



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



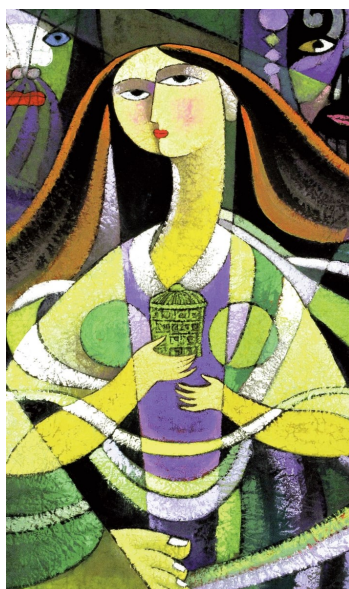
**Sunday 13th February 2022
3rd Sunday before Lent**

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

Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 13th February	9.00am	Weekly Eucharist (trad)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 14th February		
Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday 15th February		No communion service at St M
Wednesday 16th February	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Compline on Zoom
Thursday 17th February		No communion service at St G
Friday 18th February		
Saturday 19th February		
Sunday 20th February	9.00am	Weekly Eucharist
	10.30am	Fresh
	10.30am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's

As it is the half term holiday Matthew and family will be away after Sunday 13th. Adrian and family are away from Saturday 12th - Tuesday 15th. In the case of urgent need, please do contact one of the other members of the Ministry Team or the Church Wardens (phone numbers at the back of the newsletter). **Please note there will be no midweek Communion services on 15th or 17th February.**

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?

Precautions against the spread of Corona Virus

During the on-going pandemic it is right and good that we take some sensible precautions when we meet together for worship in church.

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

Sad news

We lost one of our long standing church family members on 23rd January. Robert Muddimer died peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a long battle with failing health. He died in the faith of knowing Christ and we pray for him to rest in peace and rise in glory and for Charlotte and family to know the nearness of God at this time of grief.

Rob's funeral will be held at St. Mary's on Monday 21st February at 1pm followed by a service at 2pm at South Leicestershire Memorial Park and Crematorium, Countesthorpe, LE8 5QP. Light refreshments will be available from 3pm at Leicester Bowling Club, Kenwood Road (please note bowling club is cash only). Please RSVP by 11th February to Charlotte on 07990 748506 or robmudd@ntlworld.com

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 13th February** are:

Judges 4 4-9. 5 7-9,13 and 31b

At that time, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim and the Israelites came to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kadesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord the God of Israel commands you, Go take your position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops and I will give him into your hand."

Barak said to her, "If you will go with me I will go:but if you will not go with me I will not go". And she said, ' I will surely go with you, nevertheless the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman". Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kadesh.

The peasantry prospered in Israel
They grew fat on plunder,
Because you arose Deborah,
Arose as a mother in Israel.
When new gods were chosen ,
Then war was in the gates,
Was shield or spear to be seen
Among forty thousand in Israel?
My heart goes out to the
Commanders of Israel
Who offered themselves
Willingly among the people.
Bless the Lord

Then down marched the remnant
Of the noble,

The people of the lord marched
Down for him against the mighty.

And the land had rest forty years.

John 1 43 - 50

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph From Nazareth." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see ". When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming towards him he said of him, " Here there is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Nathaniel asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus said, " I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathaniel replied, "Rabbi you are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel." Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?You will see greater things than these."

Unsung Heroes. our thanks to Linda Billam - There are many unsung heroes in the life of our church...those folk who quietly and efficiently perform important tasks behind the scenes, and often so quietly that they are scarcely noticed. One such person has been Linda Billam, who for many years has acted as our Fees Secretary, handling all the incoming fees for weddings, funerals and the like, as well as arranging the outgoing payments to the Diocese and individuals that have helped. Despite the difficulties of chasing up clergy and parishioners, Linda has faithfully carried out these duties with patience and good humour, keeping us all on track. At the start of 2022, Linda 'retired' and I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for all that she's done on behalf of us all. *Adrian*

Women in Ministry – an invitation to conversation

During this season in our Sunday services we have been remembering some of the women of the Bible, and reflecting on what we might learn from them.

On **Wednesday 23rd February** we will also have the opportunity to discuss the recent report about the Diocese of Leicester, called *“Women: the state of play”*. The report explores how women’s ministry has been received and appreciated over recent years, and has some challenging conclusions for us all. Our discussion will be led by Revd Alison Roche, and begins at 10.30am in the Narthex of St Mary’s, with coffee from 10.15. I hope it will prompt positive changes for our churches. Do please let either Alison or myself know if you’re coming , so that we can plan the biscuits!

Copies of the report *“Women: the state of play”* are available in church, at the meeting or online here:

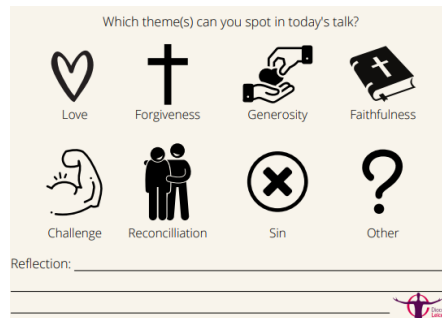
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If you would like to be part of the discussion but would prefer an evening time, then, again, do please let myself or Alison know.

Adrian

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? - Dust and cobwebs are building up in church. The Church needs your help on a regular basis. All willing hands please contact Sian or Beryl, Churchwardens. Contact details are at the back of this newsletter. Thank you.

Get more out of the sermon! Sometimes we all need a little help to get the most out of the Sunday sermon or talk, and for some people learning through listening only is a particular challenge. To help out, we now have some useful cards that give us a hand in spotting the themes and key points of each talk. They look like this:



We intend to keep a small pile of the cards at the back of church, so do please pick one up whenever you feel it will be helpful. It's for your use only – the preacher doesn't need to know how you use it! *Adrian*

Jubilee Celebration

Would you be interested in helping St Mary's celebrate the Platinum Jubilee for the Bank Holiday/ first week in June with the community? Help wanted with planning, ideas and practical help for the week. Contact Matthew revgough@gmail.com to get involved. Thanks.

UPDATE: Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

The final total raised for this appeal was £295, to which will be added £47.50 in Gift Aid. Renewed thanks for your generosity. Eileen McKellican

This could be YOU: If you are able to use a computer, are not put off by spreadsheets and figures and have up to an hour or so each week, then YOU could be the person to help Lorna Pollard with our Gift Aid claims. Gift Aid allows the church to boost our income considerably and so is an important part of making sure we muster all the resources we can for our worship, life together and God's work through St Mary's.

Lorna is looking to 'train up' an assistant Gift Aid Secretary, who might eventually take on the role themselves, allowing her to step back after many years.

If you have the skills and opportunity, or are willing to learn, then please do talk to Lorna or myself about finding out more. *Adrian*

Churchyard work: Over the next few weeks you will notice City Council workers busy in the churchyard carrying out two important tasks. The first is to check the safety of our 'monuments', that is the gravestones, obelisks and so on. The second is to clear ivy from the monuments, again to ensure safety but also to make sure they can be read. The aim is to have this work done before spring and the nesting season arrive.

Unfortunately our stonemason is overbooked at the moment, so the section of collapsed wall near the lychgate remains unrepaired for the time being.

A replacement noticeboard to stand at the entrance to the main drive has been ordered but will take a few weeks to make up.

Adrian

How am I to live out my faith?
What could God be saying to me?
What opportunities are there to serve God?

To explore these questions further...

Everyday Calling

with Bishop Saju

Saturday March 26th 10am—3pm

Lunch included

Grand Hall, St Martin's House



Day will include seminars on:

- ◆ How to set up a social action project
- ◆ Exploring ordained or lay ministry
- ◆ How do I hear from God?
- ◆ Training opportunities

Time to chat to people in a range of callings eg

- ◆ Church Army
- ◆ Street Pastors
- ◆ Spiritual Directors
- ◆ Schools projects

To book a place email:

claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org

(Please state any dietary needs)

Online Compline Night Prayer from 8pm each Wednesday

All Welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?>

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Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

Or Phone In 0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

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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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2022

'Choose The World You Want' Exhibition

We need your imagination!

Churches together in Clarendon Park and Knighton

**Photographs, poems, pictures of your art work
what might you come up with?**



Please send your entries to acbrindle@gmail.com

by 6th March

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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 a peaceful solution to the tension and military build-up in Russia and Ukraine. Pray for all those involved in diplomacy, and that the political leaders will be drawn away from the use and threat of violent force.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that all Christians might rediscover the power of prayer to bring blessing, peace and healing to the world, and to individual lives. Pray that we might keep asking "Lord, teach us to pray...." Ask God to prompt us all to use the gift of prayer when we see needs in the lives of those around us.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Lambourne Road, Fairholme Road, Cairnsford Road, Ferndale Road, Northdene Road.**

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 **Bob Rutland, Rod Bowditch, and David Adjadje**

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 to God that Margaret Tonkin is well enough to return home.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. **Rob Muddimer, Debbie Gaskin, Eileen Jennison and Noel Freer, and Oliver Evans**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.