

Do this
in memory
of me



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

18th March 2018
5th Sunday of Lent / Passion 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 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 19th March	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 20th March	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 21st March Parish Office Closed	1.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex)
Thursday 22nd March	10.00am 11.00am	Thursday Morning Club (Centre) Funeral (Margaret Ellershaw)
Friday 23rd March		
Saturday 24th March		
Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist 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 18th March 2018

Our Bible readings today are:

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

The sermon title today is

"Who wants to see Jesus?"

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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

Once again many thanks for all your responses to my questions. In the last two weeks I have displayed at the back of church some of the comments that you have made about what we should cherish from the past and what we should change or stop that we are currently doing. All of those speech bubbles are still on display, now in the Children's Corner - remember that the bigger the bubble, the stronger was this view amongst you, the congregation! Today I have put up the first batch of your responses about the future - what sort of things we should be starting or planning as we seek to Plant for Tomorrow. There will be some more next week as well, and after that I will produce a booklet that includes all of these views so that together we can bring them all before God and seek more wisdom for the shape of our life together. Adrian

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS: It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Margaret Ellershaw, in Amberwood Care Home. Margaret had many friends within St Mary's and will be much missed. Please pray for her family and friends. Margaret's funeral will be in Church on **Thursday 22nd March at 11.00am.**

EASTER EGGS Your Fairtrade Easter Eggs have now arrived. Please see Alison or Adrian.

LENT LUNCH: Thank you so much for supporting the Lent Lunch. To date **£467** has been raised for The Oxford Mission.

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}.

SPRING CLEAN: many thanks to the team of spring cleaners who gave extra time to sprucing up the building and doing extra jobs last Saturday. It is much appreciated!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: many thanks for your support for Fairtrade Fortnight, through our coffee morning, Fairtrade stall and other donations. We hope to have a total of funds raised for the Fairtrade Foundation next week.

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

The Eucharist Explained

Prayers of Intercession

People of all faiths and none find themselves praying, sometimes intentionally and sometimes not. For some people prayer comes easily but for many it can be difficult to find the words to express a feeling or concern, especially when the problem or question in front of us seems to be so large or even overwhelming.

This is why we usually have prayers that are already written when we come to 'Prayers of Intercession' in our Eucharistic service. These are principally prayers for other people and they are placed after the readings and sermon as part of our response to what God is saying to us. Our modern Anglican prayer book, 'Common Worship' suggests some forms of prayer and a general structure, which are helpful, but each person praying can write their own prayers to reflect what is happening in the world and in our neighbourhood at the time. There is often a response, a line that the whole congregation repeats, that reminds us that we are all praying here together.
Adrian

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.

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

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.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"Love needs to be made
like good bread, newly each day,
to keep it's freshness."

Michaela David, Australian poet.

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

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.

Lunchtime Concert at Leicester Cathedral by Loughborough

Endowed Schools Wind and Brass Ensembles

Monday 19th March

1:00pm - 1:45pm

All welcome! Free Admission!

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 all those engaged in efforts to bring peace to the Korean peninsula, and in particular for the people of North Korea who suffer poverty and oppression.

Praying for the Church: pray for **Bishop Stanley Hotay** and the people of our link Diocese of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Please also pray for all those preparing to be confirmed at the special service on Holy Saturday in the Cathedral, and especially those five candidates from St Mary's - for a sense of peace and purpose in their lives as they make this public step forward in discipleship.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Elms Road, Knighton Drive, Knighton Road, Northcote Road, Newstead Road.**

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**

Jean Abbott

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
Allan Davidson**

**Margaret Ellershaw
Edgar Jones**

Jean Hames



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