

## St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

**Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones**

Sunday 10th March 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

### **Welcome to St Mary Magdalen**

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.

**Our theme today is *Faith for Life: Worshipping God Well.***



### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 is nearly over!

As usual, we have Fairtrade goodies with our tea and coffee after the 10am service today, with donations to the Fairtrade Foundation. There is also a stall of Fairtrade gifts. Many thanks to all those who made last weeks Fairtrade Coffee Morning at the Vicarage such a success, especially to the cake bakers!

### **NEW CURATE ANNOUNCED!**

I am very pleased to say that the benefice has been chosen as a training context for a curate, beginning this July. Matthew will be ordained in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th June, but hopefully everyone will be able to meet him and his family at some point before then. In the meantime I'll let him introduce himself: *"Hello everyone - my name is Matthew Gough. I am married to school teacher, Clare and we have 3 girls, Lydia 15, Constance 13 and Eleanor 11 plus our Yorkshire Terrier Lola. I am currently training at Queens College Birmingham with my current link church being All Saints, Wigston. I have lived in Leicester for the last 20 years and grew up in the Market Bosworth area. I have left a career as a social work university lecturer to become a full time ordained minister. I am delighted to be soon starting a curacy in the Knighton Benefice with Adrian as my training incumbent. I hope to live in the parish so that we can be fully at the heart of church life as a family. "* 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. During the service there are activities in the entrance area for children of all ages, at Sunday Club.
- 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.

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

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 10th March</b> 1st Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 11th March <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	11.00am 7.30pm	Funeral - Dr Sue Alexander Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 12th March	9.30am 7.30pm	Eucharist, St Mary's PCC Meeting (Narthex)
Wednesday 13th March	10am	Lent Group (2 Shanklin Gdns)
Thursday 14th March	9.30am 7.45pm	Eucharist, St Guthlac's Lent Group (Vicarage, 5 Church Lane)
Friday 15th March		
Saturday 16th March		
<b>Sunday 17th March</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Morning Worship "Following the way of Jesus"

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 29th March** at 11.00am.

**"CALLED EVERYDAY"** - the annual Diocesan vocations day, for everyone who would like to explore a possible new direction in their Christian service, is to be held on Saturday 23rd March at St Martin's House, near the Cathedral. More information is on the tables at the back of the church.

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

**1 Chronicles 16.23-31, Romans 12. 1-2**

**and John 4.19-26**

Today's theme is:

**"Faith for Life : Worshipping God Well"**

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT DURING LENT:** During Lent this year, as well as our discussion groups and Ash Wednesday service, the Sunday morning services will have a running theme drawn from our St Mary's vision of being a church that has "Faith for Life". On each of the central five Sundays we will be thinking about one of the objectives identified by the PCC for the next stage of our life together - in each case we will look at the Biblical basis for the objective and in particular what it might imply for us as a church and as individual Christians. I anticipate that there will be both encouragement and challenge for us over the weeks! I'm also hoping that many members of the congregation will be inspired with fresh ideas for practical action, so please do let me know what springs to your mind as, under God's guidance, we look to the future. *Adrian*

Lent 2019 themes: **Faith for Life**

10th March - **WORSHIP:** 'Worshipping God well' (John 4.19-26)

17th March - **FOLLOW:** 'Exploring and following the way of Jesus' (John 15.1-17)

24th March - **CONNECT:** 'Connecting better with our community' (Luke 10.25-37)

31st March - **WELCOME:** 'Welcoming everyone as equally valued' (Matt. 25.31-40)

7th April - **SHARE:** 'Sharing our faith in Jesus with others' (Matt. 28.19-20)

**DON'T MISS OUT!** Everyone who is a part of our church family and community needs to complete a new Electoral Roll form this year. We also need a signed 'Keeping in touch' form so that we have permission to contact you. Please pick up both forms from the back of church and return them completed by **today** to Eileen McKellican, Adrian Jones or Ros Matthew.

**MARIE CURIE** Annual Spring Lunch at the Taste Restaurant, Leicester College on Thursday 21st March, 12.30pm for 1pm. Tickets are £17 per person. The bar will be open and there will be a raffle. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401 for more information.

**'BE IN-SPIRED! STEEPLE PEOPLE!**

**SAVING THE SPIRE OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, KNIGHTON**

Our fund raising campaign was launched on Ash Wednesday with an explanatory sheet available for your penny Saving Challenge during the next 365 days. This is only the beginning of our effort to raise £30,000.

More information will follow very soon.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** will take place on Sunday 7th April at 11.30am in Church, after the morning service - we will have coffee and cakes to keep us going! All of us who are part of our church community ought to be there, to hear reports and questions on our life together last year and to take part in the election of Church Wardens and Church Council (PCC) members.

We need a nomination for another Church Warden to serve alongside Ros Matthew, and four new PCC members who serve for up to three years. This will be an important year in the life of our church, and the PCC is the group that will steer us and shape our life together, as well as making formal decisions about policy and practice. Please consider standing and encourage others whom you can see would do this well.

Nomination forms and further information are available at the back of church - and please talk to me as well.

If you wish to raise anything at the Annual Meeting under 'Any other business', please let me know by Sunday 31st March.

Revd Adrian

**ELECTIONS OF SIDESPERSIONS** Sidespersons (sometimes called 'Welcomers') will also be elected at the Annual Meeting. We are assuming that all current Sidespersons are willing to continue - but please let us know if you'd like to step back this time around. Anyone who would like to join the welcome team of Sidespersons should contact myself or Mrs Sue Ardley, the lead Sidesperson by 31st March. *Adrian*

**JAM JARS** Thank you for keeping me supplied with these. I do not require any more at the moment as I have enough to make many pounds of jam and marmalade well into the future. Thank you for your continued support for the sale of these preserves. *Judi*

**TIME FOR A CUPPA - THANK YOU.** Thank you to everyone who supported me, Dementia UK and Admiral Nurses by your very generous donations at 'Time for a Cuppa' after the Family Service on 3rd March. We have been able to raise £277.19 of which £155.00 has been Gift Aided. I am over whelmed by your support. Thank you. Sue Bonnett

**THANK YOU** The Royal British Legion Poppy collection for several weeks in November 2018 amounted to **£284.47**. They are most grateful for the support received from St Mary's Knighton.

### **FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY**

Acclaimed international pianist Margaret Fingerhut is giving a very special concert to raise awareness of refugee needs as well as to collect funds for Leicester City of Sanctuary. Margaret's programme tells the stories in words and music of some of the many composers in history who were refugees or migrants in some way. Her programme includes Chopin, Grieg, Handel, Haydn, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov, and she has specially commissioned a new piece by Arian, the Kurdish Syrian composer who wrote the Refugee National Anthem for the 2016 Olympics.

**Wednesday March 13th 6.30pm (Doors at 6.10pm) Leicester Cathedral, Peacock Lane, LE1 5PZ Tickets: £10, tickets available on the door.**

**'COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS' IN LENT:** Christian Aid booklets are available at the back of church, inviting us this year to join a Lent journey to contemplate our lives and take action to rise up against climate change. Through Lent themes of awareness, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, transformation and blessing, we 'll discover more about the lives of those who are pushed to the brink of survival by climate change and precarious livelihoods. Each daily reflection will help us give, act and pray so our neighbours around the world can rise up and overcome.

**RAFFLE PRIZES:** There will be a raffle at each of the performances of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' on Friday 22nd March & Saturday 23rd March. Could you provide a prize please?

Judi & Bernard Tel: 288 1306 or E-mail: [judiandbernard@talktalk.net](mailto:judiandbernard@talktalk.net)

### **The Crucifixion (John Stainer)**

**St. Denys Church, Evington**

**Palm Sunday 14th April 2019 6pm**

Mark with the people of St. Denys during Holy Week, in the church's 800th year, the most supreme sacrifice ever made for mankind. Sung by members of choirs from across the region Free entry but donations appreciated for the work of the church. All Welcome! Soloists are Revd Anthony Lees-Smith and Qyan Arnachellum.

**Contact details:**

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(day off normally Friday)

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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**.

**KNIGHTON PLAYERS**

will be performing

***Snow White and the Seven Dwarves***

on Friday 22nd March 7.30pm  
and Saturday 23rd March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm  
in the Parish Centre.

Tickets (adults £7, children £5) are available from Jane Wright 2925220,  
David Hunt 2716991 (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis 2103580 (St. Mary's),  
or [knightonplayers@ntlworld.com](mailto:knightonplayers@ntlworld.com).

**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](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com). If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.



**CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S** Please makes 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 all those working for greater trade justice across the world, and for greater awareness of the consequences our own buying choices.

**Praying for the Church:** please pray for PCC elections across the Church of England, and for a readiness to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

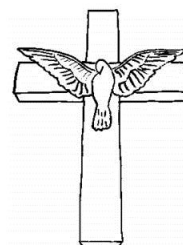
**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for all those who live in **Palmerstone Way, Link Road, Ryde Avenue, Shanklin Drive, Shanklin Gardens, Shanklin Avenue.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **'B', Saty French, and Bill Ibbs** 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:

**Sue Alexander      Vivienne Freeman**  
**Stewart Geldard**



*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.*