

St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton

Sunday 1st November 2020

All Saints

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

Collect

*Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.*



You are very welcome to our Sunday service!

You are very welcome to join our Sunday service. Despite the constraints on us we are finding a new pattern to our worship in the building of St Mary's and beginning to feel more at ease. When you feel ready to join us there are some simple precautions that we ask you to remember in order to protect yourself and others too:

- please arrive early and be ready to queue as you maintain a distance of 2m from others.
- please wear a face covering as you queue and all the time you are in the church - we have some extras for those who cannot obtain their own.
- when you are welcomed please sanitise your hands and then pick up a service sheet.
- we have calculated the number of places that we can use in the church building safely whilst distanced from each other. Please only use one of the seats marked with a cushion and green tick. If you are from the same household or bubble then you can sit together.
- we are using recorded music to help us praise God and reflect on what we are doing together. The words of the hymns are printed for you but please don't sing (humming is fine!)
- to receive Communion (at the moment only the bread) stewards will ask you to come towards the nave altar - please keep 2m spacing and keep your face mask on until you have your wafer. Then please consume the wafer as you move away, moving your mask as little as possible.
- after the service please keep your distance from others as you leave and do not linger in the building - sadly we can't offer refreshments.

- please leave your service booklet on the pew but take home your sheet of songs and readings, and sanitise your hands as you leave.
- if you should feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus in the two weeks following the service, as well as seeking medical advice, please leave a message at the Parish Office so that we can inform others if need be.
- please note that the toilets are open for use but everyone is asked to observe strict handwashing requirements. The toilets will be cleaned each week.

Please don't feel too put off by these necessary precautions – God is simply pleased that we are here together, worshipping and allowing our lives to be shaped by the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to attend on **Sunday 8th November** or **Sunday 15th November** then please do phone the parish office (0116 270 2705) and leave a message which includes the names of any other people who will sit with you because you are in the same household or bubble. If you find that you can no longer attend, please let James in the Office know so that we can release this place to someone else.

Best wishes,

Adrian



We're looking...!



It's great that we have a new Church Warden (thanks Sian), and another volunteer to join a 'Warden team' that shares some of the responsibilities between them. Now we'd really like a few more people to join this team. If you're feeling a 'pull' or 'push' from God to do a bit more in our life together as a church then please do talk to Adrian, Matthew or Sian – this could be for you!

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2020 : As you would expect, we will need to mark Remembrance Sunday in a slightly different way this year. However, our Remembrance service at St Mary's will still begin at 10am as usual and will include the traditional sentences, prayers, bugle call (recorded) and two minutes silence at 11am. I'm very grateful to Lorna Kirk for once again organising the selling of poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Please do come and share this special service at St Mary's if it has a particular importance to you - simply phone James in the church office so that he can add your name to the list. However I do recognise that not everyone will be able to do this, so we will also be producing a special recorded Virtual Worship to mark Remembrance Sunday. It will be available on our website and Facebook pages next Sunday and also through a link to You Tube that we will send to everyone on our email list. If you don't have internet access then you will find Remembrance Sunday services on the television and radio as usual.

Adrian

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for Sunday 1st November are:

Revelation 7.9-end

The great multitude in white robes

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.'

¹¹ All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying:

'Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!'

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?'

¹⁴ I answered, 'Sir, you know.'

And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

'they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ "Never again will they hunger;

never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.
¹⁷ For the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd;
"he will lead them to springs of living water."
"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Matthew 5.1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE It has been really encouraging to get so many contributions to recent issues of the magazine. I have had several messages from readers saying how much this is appreciated. So please get writing - the closing date for the November/December issue is 1 November. Please send your contributions to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. Thank you. *Nigel*

IMAGES OF KNIGHTON 2021 CALENDAR Raising Funds for St Mary's Spire Appeal. Lovely local artistry has contributed to make this special community celebration of Knighton life. £7.50 each or 3 for £20. Free tubes available for posting. Cheques payable to 'Knighton PCC'. Please collect from Sunday services at St Mary's, Rev. Matthew, Lorna Kirk, Aileen Orme, (07980 430598), Nigel Siesage or Rev Janet. Also available from Londis, Knighton Church Rd, Holbrook News, South Knighton Rd and Wigston Fields Deli, Carlton Drive.

St Mary's Alternative Christmas Fayre

- Marmalade - All varieties
- Jams & Chutneys
- Small hand knitted toys
- Fully iced Christmas Cakes



Sadly it is impossible to hold the usual Fayre in November. But if you would like to order any of these goodies - please contact either Cora Paul 3678954 or Judi Stone 2881306.

All items can be delivered to your door in time for Christmas.

We also have some Christmas woodcuts for sale at £5 each.

Please contact Sue on 07402 028637



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Congratulations and many happy returns to Margaret Roff who celebrated her 90th birthday this week! Love from us all Margaret.

THANKS: It was lovely to see members of the congregation outside of the church both before and after Kay & Ian's Wedding. It all helped to make it very special, especially in these extraordinary times! We all enjoyed a lovely day, very much a family occasion, as the guest list had to be reduced many times! So sorry that Bernard and the bride forgot her bouquet and it had to be fetched before they could go into Church, good job we only live up the road! *Judi & Bernard*

ACCESS TO WEEKLY RECORDED SERVICES

Each week we will now usually upload a recording of the Sunday service from St Mary's or St Guthlacs onto the Knighton Benefice You Tube channel. This should happen by 1pm each Sunday. Please go direct to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChYDSfNmiB2Zamsaz_EdZSg? or via the website or Facebook page.

POPPIES The ROYAL BRITISH LEGION states that despite the Pandemic they continue to provide help, advice and financial support to people in great need. There will be an opportunity for your donation to be received outside St Marys West door on Sundays 1st and 8th November and collect poppies of your choice from the tray which will be available. *Lorna Kirk*

Dean's Discussions

– Volume IX –

Monday 2 November 2020 | 6.30pm
A Leicester Cathedral Online Event

All Souls Day and the Inevitable Life, Death and the After Life

A Dean's Discussion on All Souls Day
with Professor Christina Faull (LOROS
Consultant in Palliative Medicine &
Research Lead and Rebecca Huscroft
(ifirm Legal, Estate Planner).

Covering ground that society sometimes
struggles with – planning for a good death
in the 21st Century, the laws that surround
estate planning and tax efficient giving
and what a good death might mean for
Christians.

Free admission!

Book via www.eventbrite.co.uk



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The Parish Office is now open again from 9.30am until 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday. Please feel free to phone James or to email. If you need to visit the Office, please let James know you're coming and wear face coverings as per the Government guidelines. Thank you.

Keeping in touch and sharing worship together remotely.

Wednesday Compline (Night Prayer) - Each week we are meeting virtually for Compline at 8pm on Wednesday. It has proven to be a meaningful way to have fellowship and prayer together as well as being quite good fun, especially as we find our feet with the technology and with more people joining us every week.

You can join by just phoning up and inputting the code or using 'Zoom' online. It has been democratic with several voices joining in with a line of liturgy each. If you would like to participate with a speaking part, please do contact Matthew by 4pm on Wednesday.

To join by phone only, call this number **0131 460 1196** and when prompted input Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

To join by Zoom on the internet, go to this address and click 'Open Zoom' <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408>

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%.

During the current Coronavirus pandemic please put aside your weekly offerings ready to bring to church when things return to something like normal. The costs of the church are largely unchanged even though we cannot meet, so your regular giving is extremely important to our collective 'health' and the mission of God here.



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Please pray..... *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. "* (Ephesians 6.18)

Praying for the World: please pray for the people of the United States of America as they cast their votes in the Presidential election this week. Pray that wisdom, justice and care for each other will guide people and leaders.

Praying for the Church: please pray for our Diocese of Leicester and the 'Shaped by God Together' process of prayer, consultation and debate about the future shape of the Church of England here. Pray for Bishops Martyn and Guli, and for all those helping to review ministry, mission, buildings and finances.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for staff and pupils of Overdale Infants School, Overdale Junior School, The Lancaster Academy, Sir Jonathan North Community College, Leicester High School for Girls, and Leicester Islamic Academy.

Praying for those in need:

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. Please do continue to pray for **Tony Sansome, Charlotte Muddimer, Anne Ibbs, Shirley and Rex Wills, Bob Newell** and their families. 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 for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends, in particular we remember **Pat Lillicrap** and **Gil Parsons**. We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11.28.