



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

3rd December 2017
Advent Sunday

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

Sunday 3rd December <i>Hurry Up and Slow Down</i> Advent Sunday	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Service 11.30am Eucharist 6.30pm 'Come, Lord, Come' Advent Service
Monday 4th December Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing
Tuesday 5th December Parish Office Closed	9.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 6th December Parish Office Closed	10.00am Advent Group 1.00pm Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church)
Thursday 7th December	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's church 10.00am Thursday Club (Centre)
Friday 8th December	
Saturday 9th December	
Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

The next Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 26th January 2018**. Please note there is **no** service on the last Friday in December, in the week after Christmas.

The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 3rd December 2017

'Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 64.1-9 '**...Only by your help can we ever be saved ...** '

Mark 13.24-end '**I tell everyone just what I have told you. Be alert!**'

The sermon today is titled '**Hurry Up and Slow Down**'

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES We are hoping to sing carols at Ashlands Residential Home on **Wednesday 13th December** at 2.30pm and at St Georges on **Friday 15th December** also at 2.30pm. Both homes are in Ratcliffe Road. Your support at these two annual events is always very much appreciated. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church. Thank you.
Doreen White.

COFFEE ARRANGEMENTS AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE: This week the PCC discussed the trial of alternative arrangements for serving coffee after the 10am service. Taking into account everyone's feedback, we have decided to continue serving the tea and coffee directly from the kitchen hatch, and to move the milk and biscuits table into the Narthex. The Vicar and Curate are asked to stand out of the way (perhaps even outside!) when saying farewells to folk at the door, to make sure that there is space for easy movement. Thank you everyone for your patience as we have sorted this out. *Adrian*

'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES'.. Melton Mowbray Choral Society presents their annual Christmas concert in the newly refurbished St Mary's Church (Melton!). I will be conducting as usual and the programme includes the Christmas music from Handel's Messiah, and lots of the usual favourites. I would love to see you there! **Saturday 16th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £9 if purchased in advanced, or £10 on the door. Refreshments available and will include a free mince pie! (made by James's mum!). Tickets are available from the Parish Office. *James*

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. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. The next session on **8th December** 1.30 – 3.00pm will have a Christmas theme and will include singing and simple exercises. If you know someone who would be helped by this cafes please let them know. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

CHANGES IN OADBY: It was a great pleasure to be present on Tuesday last, at the licensing of the new ministry team for St Peter's and St Paul's, Oadby. The Rev'd Steve Bailey is now Team Rector and the Rev'd Liz Wilson is Team Vicar. Please pray for our good neighbours as they begin a new chapter in the life of their churches and communities. *Adrian.*

Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Monday 4th December and will re-open on Thursday 7th December.

THE HOLLY & THE IVY....St Mary's Flower Guild look forward to welcoming all who would like to help us with our Christmas arrangements on **Friday 15th December** starting at 2pm continuing on **Saturday 16th** at 9.30am. If you can deliver some holly or ivy on **Friday 15th December**, this would be appreciated. Further info from Deborah Martin on 0116 2707525

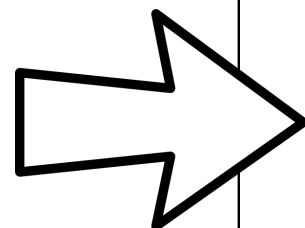
CALLING MINI MUSICIANS!

If your child is between 2 and 5 years of age and you would like them to be introduced to learning music in a comfortable and relaxed learning environment...why not try "Mini Musicians"? First lesson is free and then you can sign up for half a term. Duration is 45 minutes starting on **Monday January 8th** in St. Peter's Church Hall, LE2 1DA. Time is 10AM. Contact Ellie on 07961297228 or Paolo on 07919546320, speak to Angelica on Sunday mornings who can tell you more.

A Rough Sleeper reported in St Mary Magdalen Church!

On the night of **Wednesday 20th December** Revd Neil will be 'rough sleeping' in the church, not because his wife Jackie has kicked him out, but to raise awareness of the plight of the many homeless people in our society. This will be part of the Church Urban Fund's 'Advent Sleepout Challenge 2017'

For further details please see: <https://www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk/>



NEWSFLASH!

Neil will have no blankets, pillows, food or drink with him when he starts this challenge. He will be relying on the generosity and provision of others. Please don't let him get too cold!

(to maintain authenticity as far as possible, please don't tell Neil beforehand if you intend to provide anything)

If you would like to support Neil in this endeavour, there is a sponsorship sheet at the back of church or you may even consider joining Neil and raising your own sponsorship for this very worthwhile course (please speak to Neil about this).

THE ADVENT
SLEEPOUT
CHALLENGE 2017

TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND HELP TRANSFORM LIVES



To find out more, contact:

Neil

We're taking the Advent Sleepout Challenge and we'd love you to join us.

Money raised will be distributed by Church Urban Fund via the Together Network; offering support and practical solutions to thousands of England's most marginalised people.

This is a great way to do something really special in the run up to Christmas, so get your woolly jumper on, get in touch and join in the fun.



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WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"God walks 'slowly' because he is love. If he is not love he would have gone much faster. Love has it's speed. It is an inner speed. It is a spiritual speed. It is a different kind of speed from the technological speed to which we are accustomed...It goes on at three miles an hour. It is the speed we walk and therefore it is the speed the love of God walks."

Kosuke Koyama (1929-2009), Japanese Christian theologian and author of 'Water Buffalo Theology'

RENEWAL REPORT We have had 60 replies now (18 of these from couples). Four of these are from new donors. 29 have said no change. Promised annual increase, including gift aid, is **£3820.00** and donations (also with gift aid) amount to **£3442.50**. The red box is still at the back of church. Very many thanks. LP

CAROL CONCERT in support of Menphys. **Friday 8th December**. 7.15pm at De Montfort Hall. Tickets are £9 and are available from De Montfort Hall. Always a very enjoyable evening. Please see notice on the board at the back of Church for further details.

CINDERELLA The pantomime at the Guildhall this year is Cinderella and will be performed by the Herrick Players. It's on **Saturday 9th December** at 6.00pm and **Sunday 10th December** at 4.00pm and 7.30pm, and **Monday 11th December** at 7.30pm. Adults £11 and 16 and under £8.50. tickets available from the Guildhall.

Advent Meditations with Simon Headley, Leicester Cathedral Organist

Monday 11 December - Leicester Cathedral
1:00pm - 1:45pm

Poetry, Readings and Music

Free Admission!

All Welcome!



COMMUNITY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS TEA TIME WISH 2017

Do you think you could help to make this Christmas special for the 16 men who reside at the Community of Grace?

The number of men invariably rises at Christmas.

They would love to have a "special Christmas tea time" on Christmas Day (and other days during Christmas week if possible).

If you can help please see the suggested food list next to the decorated box which will be near the tower vestry , everything is needed from teabags, milk sugar and biscuits but let your imagination run wild don't be confined by the list.

All donated food will be taken on the 23rd December.

The milk bottle is there for any donations to buy milk for the men to use during Christmas week.

Whilst your donations would be gratefully received we also appreciate that you may be supporting other charities at this, and other, times.

If you need any further information please speak to Adrian, Bernard Stone or Sue Holligan

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 Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Welford Court, The Cedars, Muston Gardens, Wyndale road, Brinsmead Road.**

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

**Alison Prior
Tony Rae**

Cathy Aska-Curtis

David Griffin

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:

**Madge Whitehead
Angela Hefford**

Peter Beams



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