

St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

25th March 2018
Palm Sunday



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

Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 26th March		
Tuesday 27th March	9.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	Eucharist WW1 Splinter Group Son et Lumiere walk through
Wednesday 28th March Parish Office Closed	1.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex)
Thursday 29th March Maundy Thursday	10.00am 7.30pm	Thursday Morning Club (Centre) Sung Eucharist
Friday 30th March Good Friday Parish Office Closed	2.00pm 7.30pm	Good Friday Meditation Night Prayer for Good Friday
Saturday 31st March		
Sunday 1st April Easter Day	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Eucharist Easter Celebration and Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 27th April** - there is no Service for Healing on Good Friday morning. In the meantime if you would like prayer for healing please contact our clergy, Adrian or Neil.

Listening to God's Word, Sunday 25th March 2018

Our Bible readings today are:

Psalm 118. 1-2, 18-end

Mark 11.1-11

The sermon title today is

"Hosanna!"

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(Office open 9.30am - 2.30pm,

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

**CHERISHING THE PAST, SHAPING THE PRESENT
AND PLANTING FOR TOMORROW**

I hope you've had the chance to look at the 'Planting for Tomorrow' display at the back of the Church. These bubbles reflect your responses to my question about what things we should be starting or planning as we look to the future. This week I have added some small bubbles that give you an idea of the specific ideas that people have suggested we consider. There is much here for us to discuss and pray about and this will be a key task for us all after Easter. There are already plenty of good ideas, but the important thing is to discover under God's guidance, where our focus should be. Adrian

ELECTORAL ROLL 2018-2019: the Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the APCM on 15th April. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included, please take an application from the notice board at the back of church and return it to me as soon as possible or **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 25th MARCH**. If you have any queries, please have a word with me.
Eileen McKellican {Electoral Roll Officer}.

MOTHERS UNION - it is our A.G.M. this month, on **Tuesday 27th March**, starting at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge. Adrian has very kindly agreed to be our Chairman. Please could all those who have put their names on the list for the visit to Launde Abbey on 26th June, bring their payment of £12 with them, or give to Helen Long as soon as possible. Many thanks.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: Many thanks for your support for Fairtrade Fortnight - the total of donations raised for the Fairtrade Foundation was **£133.38**.

READERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY If you would like to read at the Good Friday afternoon meditation, please have a word with Neil.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6th LEICESTER BROWNIES

Wednesday 25th April - 6.30pm - Scout Hut

Join us for coffee and cake to celebrate the anniversary of the 6th Leicester Brownies. RSVP to Gill Gates 07966 295121

EASTER LILIES: We are always grateful for donations towards Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. A named basket is available in Church.

ST MARY'S FLOWER GUILD: We look forward to welcoming everyone who would like to help us decorate the Church to celebrate Easter Day on Sunday 1 April. Please come along on **SATURDAY 31ST MARCH** at 9.30am. Spring foliage and flowers would be much appreciated. Further info from Deborah Martin
Tel: 2707525

WANTED Black buttons for the poppy knitters are needed. Please put them in the tin at the back of church.

A DAY TO LOOK AT HEALTH, WHOLENESS AND HEALING: Helping people to lead healthy lives, in a healthy community. **Saturday 5th May 9.30am - 5.00pm** at Launde Abbey led by Canon Brian Davis - please see the flyer at the back of church.

PARISH AWAY DAY At the back of church, there are information sheets regarding our Parish Away Day at Launde Abbey in September. Please do take one of these sheets if you might be interested in attending what will be a lovely day together.

THANKS Your support of the raffle held at each performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' raised **£326.10**. Thank you for providing the prizes and also for buying tickets at each performance. The total raised will be donated to charity.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Remembering the fallen in 2018, the Centenary of the end of the Great War.

During 2018 we will be remembering all those local soldiers who died during the last year of the Great War, exactly one hundred years ago. Each soldier will be mentioned by name in our prayers on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of his death.

REMEMBER TODAY **Sapper Sidney John Boy Phipps**, 106th Field Company, Royal Engineers, who died on 23rd March 1918, aged 35 years. Son of John and Alice Phipps, of Leicester and husband of Lily Phipps, of Cardiff, he is buried at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, on the Somme in France.

REMEMBER TODAY **Second Lieutenant John Herbert Fitzmaurice**, 6th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who died on 25th March 1918, aged 19 years. Son of John and Isabel Fitzmaurice of Cliveden, Manor Road, Leicester, he is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial on the Somme in France.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"We are all strings in the concert of His joy; the spirit from His mouth strikes the note and the tune of our strings."

Jakob Boehme (1575-1624), German philosopher, Christian mystic and Lutheran theologian.

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Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

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ST MARY'S BOOK EXCHANGE / SALE

Bring in a book you have read, exchange it for another and donate 50p.
If you don't have a book to exchange, buy a book and donate 50p - £1.
All proceeds for Church funds.

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

13th April Deirdra and Stephen Cusack - Group Singing
11th May Clare King from the British Red Cross

WANTED! Church Wardens and PCC members: At our Annual meeting in April we need to elect two new Church Wardens and three PCC members. Can I encourage everyone to pray and think carefully about who might be called to these important roles in the guiding and shaping of our life together as a church?

The most important qualification for either of these roles is having a loving commitment to St Mary's Church - both to the people and to the buildings and other resources that God has blessed us with. I believe and trust that God's future for us is bright and good - although some things will be different - and that within our Church family God has already given us the people we need to share in the task of leading us into that future - we just need to discover who they are!

Church Wardens have a part in overseeing all aspects of the growth and development of our Church life, as well as it's day to day running. The key elements of their role are:

- to represent Church members;
- to work with, support and advise the Vicar and PCC;
- and to ensure the efficient operation of the buildings, finances and administration of the Church.

But that does not mean they have to do everything themselves! We are fortunate in having a large and experienced team of people who are already committed to many aspects of church life, and a group of former Church Wardens and Deputy Wardens who are happy to assist and give advice.

PCC members meet together to share their understanding of our church life and needs, to offer constructive advice and questions to the Wardens and Vicar, and to make decisions about some important policies and procedures. Each PCC member brings their own skills and experience and it is healthy therefore to have a good mix and balance of gender, age and background amongst our PCC.

If you have even the smallest thought that one of these roles might be for you, then please do talk to Adrian, Neil, Patrick or Ros (the current Wardens) or to a member of the PCC, so that we can encourage you and answer any questions. If you can see the qualities we need in someone else then please do talk to them and encourage them to consider standing. Thank you!

Adrian

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on Sunday April 15th at 11.30 am in Church.

Nominations are needed for **two Churchwardens** and **three** members of Council each to serve for three years. Your name must have been on the Electoral Roll for six months to be nominated and you must be able to sign the Declaration of Eligibility for Newly Appointed Trustees. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of Church. If you wish to raise an issue under "Any Other Business" please ensure the question is notified to me or the Vicar by Sunday April 8th. Simon Britton (Tel: 07710 975 272, email: simon@simonbritton.net) PCC Secretary.

Election of Sidespersons - Sidespersons will be elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 15th April. Unless I hear to the contrary by Sunday 8th April I will assume that all current sidespersons are willing to continue. Anyone on the church electoral roll who would like to become a sidesperson should contact myself or a churchwarden no later than Sunday 8th April. Assistant Sidespersons (i.e. under 16 years old) are most welcome but should also let me have their names as soon as possible. Simon Britton (Tel: 07710 975 272, email: simon@simonbritton.net) PCC Secretary.

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 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 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 world: please pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and of all Israel/ Palestine and it's neighbours. Pray that those in authority and power would seek a just and sustainable solution to the immense issues that face the Holy Land, and that God will raise up a new generation of peacemakers.

Praying for the Church: pray for **Archbishop Justin** and our own **Bishop Martyn** and **Bishop Gulli**, that God would grant them compassion, humility, wisdom and strength in their calling as leaders and as our chief pastors, teachers, evangelists and prophets.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Ratcliffe Road, Sackville Gardens, College Court, Queens Road, Eton Close, Harrow Place.**

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

**Roger
Helen**

**Doris
Catherine**

**Jeanette Young
Bill Ibbs**

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:

**Howard Bartlett
Edgar Jones
Jean Abbott**

**Margaret Ellershaw
Sam Cosgrove**

**Jean Hames
Peter Dudley**



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