

St Mary Magdalen - Church of England, Knighton

Sunday 23rd June 2019 - 1st Sunday after Trinity

Service leader and preacher: Rev'd Adrian Jones

Welcome to our Sunday Services

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE TO BE ORDAINED AT PETERTIDE THIS YEAR:

Over next weekend 12 people will be ordained as deacons at Leicester Cathedral, and 8 as priests. Matthew Gough, who will be curate in Knighton, is one of those being ordained as a deacon, as are Ivan Bennett from the Church of the Nativity, and Jon Tearn from St John the Baptist, which are also part of our Mission Partnership. Please do pray for:

- all those to be ordained, for their families, friends and all those who will support them;
- for the communities where they will serve their curacy and for their training incumbents;
- for Bishop Guli who will preside at the ordinations, and for Bishop Martyn who will lead the retreat and preach at the services;
- that many more of us will recognise God's calling in our lives and our vocations to all kinds of ministry.

Please also pray for Adrian's daughter Claire, who is being ordained deacon, alongside her partner Rose, in Truro Cathedral on Friday 28th June. Claire and Rose will serve in parish teams in Bodmin and on the north Cornish coast.

Ordination Prayer Cards for Leicester Diocese are available at the back of the church today if you would like to take one.

*God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for all your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each
may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants soon to be ordained the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 25.1-9 & Luke 7.1-10

Today's theme is: **'The Way of Jesus:
"By the left....!"**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 23rd June 1st Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 24th June Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 25th June	9.30am	Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 26th June	7.30pm	Choir rehearsal in St Mary's
Thursday 27th June	9.30am 2.00pm	Eucharist, St Guthlac's MU Committee (Narthex)
Friday 28th June	11.00am 7.30pm	Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion Scout & Guide Band Concert
Saturday 29th June		
Sunday 30th June St Peter and St Paul	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 28th June** at 11.00am.

WELCOMING OUR NEW CURATE IN JULY: we're all looking forward to welcoming our new Curate in the benefice, Matthew Gough, and his family in July. Matthew's **ordination** will be on **Sunday 30th June** in the Cathedral and we have several special events in the following days to introduce him to us all. Firstly on **Wednesday 3rd July**, at 7.30pm, there will be a special service of Choral Evensong at St Mary's, led by the Benefice Choir under the direction of the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster. On **Thursday 4th July** Matthew will join us for the 9.30am midweek Eucharist at St Guthlac's, which will be followed by coffee and cake. Then on **Sunday 7th July** we will welcome the family at our 10am All Age Worship at St Mary's, which will be followed by a "bring and share" picnic in the park across the road. Please do join us for any or all of our special welcome events for Matthew, Clare and the girls, Constance, Eleanor and Lydia. Adrian and Alison are also collecting some special gifts for Matthew's family to make up a 'welcome' hamper, and there is a card to sign for them all at the back of the church. *Adrian*

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*

ADVANCE NOTICE! This year 'Ride and Stride', the annual celebration of Leicestershire's historic churches and fundraiser for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, is on Saturday 14th September. It's a special opportunity to visit many of our best churches and chapels across the county but also for us to open up St Mary's so that many more people can appreciate the beauty and heritage of the building. We aim to have the church open between 10am and 6pm on that day, so please add the date to your diary and consider giving an hour or so to volunteer to meet and greet visitors. More information later in the summer. *Adrian*

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 Wednesday 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.

BAND SUMMER CONCERT Oadby and Wigston Scout and Guide Band are giving us a concert in church on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm. This should finish by 9.15pm. This is a free entry concert.

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 available very soon.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK This year's Christian Aid Street and Church collection raised a total of £1461.39, of which £179.14 was Gift Aid. (In 2018 the total was £1760.39, of which £197.43 was Gift Aid) Many, many thanks to all the collectors and to everyone who donated.

Ros Astles and Ida Stanyer

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 Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie raised over £550 for the Nurses. Thank you. *Shirley.*

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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 a reduction in tension between different nations and faiths, particularly in the Middle East. Pray that diplomacy and problem-solving will be chosen above rhetoric and conflict.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all those being ordained next weekend (see front page).

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:
**Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive,
Heddington Close, Baldwin Road.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for **Val Smith, Johnathan Young, Graham Williams** 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. **Bill Ibbs Audrey Ardington**

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