

St Mary Magdalen - Church of England, Knighton

Sunday 7th July 2019 - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Service leader and Speaker: 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.

TODAY WE WELCOME MATTHEW, our new curate, together with his wife Clare and their girls Lydia, Eleanor and Constance.

After the service, and our usual tea and coffee, they'll be a time to talk to them all at our Church picnic in the Church Lane Gardens, just across the road. We'll aim to start about midday, and we have chairs and extra food, so please join us if you can!

During his first few weeks I'll be showing Matthew around the Benefice and introducing him to the variety of people and events that are part of our life together - but don't worry if you miss us as you'll have a bit more than three years to get to know him!

I'm confident that through Matthew's many gifts God will bless us, and trust that together we will give him the support, encouragement and training that he needs as a newly ordained Deacon, and next year Priest.

Please greet the whole family warmly! *Adrian*

OUR SPECIAL EVENSONG Many thanks to all who sang in our special Evensong this week, welcoming Matthew, our new curate, and his family. It was so good to welcome Matthew in the context of such splendid music and worship. Especial thanks to the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster, Choir Director, and our organists. *Adrian*

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service and the readings and hymns are included in the booklet.
- 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 the main 10am service is for all ages, there is no Sunday Club for the children this week.
- As part of the 8.00am and 11.30am services 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.
- 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:

Isaiah 35.1-10 & Luke 7.11-17

Today's theme is: **'Tears & Joy'**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 7th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 12noon 2.00pm	Eucharist All Age Worship Eucharist Picnic in the Park Baptism of Max Ardley
Monday 8th July	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 9th July Parish Office Closed	9.30am 7.30pm	Eucharist, St Mary's PCC Meeting (Narthex)
Wednesday 10th July		
Thursday 11th July	9.30am	Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 12th July	12 noon	Interment of Ashes
Saturday 13th July		
Sunday 14th July 4th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 26th July** at 11.00am.

Please note the Parish Office is closed on TUESDAY this week.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO THE ST GUTHLAC'S TEA AND TALK MONTHLY MEETING FOR JULYA TASTE OF SYRIA: Tuesday 16th July at 7pm St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF Jean Gabbar will be sharing with us her experience of learning to cook the Arabic way after moving to Syria, including the successes, the failures, the memorable meals and the favourite dishes. Free talk and food to try with the chance to socialise. Do join us!

MOTHERS UNION - our Patronal Festival Service takes place on Tuesday, 23rd July, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's, followed by a Strawberry Tea in the Parish Centre. Another date for your diary: St. Anne's are celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year, and have invited us to a service in their church on Tuesday, 10th September, at 2.30 p.m., followed by afternoon tea.

InSPIREd

The campaign to save our spire

We now have a fund-raising committee, whose role is to define and market the spire project, encourage people throughout the community to get involved, and approve and schedule specific fund-raising proposals.

The aim is to raise **£40,000** from our own local efforts towards the estimated cost of £200,000.

This is not only about bricks - or stones - and mortar; or about heritage - important though those things all are. Like our medieval predecessors who built the tower and added the spire, this is about calling out to our community, involving them, telling we are here. And why.

We hope everyone in the congregation will be proud to support and take part in this project.

It should also be a lot of fun. We have already come up with an impressive list of possible events, including the Christmas tree festival this December, and an open gardens weekend across Knighton next year. There will be a formal launch in September, but there will be plenty happening before then.

Don't assume we've already thought of everything. More ideas are very welcome. So are people willing to take a lead in organising specific events: one small co-ordinating group can't do it all. In particular we are also looking for someone with design skills to help with posters and publicity, someone with website design skills and another someone who will help us with the process of registering the church as a film location.



NOTE - You can now contribute your loose change to the 'Be Inspired' 1p saving Challenge in the box beneath the large poster at the back of the church - don't forget to add up your pennies and tick off the appropriate box on the poster as you make your donation.

So if you have any suggestions for events or activities, grand or modest, please let one of us - Adrian, Sue Holligan, Sian Howard, or Lorna and Michael Kirk - know. *Nigel Siesage*

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS: Knighton between the Wars, 1919 to 1939. We have a new history project underway, and we need your help! We're researching the development of Knighton between the Wars, and if you have any documents, photos, stories about our local area - its houses, businesses, people - please come along to our Drop-In at St Guthlac's Church on Saturday 27 July from 10.30am to 3pm and bring what you have. For further information, email knightonhistory@gmail.com

The Chaplaincy to the University of Leicester welcomes volunteers from many backgrounds, and values the contribution they make to help us in the provision of our services both within the University community and beyond. This can include many different roles, such as helping in the kitchen, hospitality, welcoming and even gardening! Volunteering can also help you develop your own skills and be rewarding.

It is important that volunteers agree to work within the ethos of the Chaplaincy to welcome those of all faiths and none, and not to promote any specific viewpoint. If you are interested, we would be happy to see you at one of our volunteer gatherings over the summer to meet some of the Chaplaincy team and current helpers and to receive more details.

The dates are: Wednesday 7th and Thursday 29th August 11am to 12 noon.

It would be helpful to know if you plan to come along. Call 0116 285 6493 or email chaplaincy@le.ac.uk or talk to Flick who already volunteers.

ORGAN CONCERT James Gutteridge, our Administrator, will be giving us an organ concert on Saturday 20th July at 4.00pm. The Concert will last around an hour and will be followed by tea and cakes. **Tickets (£5) are available now from the Parish Office, Michael Kirk and Bernard Stone.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Busy Bees at Stoneygate Baptist Church for those children aged 5 to 11 will be on Wednesday 31st July to Friday 2nd August inclusive. Registration forms available now from Judi Stone.

MOTHERS' UNION We have had an invitation to "Mary Sumner's Rectory Garden Party" with afternoon tea and musical entertainment, at 10 Springfield Road (by kind permission of the Bishop) on Friday 9th August. Tickets are limited so early booking is essential. Linda Poole is the person to contact and her address and telephone number may be found on our bookcase in the narthex – or from Lorna.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AND SUPPORT THE SPIRE APPEAL! We are lucky enough to have a specially commissioned Christmas card this year from our own Sue Sansome - and advance orders (by 7th July) can be taken at a discounted price. Please see the poster at the back of church to order.

THANKS The final total of profit for MacMillan Nurses from the Blooming Great Tea Party was £604. Thank you very much.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? Would you like to learn to play? Oadby & Wigston Scout and Guide Band need you! They meet on Friday evenings from 6.30pm until 9.00pm. For more information, visit their website: owsgb.weebly.com or email: owsgbuk@gmail.com

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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%.

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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)

Praying for the World: please pray for refugees and those who are forced to leave their homes because of conflict, persecution or hardship. Pray that we may be generous in the help and friendship we extend to them.

Praying for the Church: please pray that we may find God amongst us and in our life together - in small acts of kindness and care and in the big decisions and choices we all have to make.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:
**Southland Road, Portisdown Road, Ventnor Road South,
Wimbourne Road, Ring Road, Ryde Avenue.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular 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.

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.

Audrey Ardington Marion Hare

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.

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