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St Mary Magdalen Church
Church of England, Knighton

Sunday 6th October 2019

The Minister leading todays 10am service is the Revd Adrian Jones, and the preacher is the Revd Matthew Gough.

WELCOME TO OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL

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.

CELEBRATE HARVEST! Over the course of this week we are gathering in both parishes of the benefice to celebrate Harvest Festival - I'm grateful for all the extra work that so many have put into our harvest displays and meals together. The gifts donated today in thankfulness to God will go from St Mary's to the Community of Grace, a local project that provides a 'half-way house' for once homeless men as they ease back into a settled and housed life. The Church is open this afternoon from 2-5pm for visitors who would like to see our Harvest decorations. Do invite and bring your neighbours!

DON'T BE IN THE DARK ABOUT INSPIRED - A SPECIAL MEETING IS COMING UP ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH - the InSpired Appeal Group would like to invite everyone to a special meeting after the morning service on Sunday 20th October, starting at 11.15am for about half an hour. The aim of the meeting is to answer all your questions about the restoration of the spire and the fundraising that we need to do. We will tell you the story of the spire, the nature of the problems and what's needed to sort them out, the details of the costs involved and the money needed, and something more about the events planned for fundraising. There will also be an opportunity for your own questions, which you can raise with any of the Appeal Group beforehand or indeed, at the meeting itself. Do come along and invite as many neighbours as you can! Printed and email invitations will be sent out very soon, but in the meantime please do put this in your diary as an important event in our church life together and for connecting with our community. *Adrian*

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service and the readings and hymns are included in the booklet.

- 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. As the main 10am service is for all ages, there is no Sunday Club for the children this week.

- As part of the 8.00am and 11.30am services 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:

8am and 11.30am Psalm 137 and Luke 10.1-12,

and then at 10am Luke 10.1-12

Today's title is 'Harvest - Reconnect'

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6th October Harvest	8.00am Eucharist **10.00am Harvest Festival** 11.30am Eucharist 2.00pm - 5.00pm Church open
Monday 7th October **Parish Office Closed**	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 8th October	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 9th October	7.45pm Worship and Outreach Development Group (Vicarage)
Thursday 10th October	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 7.30pm The Happiness Course (Parish Centre)
Friday 11th October	
Saturday 12th October	11.00am "Called Together" service (Leicester Cathedral)
Sunday 13th October 17th 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 25th October** at 11am.

LOST UMBRELLA - a few Sundays ago we had a bit of a downpour .... did anyone take home a see-through plastic umbrella with two black dogs on it, leaving behind their very similar umbrella, but without animals? if so, Skye would very much like to be re-united with her brolly please! We'll have yours at church ready for a swap. Many thanks. Adrian & Alison (and Skye)

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

PCC NEWS: REVIEW OF MORNING WORSHIP. You will remember that this last year has been a trial period during which the third Sunday of each month has seen Morning Worship rather than Sung Eucharist as our main service. The PCC agreed to review this change after 12 months, and several people have asked about the results of that review.

Whilst acknowledging that there are strong and differing views amongst the congregation, the PCC agreed to continue the trial for a further 12 months. It was generally felt that this was a good way to honour our agreed aim as a church to "worship God well, using traditional and new ways, so that everyone can encounter God and grow in faith." It was also agreed however that much more needs to be done to publicise the variety of services at St Mary's, and to attract newcomers.

It is a hard thing to "disagree well" but we will be a healthier church if we can keep our continuing discussions about this change open and friendly. Please do let me know directly about any concerns - I much prefer conversations to emails! *Adrian*

In**SPIRE**d

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.

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.

Christmas Tree Festival St Mary's first ever Christmas Tree Festival on 7 and 8 December promises to be really spectacular, with at least 60 trees decorated by local schools, businesses, charities and other organisations.
Thanks to all those who have provided suggestions for a logo. We think we may have found one!
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, 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 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

"CALLED TOGETHER" - CONGRATULATIONS TO FIONA!
Many congratulations to Fiona Wingate who has concluded her training as a Lay Reader for the Church of England and will be licensed by Bishop Martyn in the Cathedral on Saturday 12th October at 11am (along with many other Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists, Youth and Childrens Workers and Pioneers) in a special service, "Called Together". Fiona will be licensed as Reader for the whole benefice of Knighton, with a focus on St Guthlac's where she and Simon have worshipped for many years, and I'm really pleased to have her on board as part of the wider Benefice Ministry Team. Please do join us if you can to support Fiona at this service and share her celebration. There are refreshments for all after the service in St Martin's House. *Adrian*

'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD' - SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.
Many of you will remember that in previous years we have supported this charity venture to bring Christmas presents to the children of poorer communities in many overseas countries. We are again being invited to join in, but need a co-ordinator to give out leaflets and advice, and to organise the receiving of boxes in church. Collection week is in mid-November. If you would like to take up this opportunity to help others. then please speak to Adrian for more details.

HALLOWEEN? - CHRISTIANS JOIN IN! The celebration of Halloween has become a 'big thing' in our society today, especially for children - and for the retailers who promote it! Christians have quite rightly been wary of having a part in what seems to be the darker side of spiritual reality. However, now there is an opportunity for you to join us in demonstrating that Christians aren't against fun but can offer a different perspective on Halloween at the same time. A team from St Mary's will be in the Parish Centre, from 5.30-7.30pm on Halloween (Thursday 31st October!), to greet and welcome all our local families who are out 'trick or treating', or who are just struggling to know what to do with this evening. Around the theme 'Angels and Heroes' (with a subtle Christian influence) we will offer a range of games and activities, story-telling and refreshments as a complete alternative, or as a 'just drop-in'

extra to everything else that happens for children at Halloween. Local publicity through leaflets, schools and social media will ensure that our local families know they are welcome....but we need team members to make this happen! Please consider helping out that evening, 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 list at the back of the church. Thank you!

CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT - on 8th October at 2pm in the Narthex Deborah Martin will be guiding us as we make a "forest" of christmas trees to be used as church decorations. No skill or materials required, we will all be learning so dont be shy, we would love you to join us.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE As part of St Denys Church's 800th anniversary, they are presenting a community production of the C. S. Lewis classic 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardobe. Performances are in St Denys Church at 7.00pm on 14th, 15th, and 16th November (with a matinee on 16th). Tickets (£5) are available from Penny Travers on 07718247000. It's promising to be an enjoyable evening, and you might spot some familiar faces!!! Tickets are already selling fast so please put your name on the list so we can reserve tickets for you.

CALLING ALL FIRST AIDERS! (OR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TRAIN TO BECOME ONE!)

The PCC are currently reviewing the Church Health and Safety Policies and would like to know who in our Church Family has an up to date First Aid Certificate. If you don't have a current certificate but, you would like to refresh your training, or become a First aider, then the PCC would like your details as well. The requirements are only for basic first aid. If you can give your name and contact information to James in the Parish Office, as soon as you are able to, it would be greatly appreciated. The PCC will then review the names and arrange for the appropriate training, as necessary. Thank You

THE CARERS CENTRE would like to welcome you to a musical evening in the company of The Rutland Big Band. It's on Monday 7th October in Stoneygate Baptist Church. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tickets are £7 in advance or £9 on the door. Call 0116 251 0999.

ONE ROOF WINTER NIGHT-SHELTER One Roof is a multi-faith project providing hospitality, food and accommodation at different faith venues across Leicester to some of our most vulnerable residents. Now in its fourth year, it is expanding to offer shelter throughout the year and needs more volunteers for driving and staffing the evening, over-night and breakfast shifts. More details **www.oneroof.org.uk** or speak to Matthew

CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT PLEASE? Veronica Brown needs a lift to church for the 8am service on Sunday 20th October. If you can help, please call her on 288 9284 after 1pm.

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. 4th Oct, 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

MESSY CHURCH The next session will be on Friday 25th October at Stoneygate Baptist Church from 3.15pm. The theme is 'LIGHT'.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30th NOVEMBER 2019

11.00am - 2.00pm
Knighton Parish Centre

*In aid of the **Spire Fund***

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. or contact Michael Kirk (Tel: 0116 2707843)

Topic for Questions, Cake and Compline:

Religion and Science & Technology

Sunday 6th October 2019 4pm at St Guthlac's Church

We live in an age of rapid technological changes. In the next 20yrs, we'll probably know if there is life on other planets; be able to gene edit against diseases, but also perhaps for "designer babies"; whilst desperately avoiding or perhaps ignoring global warming. Is our scientific and technological advancement in support of, or a contradiction of our faith?

Everyone is welcome to come and discuss these ideas. Enjoy cake and companionship and then if you wish please stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer.)

Many thanks to all those people who submitted questions. If your question is not covered this Sunday, it will be addressed at a later date.

Christmas Tree Festival 2019

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 7TH-8TH DECEMBER: we plan to have a St Mary's Christmas tree, with an attractive wooden decoration for each member of the church family, bearing their name. If you would like to buy extra ones [cost £1.00] for your friends or members of your wider family, please sign the appropriate list at the back of church by SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER at the latest. Further details from *Eileen McKellican*.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL RAFFLE - tickets available soon. The prizes will be food baskets of varying sorts. Can you help by providing some of the contents? One basket will be "A Christmas Hamper" so seasonal products very welcome another "Chocolate Delights" we hope to have a variety of products , choc biscuits Kit Kats, Crunchie bars, nothing is too small a donation. If you want any further details talk to Anne Squires or *Sue Holligan*

Church Magazine: If you don't have a copy of the Parish Magazine delivered to you, then please do take a copy from the long table near the north door at the back of the church. You can also read it online at www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

You're invited to **The Happiness Course**: The Happiness Course draws on scientific research, ancient wisdom and real-life experience to give you practical tools for happy life. The course is runs for two evening sessions, 7.30-9.30pm on Thursdays 10th and 24th October at Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane. Please book your free place by phoning the office on 0116 270 2705 or by talking to Adrian.

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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%.

giftaid it **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 PCC (Church Council) members and for all the time, energy and prayerful discussions that they put into leading St Mary's.

Praying for the World: Please continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to our Brexit debate, that draws the nation together and protects the most vulnerable. Pray also for all those people of the world who live under oppressive governments, without democratic freedoms and basic human rights.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that as we celebrate God's goodness to us, we will be moved to respond to his generosity with gratitude and with generosity of our own towards those in need. Pray that this will become a key part of our own church's connection with the wider community.

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

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 **Mary Davies, Fred Osborne, Paul, Simon Muddimer, David, Basil Harrison, Lee Elkington** 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. **Patricia Selby**

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.