



# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

27<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

## 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.

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

**Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4.14-30**

Today's theme is:

**Jesus begins ....**

**"Are we listening?"**

## **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.

## DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Parish Office closed</b> 7.30pm Bell Ringers
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 10.00am Thursday Drop In (Centre) 12.30pm Funeral
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	3.15pm Messy Church (Stoneygate Bap)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Worship 11.30am Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 11.00am.**

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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 above.)  
The office is closed on **Mondays.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**YOUR NEXT STEP FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS?** Growing in our Christian faith is a natural and necessary thing for all of us, and this might be the time for you to take the next step by being baptised or confirmed. Baptism is a sign of beginning on the Christian journey, while confirmation marks the point where those who have been baptised as children now make a firm commitment to Christian discipleship for themselves. Usually 'candidates' for baptism and/or confirmation are prepared together for this important step by discussing the Christian faith and the life of discipleship with Adrian or another experienced Christian. If you think this might be the right time for you to be baptised or confirmed, then please do talk to Adrian, as we are currently arranging dates for a confirmation preparation course in the run up to Easter.

**MESSY CHURCH:** the next Messy Church is at Stoneygate Baptist Church on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** from 3.15pm. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by their carers. A hot meal is served at about 5pm for those attending.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** The service this year will be **on Friday, 1st March** at St James the Greater church at 2pm and at St Guthlac's at 7.30pm. Note the change of name – the service is for everyone

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Lent Lunch will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Centre. Tickets available soon.

**COMMUNITY OF GRACE:** a belated thanks to all who responded to the last minute call for special Christmas produce. The several bags of groceries, bacon, eggs and sausage were very gratefully received by the men we saw when the delivery was made. So thank you so much for your response. Judi & Bernard

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ST MARY'S DECEMBER 2019



Would you like to join a working party to plan and deliver a community focused tree festival ?

If you would like to join us we would love to have you. No previous experience necessary, (but if you have, fantastic) just enthusiasm, vision, and a commitment to make this a great community event. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Sue Holligan, Ida Stanyer or Carolyn Oldershaw would be happy to talk with you about what we hope to do.

**THANKS** Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the very interesting selection of used stamps left at the back of church. There were lots of stamps from the reigns of George V and Edward VIII - one was franked May 10<sup>th</sup> 1929.

I've already left quite a number of stamps at the LOROS Shop and the remainder will go to a gentleman in Nottingham who sells them and sends the money raised to the Leicester Diocesan Association. Many thanks. RS

**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 areas of conflict and tension across the world, especially those that easily fall out of the headlines when our own issues seem to become paramount.

**Praying for the Church:** As we end the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, please pray for the unity of the worldwide Church in mission, witness and service of others, and for a return to a global community of solidarity and collaboration.

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

Please pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Andrew York** and all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. – pray that they may they know the power of God's healing love at work in their loves today. Please give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Ken Parbery          Ivy Briggs          Ashley Mould**

*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.*