



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**

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**Sunday 9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ**

**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,
this Sunday and through the week**

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist (trad) Sung Eucharist All Age Worship at St G's
Monday 10th January		
Tuesday 11th January	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 12th January	7.00pm 8.00 pm	Choir Practice Compline on Zoom
Thursday 13th January	9.30am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 14th January	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 15th January		
Sunday 16th January	9.00am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist 'Fresh'

Sunday Club, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road?



CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL: "The climate crisis in South Sudan is polluting fragile water sources, killing crops and destroying homes. Combined with years of conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic, it's forcing mums to make impossible choices for their children. Dirty water, or none at all? A morsel of food each, or a bigger portion for one? School fees, or materials to rebuild the family home? Through your gifts you could help families in South Sudan and around the world stand strong with more boreholes, farming support and the chance to set up a small business." There are envelopes in church for your gift – please Gift Aid it if you can and place it in the basket. You can find further details, including a short film showing how your gift can help, at caid.org.uk/christmas

Updated precautions against the spread of Corona Virus

As you'll know, this week the Government announced some new Corona virus restrictions, and while we all wait for more information about the new Omicron variant of the virus, it is right and good that we follow these requirements and continue to take sensible precautions when we meet together in the church for worship.

Can I ask you once more to be careful about **sanitising** your hands as you arrive and as you leave?

We are now required to wear a **face mask** in church.

Please keep the side chapels available as spaces for those who would prefer to continue **sitting 2m apart**, and please ensure that you leave space in the pews whenever you can.

We will continue to offer **communion** as wafers only and will not use the altar rail as yet. Please keep your mask on as you wait to receive.

Please remember to give each other **space at coffee time**, particularly if you take your mask off to drink – please spread out in the building rather than bunch together in the Narthex.

In summary, please do continue to act kindly towards each other, try not to take offence easily and to make allowances for others who may be more or less cautious than yourself. Our fellowship together is much more important than getting everyone to agree with us!

Revd Adrian Jones

Parish Office

Please note that James will be following Government guidance and working mostly from home, but he will be in the Parish Office once per week. Please continue to email the office as usual and if you need to call James at home, please call **01664 569556**. You can also still leave messages on the office phone **0116 270 2705** and these will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 9th January** are:

Isaiah 43.1-7

Israel's only Saviour

43 But now, this is what the LORD says –

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴ Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up!"

and to the south, "Do not hold them back."

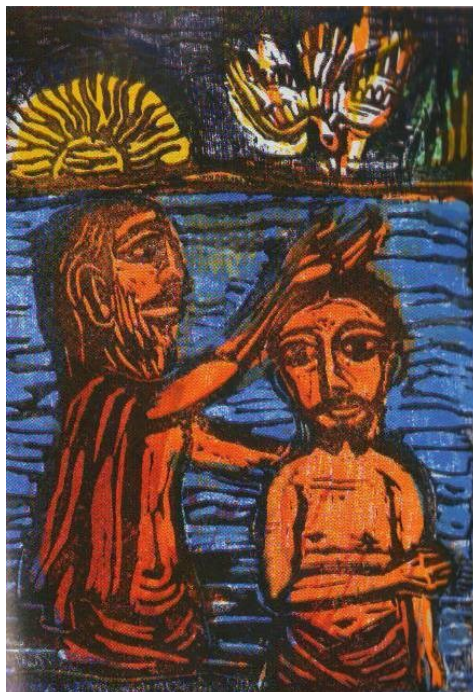
Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth –
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'



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. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: 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..... *"but you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. "* (Jude, 20-21)

Praying for the World: please pray for all those still affected by on-going conflict and war in the Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Praying for the Church: please pray for God's renewal of the church across the world, through the creative work of the Holy Spirit in individuals, local churches and our communities.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Ratcliffe Road, Sackville Gardens, College Court, Queens Road, Eton Close, Harrow Place.**

Praying for those in need: Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried. In particular please pray this week for **Judi Stone, R, Jason Griffin, Rod Bowditch, Andrew, and Helen.**

We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. We give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. **Jenny C and Jim Quigley**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.