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**St Mary Magdalen Church  
Church of England, Knighton**

**Sunday 29th September 2019  
15th Sunday after Trinity**

**Our Presiding Minister at 10am today is the Revd Aphro McCullough,  
and the Preacher is Revd Adrian Jones.**

**Welcome to our Services**

**ST MARY'S HARVEST TEA**

for all the family

Saturday 5th October 4.30pm for 5pm

The Parish Centre

There will be activities for children and a raffle.

Menu includes jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, salad and desserts.

Wine, fruit juices, tea and coffee will also be served.

Tickets (£6 each or £12 for a family ticket) now available from: Judi Stone. Tel 2881306.

Come and join us for fun and fellowship.

**WHY? QUESTIONS, CAKE AND COMPLINE:**

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

Ever had a question you wanted to ask about God and the world but never had the chance? Now you can. Join us to discuss the Questions and enjoy cake and companionship. You are invited to stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer) afterwards.

Send your questions to [churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk) or deposit them in the question box at the back of St Guthlac's and St Mary's churches by Sunday 29th September. This gives us time to find the most common questions. We will aim to discuss one main theme each time we meet. EVERYONE WELCOME. *Matthew*

## **ABOUT OUR SERVICES**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

**Joshua 1.1-9, Psalm 23 & Matthew 6.25-34**

Today's title is: **'Questions Jesus Asked: Why do you worry?'**

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 29th September</b> 15th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Eucharist <b>10.00am Sung Eucharist</b>
Monday 30th September <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 1st October	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's 2.30pm MU Prayer & Fellowship
Wednesday 2nd October	
Thursday 3rd October	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 4th October	
Saturday 5th October	5.00pm Harvest Tea (Centre)
<b>Sunday 6th October</b> Harvest	8.00am Eucharist <b>10.00am Harvest Festival</b> 11.30am Eucharist 2.00pm - 5.00pm Church open

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th October** at 11am.

**MOTHERS' UNION** We meet for Prayer and fellowship on Tuesday, 1st October in the Narthex at 2.30pm. *Lorna*

### **FIRST FRIDAY PRAYERS WITH OUR LOCAL CHURCHES.**

Friday 4th October, 8am-8.30am at St Thomas More RC Church on Knighton Road. Everyone welcome.

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*

## InSPIREd

### 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

**ST GUTHLACS HARVEST TEA** Sunday 13th October 5pm at St. Guthlac's  
Please join us for afternoon tea and harvest music, tickets Adults £6 and  
children £4 available from Jean Gabbar (07791252701) or email  
administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

**ADVANCE NOTICE! HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our traditional Harvest Festival will take place at 10am on **Sunday 6th October**. This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends and family of all ages to thank God together for his goodness and to remember how interconnected we are with each other and with the natural world. Once again we will be collecting tinned food and also, this year, household cleaning products - we will then pass on our donations 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 life. As we remember the generosity of God to us, please be generous in your donations!

**HARVEST FESTIVAL : SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER**

The Flower Guild look forward to welcoming all would like to help decorate St Marys starting at 2pm on Friday 4th October and continuing from 9.30am on Saturday 5th. On Friday gifts of autumnal foliage, flowers, fruit and vegetables would be gratefully received.

Further info from Deborah Martin : Tel: 0116 2707525

**PLEASE NOTE** church will be open on the afternoon of Harvest Sunday – 6th October from 2 pm until 5 pm for people to view the Harvest decorations etc. Refreshments will be available.

**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 Wardrobe. 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

**AN EVENING OF LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT!** Organ classics, jazz, musical theatre and pop songs with Martyn Noble (Sub-Organist - Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James's Palace and former Organ Scholar of St Thomas' Church, South Wigston). **TODAY 6.00pm. St Thomas' Church, South Wigston.** £7 entry (£5 concessions). All money raised goes to the upkeep of the organ at St T's. See poster at the back of church.

**FAITHFUL IMPROVISATION** Pioneering Mission in the Diocese -review & celebrate with national speakers 2nd October 2019, St Martin's House, 6-10pm See postcard invites at back of Church or speak to Matthew for information & booking.

**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](http://www.oneroof.org.uk) or speak to Matthew

**NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS:** At the Bishop's Conference recently, Matthew and I met up with both Chris Allen and Keith Magee, both of whom send their best wishes to everyone at St Mary's and St Guthlac's. We also shared news with two former curates who will be well known to many of you: Helen Dearnley continues to work for HM Prison and Probation Service and has recently been promoted to Anglican Faith Advisor for all of England and Wales; Cynthia Hebden is now the Interim Minister for the Hallaton Benefice (despite having retired not that long ago!) and has recently announced the happy news that she is to marry again. Her fiance is Andrew Thomson from Australia, and they will be married at noon on 4th January 2020 at St Michael and All Angels, Hallaton - Cynthia was keen to say that everyone is welcome to the service and to the drinks and canapes that will follow! *Adrian*

**MANY THANKS FOR RIDE AND STRIDE:** Thank you to everyone who helped to keep the church building open on Saturday 14th for Ride and Stride and community visitors - it was much appreciated and gives our neighbours a sense that they too have a share in the church at the heart of the community here. Well done to Flick for all her church visits on the day too! It's not too late to sponsor her - half the money raised will come back to our InSpired Appeal and half goes to the Leicester Historic Churches Trust. *Adrian*

**RIDE AND STRIDE UPDATE:** Flick thanks her sponsors and those who prayed for good weather. Well done everyone! She visited twenty churches and has raised **£264** so far, but can still be sponsored up to the end of September.

**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

**CAN YOU HELP?** 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.

# 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*

### **Contact details:**

**Vicar: Adrian Jones** 0116 270 4268 or 07584 954414  
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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 standing order as part of our Planned Giving 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 Mark and Steph, our Parish Centre Caretakers, and all the work that they do to ensure the Centre is a welcoming venue for the many community groups that use it every week.

**Praying for the World:** please pray for all those caught up in civil war around the world, and especially in the Yemen and in Syria. Pray for all those whose suffering is perhaps going unnoticed here because our Brexit troubles occupy much of the headlines. Please pray for the wisdom of all in our Government and Parliament as they seek answers to our Brexit problems.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray that our Harvest Festival activities next weekend attract and inspire visitors and guests from our local community, especially families.

**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for those who live on: Welford Court, The Cedars, Muston Gardens, Wyndale Road, Brinsmead Road.

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** 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.

**Johnathan Young**

**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.*