

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

Sunday 13th October 2019

The Presiding Minister and Preacher for today's services is the Revd Adrian Jones.

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. On the next page of this newsletter you'll find all the essential information you might need for this morning's service.

DON'T BE IN THE DARK ABOUT INSPIRED - A SPECIAL MEETING IS COMING UP ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH - the InSpired Appeal Group would like to invite everyone to a special meeting after the morning service on Sunday 20th October, starting at 11.15am for about half an hour. The aim of the meeting is to answer all your questions about the restoration of the spire and the fundraising that we need to do. We will tell you the story of the spire, the nature of the problems and what's needed to sort them out, the details of the costs involved and the money needed, and something more about the events planned for fundraising. There will also be an opportunity for your own questions, which you can raise with any of the Appeal Group beforehand or indeed, at the meeting itself. Do come along and invite as many neighbours as you can! Printed and email invitations will be sent out very soon, but in the meantime please do put this in your diary as an important event in our church life together and for connecting with our community. *Adrian*

PARISH MAGAZINE Please consider making a contribution to the November issue of the magazine. The closing date for copy, to be sent to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com, is 31 October. Thank you. *Nigel Siesage.*

HARVEST THANKS - many thanks to everyone who did so much to make our Harvest Festival weekend such a success! As Matthew said in our services, we have so much to be grateful to God for, and such a need to 'reconnect' with God, with the Earth and with each other. *Adrian*

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. Sunday Club meets in the Narthex for primary school age children.
- 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:

Exodus 16.1-5, 13-21 and Mark 6.32-44

Today's title is "Questions Jesus Asked:

How many loaves do you have?"

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 13th October 17th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Monday 14th October Parish Office Closed	2.00pm	Funeral - Pat Selby
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 15th October Parish Office Closed	9.30am	Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 16th October		
Thursday 17th October	9.30am	Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 18th October		
Saturday 19th October		
Sunday 20th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	<i>InSpired</i> Appeal - launch and update meeting

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

Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Church Magazine: If you don't have a copy of the Parish Magazine delivered to you, then please do take a copy from the long table near the north door at the back of the church. You can also read it online at www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

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

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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

Tickets for the curry night in aid of the spire appeal on 21 October will be issued (in exchange for payment) after the 10 am services on 13 and 20 October. The price per ticket is £16, and cheques should be made payable to Knighton PCC.

If you have not booked and would like to come, please tell the person in charge of the tickets.

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 TODAY - your last chance! Further details from Eileen McKellican.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL RAFFLE - tickets now available. The prizes will be 6 baskets of varying goodies and plants. Can you help by providing some of the contents? One basket will be "Chocolate Delights" we hope to have a variety of products , bars of chocolate, Kit Kats, Crunchie bars, nothing is too small a donation. Thank you to all who have so generously gifted something. If you want any further details talk to Anne Squires or Sue Holligan.

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*

CRAFT, COFFEE AND CHAT - on 29th October at 2pm in the Narthex.

Deborah Martin will be guiding us for a second session as we continue to make a "forest" of christmas trees to be used as church decorations. No skill or materials required, the first session was enjoyed by all. No skill or materials required, we are all amatuers so dont be shy, we would love you to join us.

MELTON MOWBRAY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - FAKE NEWS!

Contrary to several rumours, I can confirm that St Mary's Melton Mowbray Christmas Tree Festival **IS** taking place! Dates are **29th November - 3rd December**. Please go to melton.anglican.org for more details. *James*

THE COMMUNITY OF GRACE They were delighted to receive the Harvest gifts from St Mary's. "Thank everyone very much for this generous gift".
Judi & Bernard

MOTHERS' UNION - We look forward to welcoming back Margaret Rouse, Diocese ex President, who will give a presentation on faith and M.U. matters. Our meeting takes place on Tuesday, 22nd October, at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge, and visitors are welcome. Please bring your menu choices and payment of £17 for your Christmas Luncheon at Wigston Holiday Inn, which is on Tuesday, 17th December, 12 for 12.30.

HALLOWEEN - CHRISTIANS JOIN IN!? This year, for the first time, we will be offering our local children and families an alternative to the 'ghoulies and ghosties' of Halloween. Our theme is 'Angels and Heroes" and we will be inviting everyone to dress up and come along for two hours of games, fun activities, story-telling and refreshments in the Parish Centre - either as a complete alternative to trick and treating or as a 'just drop-in' extra. We will be advertising widely in the area, and we know through our contacts that there are lots of families who would value this opportunity but we need team members to make this happen! Please consider helping on the evening (Thursday 31st October, from 5.30-7.30pm), even if only for a short time. Do speak to Adrian or Alison for more details and to volunteer your help. There is also a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you!

CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT PLEASE? 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.

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

MESSY CHURCH The next session will be on Friday 25th October at Stoneygate Baptist Church from 3.15pm. The theme is 'LIGHT'.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday 30th NOVEMBER 2019**

11.00am - 2.00pm Parish Centre
In aid of the InSpired Appeal

It is not TOO EARLY to start collecting items for the
Christmas Bazaar : Please donate for the

BOTTLE STALL : Wine, Soft drinks, Sauces and lots of
Small bottles. Second hand goods (**'Posh Tat'**) and

Raffle Prizes which can be left in labelled boxes near North Door.
or contact Michael Kirk (Tel: 0116 2707843)

Contact details:

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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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. *If you are giving by bank standing order, yellow tokens are available at services to put on the plate, should you wish.*

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%.

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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 our musicians, organists and choir members, and for their willingness to put their gifts to work in helping us worship and bring glory to God.

Praying for the World: Please pray for the safety, well-being and rights of disabled people across the world, and especially in those countries where attitudes, and sometimes laws, restrict their role in society and deprive them of the joys of life that non-disabled people take for granted. Pray for those who are hidden away by families, who can't access healthcare and education, and the women who are at heightened risk of domestic or sexual violence.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that as we celebrate God's goodness to us, we will be moved to respond to his generosity with gratitude and with generosity of our own towards those in need. Pray that this will become a key part of our own church's connection with the wider community.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:
Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue,
Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene 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 **Fred Osborne, Paul, Rob and Charlotte Muddimer, Simon Muddimer, David, Basil Harrison, Lee Elkington** 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.
Patricia Selby Alan Westbury

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.