



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

**Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones  
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen**

**4th March 2018  
3rd Sunday of Lent**

## **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.

- 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.

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 4th March</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am	Eucharist All Age Service Eucharist
Monday 5th March	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 6th March	9.30am 2.00pm	Eucharist MU Prayer & Fellowship (Narthex)
Wednesday 7th March <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	1.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex)
Thursday 8th March	10.00am 7.30pm	Thursday Morning Club (Centre) Standing Committee (Narthex)
Friday 9th March	11.30am	Organ Tuning
Saturday 10th March	10.00am	Church cleaning
<b>Sunday 11th March</b> 4th Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 27th April** - there is no Service for Healing on Good Friday morning. In the meantime if you would like prayer for healing please contact our clergy, Adrian or Neil.

### **Listening to God's Word, Sunday 4th March 2018**

Our Bible readings today are:

**Psalm 19.7-11**

**John 2.13-17**

The sermon title today is

**"We're in Trouble!"**

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(Office open 9.30am - 2.30pm,

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

## CHERISHING THE PAST, SHAPING THE PRESENT AND PLANTING FOR TOMORROW

Once again many thanks for all your responses to my questions. In the last two weeks I have displayed at the back of church some of the comments that you have made about what we should cherish from the past and what we should change or stop that we are currently doing. All of those speech bubbles are still on display, now in the Children's Corner - remember that the bigger the bubble, the stronger was this view amongst you, the congregation! Next week I will begin to share with you our responses about the future - what sort of things could we be starting or planning for as we seek to Plant for Tomorrow ....watch this space! Adrian

**ELECTORAL ROLL 2018-2019:** the Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the APCM on 15th April. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included, please take an application from the notice board at the back of church and return it to me as soon as possible or **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 25th MARCH**. If you have any queries, please have a word with me. Eileen McKellican {Electoral Roll Officer}.

**LENT LUNCH:** Thank you so much for supporting the Lent Lunch last Saturday. To date **£467** has been raised for The Oxford Mission. If you would still like to give to this cause there is a basket is at the back of Church for your donation.

**MARIE CURIE SPRING LUNCH** Raising money for Marie Curie at the TASTE RESTAURANT, Leicester College, Aylestone Road. **Thursday 15th March**, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Tickets are £16.50 per head. There's a bar and a raffle. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401.

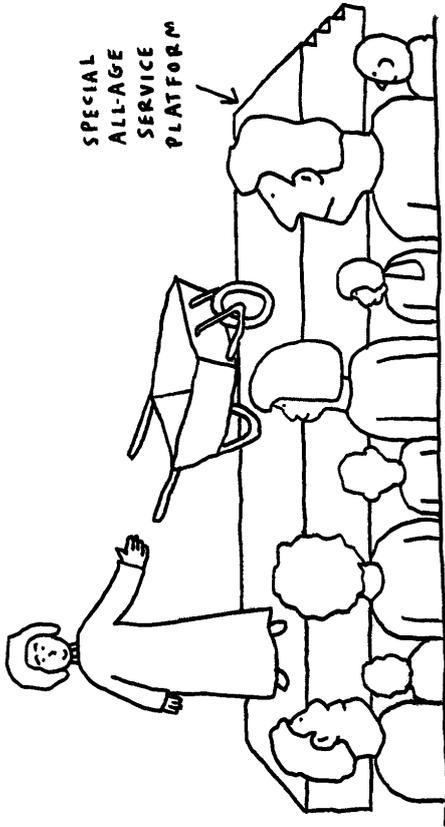
**"Darkness Falls" - a dramatic telling of John's Gospel:** The acclaimed Saltmine Theatre Company are bringing their latest production to Leicester on Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm, at the Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, Trenant Road (also the home of St Christopher's Church, Saffron Lane).

**"Darkness Falls"** is a remarkable re-imagining of the Gospel of John and is, by turns, moving, funny, poetic and fantastical. The production mixes vivid storytelling with beautiful live music to bring us a timeless story as we've never seen it before.

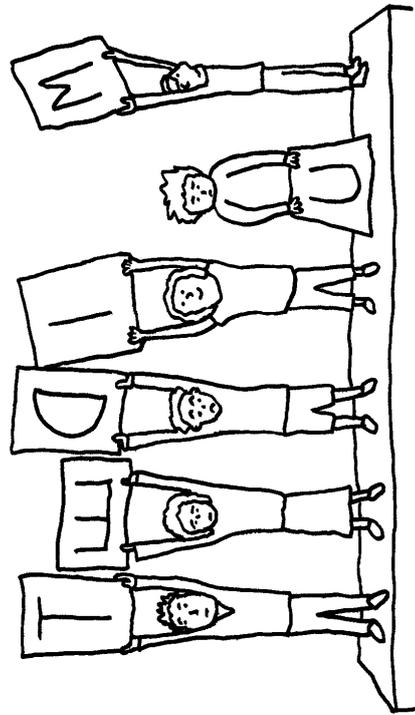
This gritty performance (suitable for teenagers upwards) is a compelling introduction to John's Gospel for those with little Christian background and also a fresh and provocative retelling for those of us who know the New Testament well. During the day they will be performing to all the Year 10 pupils at the Academy. It is therefore exactly the sort of initiative that St Mary's should be supporting. I have 25 tickets available, each at £2, so please let me know if you would like to come. *Adrian*

# THE ALL-AGE SERVICE

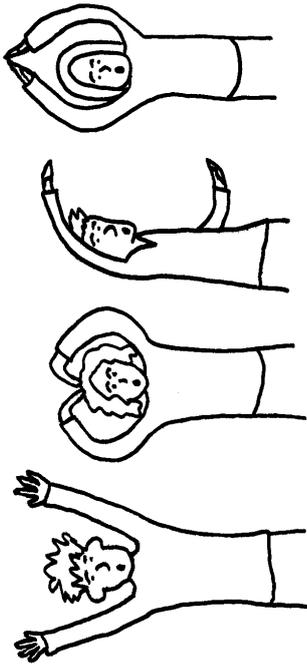
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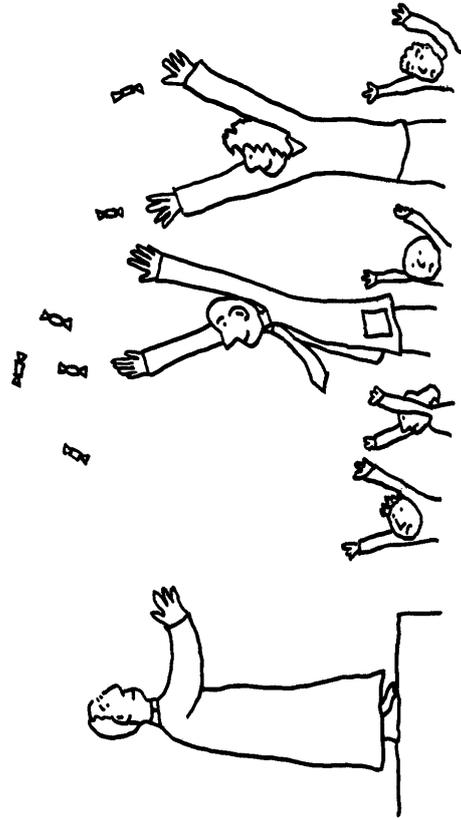
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CHILDREN HOLDING UP LETTERS



ACTION SONGS



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## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

**Is this your next step on the journey of faith?** It may be that for a while now you've been thinking about our Christian faith and have a feeling that you should take another step forwards....and that step could be 'confirmation.' In the Church of England, the service of confirmation is a chance to 'confirm' that the promises made on your behalf at baptism (often when you were a baby) are now your promises too - a clear intention to follow Jesus in a life of faith.

A confirmation service is always taken by a Bishop and often includes 'candidates' from several churches. You can be confirmed at any age, as long as your supporting Minister has spent some time with you first talking about the basics of Christianity and your faith. Our next local confirmation service is at the Cathedral on Easter Saturday (31st March) at 6pm so if you'd like to join others in thinking more about this next step on your journey of faith do please let Adrian know as soon as you can (0116 270 4268 [adrian.jones@zoho.com](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com)).

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH!

We each have a part to play in the life of our local church and you may be wondering how, in this new year, you can do your bit to support our life and worship together. There are four particular roles where we could do with extra help at the moment -

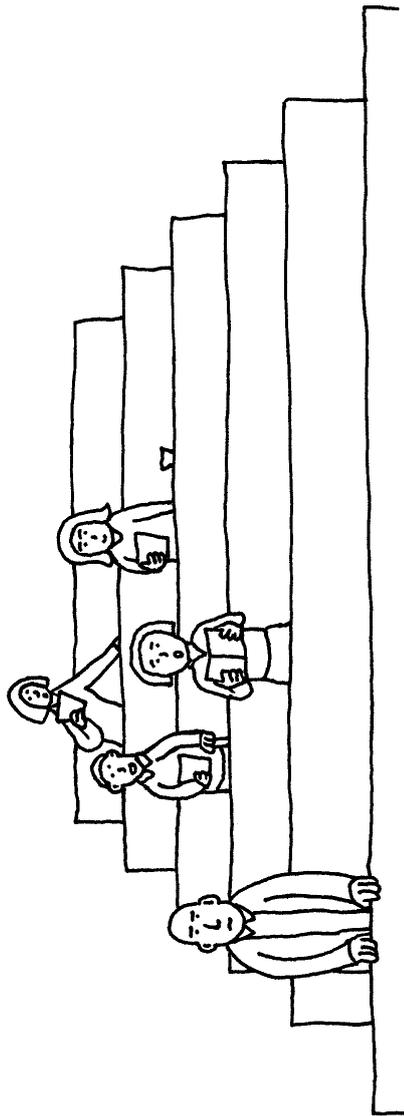
- if you can give some time before and after the 10am Sunday service, once every few weeks, then have a word with Cora Paul about helping on the *coffee rota*, or talk to Ros and Patrick the Church Wardens about helping with our welcome, as a *sidesperson* ;
- if you have an hour or two to give once a month, at a time convenient for you, then please talk to David Ardley about helping with the *cleaning of the Communion silver*;
- If you an hour or two occasionally to help clean the brasses, please contact Ros Astles
- if you have good IT and communication skills then you can help us manage our *church website* so please talk to Adrian.

We are always looking to add to the members of the Flower Guild and to the rotas for readers and those leading prayers on Sunday morning, so again please talk to Adrian if this is something that you can offer to support our worship together.

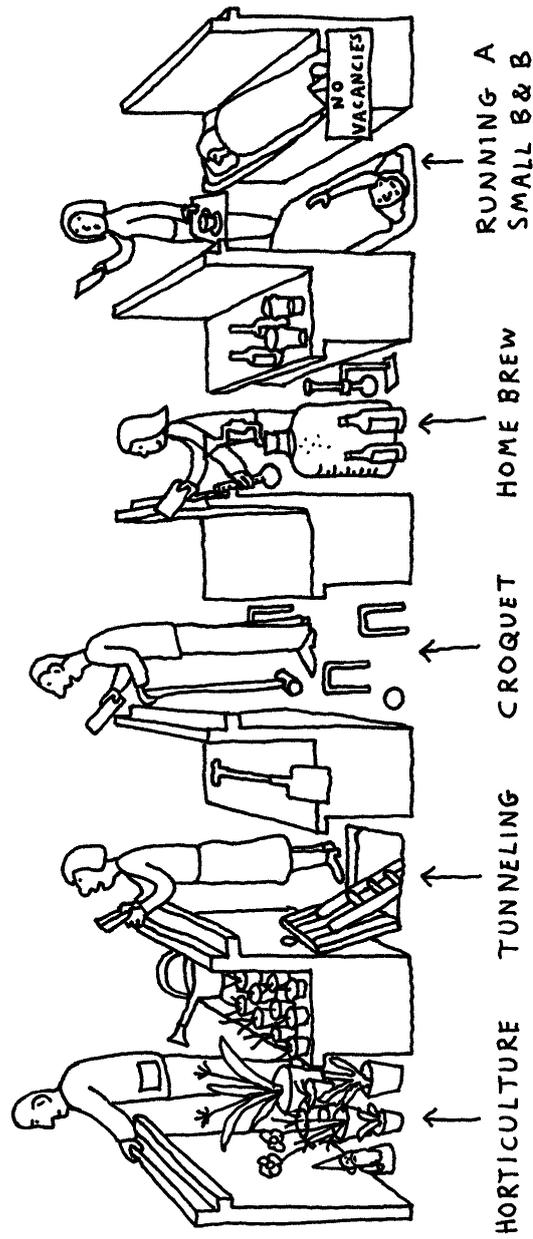
Many thanks.

# IN THE PEWS

WHAT IS GOING ON?



WHAT THE  
VICAR SEES



ACTUAL  
ACTIVITIES

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### **"We will remember them"**

These are words we say every year. This year is the centenary of Armistice Day. St Mary's will be hosting a number of events from 7th - 11th November.

From poppies, both real and knitted, to displays of photographs and the printed histories of some of the men whose names are on the memorial in the Lady Chapel. During the year the names of those who fell during 1918 will be read out at a Sunday service, nearest their death.

There will be an invited speaker on the morning of the 8th November, educational visits will be offered plus an Open Church weekend where light refreshments will be available. The week will culminate with a combined service with St Guthlac at St Mary's at 5pm 11th November.

How can you help? In lots of ways. Knit poppies or scour your loft for any artefacts or photographs of people who had an association with Knighton during 1914 -1918. There is a list at the back of church of who is doing what to make this joint event with St Guthlac something we will remember for a long time.

### **WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH**

**'One day you'll hear that Billy Graham has died. Don't you believe it. On that day I'll be more alive than ever before! I've just changed addresses.'**

Billy Graham, American Evangelist (1918-2018)

**THE RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES OF KNIGHTON** invite you to their fundraising coffee evening in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind on Wednesday 14 March, 6pm - 8pm at the Cademan Close Scout Hut. We will have homemade treats to purchase as well as sideshows, a tombola, and of course tea and coffee on offer! All are welcome!

**The Edge Youth Project is ending:** we have received news that the Edge Youth Project is coming to a natural end this summer. The Edge has been supported by St Mary's for many years, both practically and financially, and has given us an important way of being involved in reaching a new generation with the Christian message. This is the letter from the Management Group:

*To the member churches of the Southern Edge Mission Partnership,*

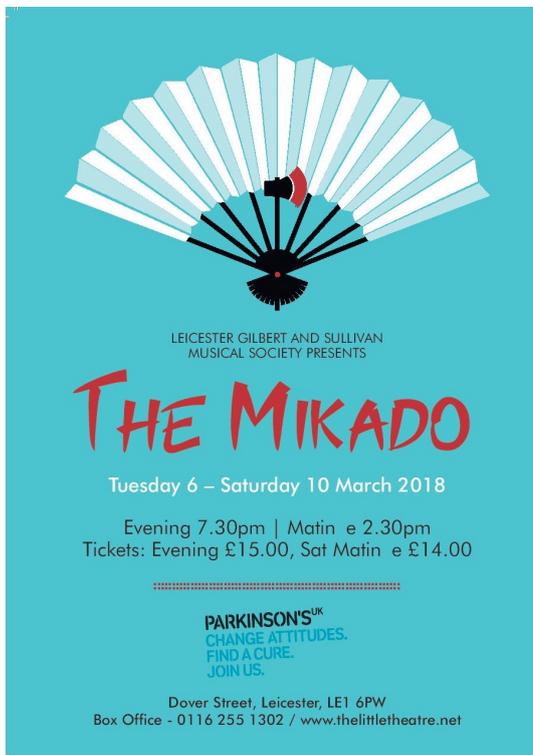
*As you will know the Edge Project has for the best part of a decade been working with young people within our partnership area, with a specific focus to reach out to those who are marginalised. The Project has worked to improve the life chances of young people, and ultimately to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. There has been hard work, much laughter & even some tears....not to mention the making of some very dear relationships along the way. There is so much to give thanks for as we look back at the very many lives that have been touched in some way. What started as a pioneering project expected to last no more than 5 years has progressed way beyond initial expectations, over time reshaping itself to meet the needs of those it has come into contact with - particularly those of the young people in and around the Saffron Lane area.*

*However, pioneering projects are by definition never meant to last forever, and the governing body for the Project has decided that this summer is the right time for the Edge Project to draw to an close. This is a decision which has been arrived at through months of discussion & prayer, as SEMP's governing body sought to navigate through some changed circumstances which the Project was facing. The decision to conclude the Project was made with the approval of most of the committee and all of the clergy who were in post at the time. We now look to the future with excitement, to see what God might do with our churches, our partnership, and our ministry to the young people of south Leicester.*

*More immediately, we look forward to celebrating what has been achieved via the work of the Edge Project over the years, and to this end we are planning an Edge Project event at the beginning of July as a way of celebrating the last decade & marking the beginning of a new chapter of SEMP ministry, whatever form it takes. Our God is a God who loves to bless, and we now look forward to seeing how He might bless us in the future, even as we give thanks for his blessings looking back over the last decade.*

*With every blessing,*

*The Partnership Management Group*



If you fancy a really good night out, then why not get tickets for this performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Mikado'?

Dates: **Tuesday 6th March until Saturday 10th March.**

This promises to be an excellent performance with The Mikado played by none other than our very own Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster!

It would be great to support Stephen. A party of from church are already booked to go on the Friday night.

Please call the box office on 0116 255 1302.



## 130 year Celebration!!

Our insurer, Ecclesiastical, are celebrating 130 years of providing insurance by offering **to donate to our Church £130 for each new house insurance policy** taken up in 2018 under this scheme.

If you want to consider this, **please visit** [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130) or call **0800 783 0130** and quote **TRUST130**

There are notices also at back of Church and in the Centre.

## MEMORY CAFÉ ST GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON

This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment.

There are a variety of activities such as talks, quizzes, craft and simple exercises. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. Meetings are on the second Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm. If you know someone who would be helped by this cafe please let them know. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | Clare King from the British Red Cross      |

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT IS HERE!** It's a shocking fact that millions of poor farmers who produce the food we love still don't earn enough to feed their own families- and it's time for this injustice to end. *Fairtrade Fortnight* aims to put the spotlight on trade, because when trade is fair it has the potential to improve significantly the lives of the farmers and workers who grow our food. When trade is fair, it can make the world a better place - and Fairtrade begins with our own shopping.

This year Fairtrade Fortnight will run from 26th February to 11th March, and as usual on the two Sundays (4th and 11th March) we will be offering Fairtrade 'goodies' with our tea and coffee after the service.

**FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:** Alison and Adrian would like to invite you to a Fairtrade Coffee Morning at the Vicarage, 5 Church Lane, from 10am-12 noon, on **Monday 5th March**. We'll be asking for donations for your Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits and other goodies, and we hope to have small selection of Fairtrade goods to browse and buy. All proceeds will go to Fairtrade projects overseas. So that we can know numbers ahead of time, please ask either of us for your personal ticket! many thanks.

**REAL EASTER EGGS** - Made by the same company as the Real Advent calendars, the Real Easter Egg is made from Fairtrade chocolate and comes with a children's story-activity book about the real Easter story. If you would like to order one to arrive at church in time for Palm Sunday, sign up on Alison's list today Sunday 4th March. £3.99 each. These and other varieties (dark chocolate etc) are also available in the Just Shop, Christian Resources, and some supermarkets. Adrian

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KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm**

Parish Centre.

Tickets (adults £7, children £5)

Available from Jane Wright 2925220 (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis 2103580 (St. Mary's), or  
knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

There will be a raffle at each performance.

**Do you have anything to donate as a prize?**

Judi and Bernard will be happy to receive your donation.

**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 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 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:* Pray for peace and the relief of suffering in Syria, for the protection of all civilians and a desire in those who hold power to see the end of the conflict.

*Praying for the Church:* pray for Bishop Isaiah Chambala and the people of our link Diocese of Kiteto in Tanzania. Please also pray for our own Leicester Diocesan Education Department; for the Director Carolyn Lewis, the staff and for all our church schools and academies.

*Praying for the Parish :* This week please pray for all those who live in Overdale Infants School, Overdale Junior School, The Lancaster Academy, Sir Jonathan North Community College, Leicester High School for Girls, Leicester Islamic Academy.

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*

**Roger  
Helen**

**Doris  
Catherine**

**Audrey Simons  
Audrey Griffiths**

**Molly Clarke  
Howard Bartlett**

*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:

**Mary Parkinson**

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

