **Kew Drive, Highgate Drive, Hillcrest Road, South Kingsmead Road, Woodbank Road, Palmerstone Boulevard.**

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*

**Joyce Garland  
Helen  
Catherine**

**Alison Prior  
Terry Cocks  
Bob Newell**

**David Griffin  
Jeanette Young**

*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:

**Isabel Leach  
Jean Ewin**

**Pam Castleman  
Tony Mortimer**

**Jean Mary Kirk  
Roy Linnit**



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