



# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones  
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

6th May 2018  
6th Sunday of Easter

## 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.

**EXPLORING MARK:** Encountering Jesus - our spring/summer small groups are meeting to look at Mark's Gospel over seven weeks starting soon. The Wednesday morning group will meet at the home of Mrs Doreen White from 10am - 11.30am, beginning on 16th May. The Thursday evening group will meet in the Church Narthex from 7.45pm-9.15pm, beginning on 17th May. If you signed the list recently then you'll get further information direct from me. If you would like to join us but did not sign the list, then please do talk to me soon.  
Adrian



**CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY: "The Happiness Course"** Our recent reflections as a church on what we need to start doing included making deeper and wider connections with the local community and opening up fresh ways for people to begin a journey of faith. "The Happiness Course" can help us achieve both of these objectives. The course is produced by the Christian charity Livability and is designed for everyone. It explores attitudes to happiness using global research, and by offering discussion, films and group activities, as well as encouraging personal reflection.

Having received training as a course leader I am aiming to run the four session course in the autumn and to advertise it widely around our community. It would be really very good if some members of the church were able to support the course then as participants, or even as assistant leaders. In order to give you an idea about what the course is like, I will be running a 'taster' session on the evening of Wednesday 23rd May, in the Narthex of the Church. It will also give me the chance to practice my presentation skills - so please do think about coming along. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church, as well as further information about "The Happiness Course". 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. 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.

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, Sunday 6th May 2018**

Our Bible readings at the 8.00am and 11.30am services are:

**Psalm 98**

**Acts 10.44-end**

**John 15.9-17**

Our Bible reading at the 10.00am service is:

**John 15.9-17**

The sermon title today is "**Love and Fruit**"

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 6th May</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Service 11.30am Eucharist
<b>Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	No Bell ringing
<b>Tuesday 8th May</b> <i>Office open from 7.45am until 12.45pm</i>	9.30am Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 9th May</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	1.00pm Tiny Tots
<b>Thursday 10th May</b> <i>Office open from 9.30am until 2.30pm</i>	10.00am Thursday Morning Club (Centre) 7.30pm Benefice Service for Ascension Day
<b>Friday 11th May</b> <i>Office open from 9.30am until 2.30pm</i>	
<b>Saturday 12th May</b>	
<b>Sunday 13th May</b> 7th Sunday of Easter	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

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(Please see office opening times on the diary above)

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th May**.

**CHRISTIAN AID 2018** This year the annual week for collecting for Christian Aid runs from 13th - 19th May. We would be extremely grateful if YOU could help by delivering and collecting envelopes around the parish. A sign up sheet is at the back of church or speak to Rosalind Astles or Ida Stanyer for more information. Thank you.

**AWAY DAY** Saturday 15th September. Booking forms are now available for our Quiet Day at Launde Abbey. Doreen White will be able to let you have one after the service. They will be on the table at the back of church during the week. Please return completed form and deposit to Doreen.

**COFFEE MORNING** Come and join us at our Coffee Morning in church on **Saturday 12th May** from 10 am until 12 noon. There'll be various stalls, including plants, cakes and books. Everyone very welcome.

## **WW1 CENTENARY**

The WW1 display in St Mary's will include photographs, memorabilia and artefacts from the period spanning 1914 - 1918.

Do you have anything you would be able to "loan" us for the first 2 weeks of November? Great care will be taken of anything loaned. We'll need the your items by Sunday 30th September.

Photographs of family, information of your family tree or old uniforms/medals of relatives? Maybe photographs of Knighton at that time.

Please contact any member of the display team. This includes: Sue Holligan, Ida Stanyer, Judi Stone, Sue Bonnett, Deb Martin and Carolyn Oldershaw. Thank you.

## **WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH**

"Never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumbling and sinners. I find that comforting."

Nadia Bolz-Weber, American Lutheran minister and author of 'Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People'

**Oadby & Wigston Fundraising Group  
Marie Curie's Blooming Great Tea Party  
Friday 8th June 2018 at 2.00pm**

Taste Restaurant  
Leicester College  
Aylestone Road  
Leicester  
LE2 7LW

Super sandwiches and canapes, sublime scones,  
delicious cakes, tea and coffee

**A bargain at only £15.50 per head!**

Raise funds for homebased nursing care

Early reservations recommended!

Raffle  
Bar available

Contact: Shirley Wills, 0116 2811 401

Also, following the Spring Lunch, the profit made was £900.  
Thank you to everyone.



**CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT?** Veronica Brown needs a lift to church and then back home on Sunday 27th May for the 8.00am Eucharist. If you're able to help Veronica, please call her in the afternoon on 288 9284.

**THANK YOU** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Overdale School visit on Monday. Our efforts were very much enjoyed and appreciated. Doreen White.

**HELP NEEDED FOR SEMP CELEBRATION** If you would like to bake a cake, man the BBQ, offer your face painting skills, or offer to volunteer in some other way on the day, please speak to Neil.



We will be looking back over the 9 years

The Edge Project

has been working with young people

in the local area



4.00pm - 5.00pm

BBQ, Rounders, Football cage, Face painting,

Bouncy castle, Tea & cake and more...



5.00pm - 5.45pm

The Celebration



5.45- 6.45

the BBQ will continue along with other activities

Come to some or all of the afternoon

## **SEMP PRAYER FOR MAY**

God of power, you have planted your Kingdom in the midst of our fallen world  
- please make our churches shining outposts of that Kingdom,  
that the world might see your glory.

God of love, you gave your Son to pay the debt we could not re-pay, that we  
might be your people & You might be our God - re-make our hearts & minds  
that we might live & worship more and more like Him.

God of truth, you hold before us the perfect hope of a new heavens & new  
earth, there for us through the word of the gospel - therefore set our hearts  
on things above, not on the things of this earth.

God of grace, such grace is inexhaustible for those who truly repent & believe  
in Jesus - may our experience of this grace make us gracious &  
compassionate to those you have placed around us.

God of south Leicester - we ask that you would do this in our time, that praise  
to the Father, Son & Holy Spirit might be multiplied abundantly in our city.

In Jesus name, Amen

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 people around the world whose lives are devastated by disease and sickness. Pray for the development of new vaccines and medicines. Pray that there will be enough funding and commitment, from all nations both rich and developing, to make the eradication of disease a reality.

*Praying for the Church:* Please pray for **Bishop John Smylie** and the people of our Link Diocese of Wyoming in the USA, especially for the development of gifts of ministry amongst lay people.

*Praying for the Parish :* This week please pray for all those who live in **Lambourne Road, Fairholme Road, Cairnsford Road, Ferndale Road, Northdene 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*

**Anne Squires  
Bill & Ann Ibbs**

**Elizabeth Coulsey  
Lee Elkington**

**Helen Nicholls**

*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:



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