



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

13th January 2019
The Baptism of Christ

Welcome to our Sunday Services Wishing everyone a very peaceful New Year

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.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 43.1-7 and Luke 3.15-17 and 21-22

The theme and sermon title is

"Called by name"

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.

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.

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sunday 13th January Baptism of Christ	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 14 th January	Parish Office closed 7.30pm Bell Ringers
Tuesday 15 th January	9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
Wednesday 16 th January	
Thursday 17 th January	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 18 th January	
Saturday 19 th January	9.30am Cupboard clearing in church
Sunday 20th January	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Morning Worship

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th January at 11.00am.**

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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 above.)

The office is closed on **Mondays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS THANKS – Many thanks to everyone for their Christmas greetings, cards and gifts. Your kindness is much appreciated by all of us at the vicarage – *Adrian & Alison*

LANYARDS If you have a Sidespersons Welcome badge on a black lanyard at home, could you please return to the table at the back of church as they are needed for others to use.

SAD NEWS: Last Sunday we announced the sad news that Ann Lawrence has died. Ann was the daughter of the Rev George Lawrence, Vicar of Knighton from 1949-1953. She was a chorister and Parish Secretary here for many years before moving to Launde Abbey to support the Rev Henry Evans. No doubt many of us saw her here in church not long before Christmas. Our thoughts are with her family and friends. Ann's funeral will be at the church of St James the Greater, London Road, on Friday 18th January at 11.30am. *Adrian*

YOUR NEXT STEP FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS? Growing in our Christian faith is a natural and necessary thing for all of us, and this might be the time for you to take the next step by being baptised or confirmed. Baptism is a sign of beginning on the Christian journey, while confirmation marks the point where those who have been baptised as children now make a firm commitment to Christian discipleship for themselves. Usually 'candidates' for baptism and/or confirmation are prepared together for this important step by discussing the Christian faith and the life of discipleship with Adrian or another experienced Christian.

If you think this might be the right time for you to be baptised or confirmed, then please do talk to Adrian., as we are currently arranging dates for a confirmation preparation course in the run up to Easter.

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1, the book about the men on St Mary's war memorial is being reprinted, following its sell out over the commemoration weekend. The book costs £5.00 and can be ordered by emailing knightonremembersww1@gmail.com or through James at the Knighton Parish Office. Deborah Martin

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: this amounted to £521.35, £307 of it Gift Aided, which added a further £76.75. Many thanks for your generosity.

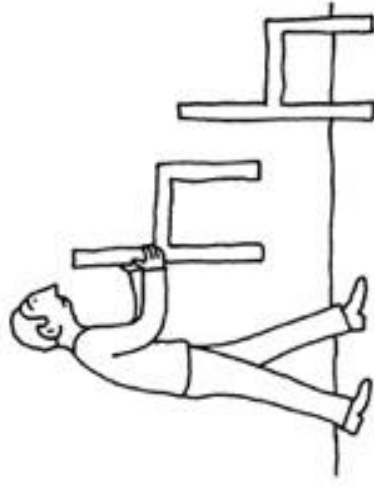
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Thank you to all those who attended the service in December, and we hope you enjoyed the 50th Anniversary celebration. We have totalled the donations at St. Mary's, and have just passed the £400 mark, including Gift Aid. This is a great result, for which we are sure the Children's Society are truly grateful.

CUPBOARD CLEARING On **Saturday 19th January** from 9.30am a small group will be clearing, cleaning and re-organising the large cupboard in the Children's Corner at the back of St.Mary's. If you have stored items in this cupboard and would like to join the team, please let me know. Judi Stone 2881306

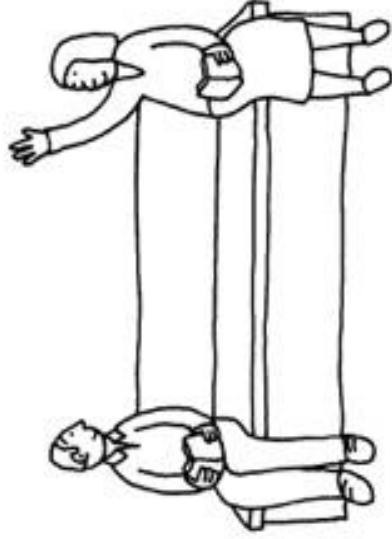
MESSY CHURCH: the next Messy Church is at Stoneygate Baptist Church on **Friday 1st February**. from 3.15pm. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by their carers. A hot meal is served at about 5pm for those attending.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

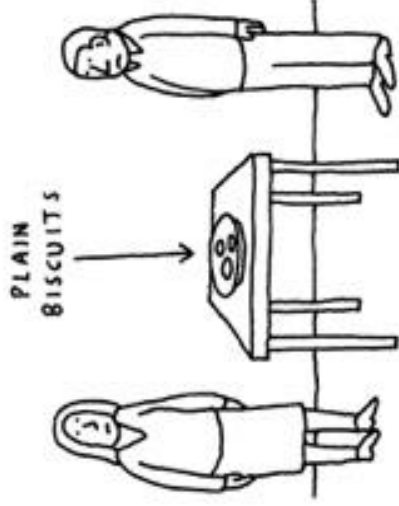
HOW THE CHURCH CAN HELP



EXERCISE



MEETING NEW PEOPLE



HEALTHY EATING

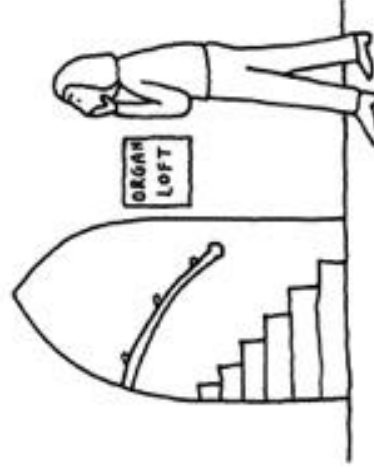


GETTING ORGANISED

AT THE PCC WE'LL DISCUSS THE APCM,
CW VS THE BCP, THE LLM'S CRB,
AND THE OLM'S BAP. OH, AND
THERE ARE LETTERS FROM THE DAC,
THE DDO, THE HOB AND THE ABC



LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES



**You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.**

Mark 1:11

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: As a country we continue to face very difficult times, and our politicians have to make critical decisions in the next few days about Brexit. Please pray that as they discuss, debate and decide they will have the strong desire to work together, to find solutions for the common good and that draw the people of our country together. They will need God-given wisdom and abilities! Pray that God will raise up the men and women needed to lead us in these difficult times.

Praying for the Church: please pray that God will be at work in all of our hearts, so that we are better at paying attention to what he is already saying and doing in the world and our neighbourhood. Pray that we will also be responsive and obedient to his word to us, joining in with his mission and living more closely to the way of Jesus.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in Knighton Lane East, Pendlebury Drive, Larchwood Close, Chadderton Close and Dawson Way.

Please pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Andrew Towers** and all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. – pray that they may they know the power of God's healing love at work in their loves today. Please give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

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

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.