



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

22nd April 2018
4th Sunday of Easter

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.

CONGRATULATIONS! Many congratulations to our friend and Church member Ray Wood who has been appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government, as recognition of his role in the liberation of France in the Second World War. Today it is our privilege to be presenting Ray with his award as part of our 10am service. Our very best wishes and hearty congratulations to you Ray!

REVIEWING 2017 AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: Many thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Church meeting last Sunday. We expressed grateful appreciation to those PCC (Church Council) members stepping down this time: Brian Small, Nigel Seisage and Sue Holligan, and to Ros Matthew and Patrick Holligan, our Church Wardens. Ros has agreed to continue in the role for another year - I'm grateful for all the time and energy that our Wardens put into supporting the life of the church. Simon Britton has also stepped down as PCC Secretary and I'm grateful for his careful eye and precision planning that have guided us over the last two years. Newly elected to the PCC this year is Angelica Ameroso (who was previously a co-opted member), and at it's very first meeting the PCC unanimously agreed to co-opt our Magazine Editor, Nigel Seisage. *Adrian*

WW1 FUNDING APPLICATION SUCCESSFUL! The joint parishes planning group for our World War 1 Heritage Project has been successful in our bid for financial support from the Knighton Ward Councillors Fund. The grant of £1,100 means that we can continue planning events for November 2018 to mark the Centenary of the Armistice in the Great War with the confidence of the funding we need to make them a reality. Look out for further details as the year progresses.

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.
- 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, Sunday 22nd April 2018

Our Bible readings today are:

Psalm 34

Acts 4. 5-12

John 21. 1-14

The sermon title today is "**Nets and Fish**"

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 23rd April	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 24th April	9.30am 2.15pm	Eucharist MU Meeting (Centre)
Wednesday 25th April Parish Office Closed	1.00pm	Tiny Tots
Thursday 26th April	10.00am 11.00am 2.00pm	Thursday Morning Club (Centre) Interment of Ashes Building Group Meeting (Narthex)
Friday 27th April	11.00am	Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 28th April	11.00am	Interment of Ashes
Sunday 29th April 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th May**.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).
The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

THANK YOU I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and the Amazon token I received in Church last Sunday. I will use the token for my Kindle which I plan to take on my travels this year. It has been a privilege to serve as churchwarden over the past three years.

Patrick Holligan

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6th LEICESTER BROWNIES

Wednesday 25th April - 6.30pm - Scout Hut. Join us for coffee and cake to celebrate the anniversary of the 6th Leicester Brownies. RSVP to Gill Gates 07966 295121

URGENT REQUEST FROM RED CROSS: Please help to replenish the dwindling stocks of food due to the long harsh winter period, supplies have been drained. Demand staples of white rice (in preference to pasta) cooking oil, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, whole or semi skimmed long life or dried milk, dried egg powder, baby food, tea/coffee, sugar and MAIZE FLOUR. All will be gratefully received.

CHRISTIAN AID 2018 This year the annual week for collecting for Christian Aid runs from 13th - 19th May. We would be extremely grateful if YOU could help by delivering and collecting envelopes around the parish. A sign up sheet is at the back of church or speak to Rosalind Astles or Ida Stanyer for more information. Thank you.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Remembering the fallen in 2018, the Centenary of the end of the Great War.

During 2018 we will be remembering all those local soldiers who died during the last year of the Great War, exactly one hundred years ago. Each soldier will be mentioned by name in our prayers on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of his death.

REMEMBER TODAY: Gunner 13244 Gilbert Frederick James Towers, 4th Bn, Royal Marine Artillery, who died on 23rd April 1918, aged 22. Son of Mrs Annie Towers of 36 Holbrook Rd, South Knighton, he is buried in Dover (St James) Cemetery in Kent.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

“God is our creator. God made us in his image and likeness. Therefore we are creators ... the joy of creativeness should be ours.”

Dorothy Day (1897-1975) North American Roman Catholic writer and social reformer.

SEMP PRAYER FOR APRIL

God of power, you have planted your Kingdom in the midst of our fallen world - please make our churches shining outposts of that Kingdom, that the world might see your glory.

God of love, you gave your Son to pay the debt we could not re-pay, that we might be your people & You might be our God - re-make our hearts & minds that we might live & worship more and more like Him.

God of truth, you hold before us the perfect hope of a new heavens & new earth, there for us through the word of the gospel - therefore set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth.

God of grace, such grace is inexhaustible for those who truly repent & believe in Jesus - may our experience of this grace make us gracious & compassionate to those you have placed around us.

God of south Leicester - we ask that you would do this in our time, that praise to the Father, Son & Holy Spirit might be multiplied abundantly in our city. In Jesus name, Amen

You are invited to join us for: **Blisters and all: Walking the Pennine Way**

Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7pm St Guthlac's Church

The Pennine Way is the oldest official long distance trail in Britain. It is 275 miles from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders through some of the most beautiful parts of the country, but is not without its challenges both mental and physical. Join us as two friends (Fiona and Simon) recount their story of their walk to Scotland - how it began, the places they visited, the sights they saw, the people they met and of coursethe blisters.

Free talk and refreshments with the chance to socialise! Do come along.

AWAY DAY Saturday 15th September. Booking forms are now available for our Quiet Day at Launde Abbey. Doreen White will be able to let you have one after the service. They will be on the table at the back of church during the week. Please return completed form and deposit to Doreen.

THANK YOU Thank you to everyone who helped with the Overdale School visit last Monday. Our efforts were very much enjoyed and appreciated.
Doreen White.

MOTHERS UNION - We welcome Rev. Neil as our Speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday, 24th April**. Neil will talk about his mission in Tanzania. All are welcome in the Parish Centre Lounge, starting at 2.15 p.m.

The Eucharist explained

Not so long ago several people asked if we might have some background and explanation of the various different elements of the service we call the Eucharist. After a short break over Easter we're now resuming our series of short items about Holy Communion.

Why do we 'Share the Peace' ?

Our Anglican liturgy is designed to express what we believe through what we do, and 'Sharing the Peace' is a good example. It originates in the practice of the Early Church and takes seriously what Jesus says to the crowd during the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5.23 f) when he tells them to be reconciled with one another before laying their gift on the altar. Sharing the Peace in our Eucharistic Service is a symbolic action therefore, that demonstrates, being brothers and sisters in Christ, that we hold nothing against each other and we are 'at peace', before the bread, wine and collection are brought up to the Communion Table. Being at peace with each other, we are ready to receive God's peace.

In Cranmer's Prayer Book in 1549, sharing the peace was moved to much later in the service and became bound into the blessing. Sharing the Peace by the whole congregation moved back into the main part of the Eucharist when our services were revised in the 1980's.

Our liturgy suggests that we share 'a sign of God's peace', which is normally a handshake as this is the usual greeting in our culture, but there is no reason why those who wish to embrace shouldn't do so; St Paul talks about greeting each other with 'a holy kiss' in Romans 16.16. We do well to remember that it is only a symbolic gesture however, and that the service has to continue in a timely manner. This is why, at St Mary's, a minister encourages us to return to our seats after an appropriate time sharing the peace, so that we are ready to sing the Offertory hymn.

Adrian

Songs Penitential, Paschal & Pastoral

A Concert of Popular Choral Music

Sung by 8ctave

(singing Priests of the Leicester Diocese)

Friday 4th May at 7.00pm

at Saint Peter's Parish Church, Braunstone

Tickets - £5.00 (under 16s free)

(and include refreshments)

Programme includes

Flower Songs - Benjamin Britten as well as works by Bruckner, Monteverdi, Finzi and Byrd

for more information or to reserve tickets, please ring: 0116 247 0384

PLANNED GIVING The annual statements are available on the table at the back of church. If I have inadvertently missed you or if you need more details about your gifts, please do not hesitate to ask. Lorna Pollard

CALLING ALL SIDESPERSONS! Many thanks to all of you who have taken on the important role of welcoming everyone as they arrive at church on Sunday, and making sure we all have what we need for the services. The recent Annual Meeting reaffirmed our appreciation of you and your willingness to continue during 2018-19.

I would now like to take the opportunity of gathering you all together for a short meeting to consider the sidesperson's role and to hear your ideas and views about how we might improve our welcome, particularly for visitors and guests. I hope that you'll be able to join me after the main morning service, at 11.30am on Sunday 29th April, in the Lady Chapel for no more than half an hour of conversation. If you have not received an A4 sheet about the role of Sidespersons from me via email, then please do pick one up from the back of the church. Many thanks - Adrian

COFFEE MORNING Come and join us at our Coffee Morning in church on Saturday 12 May from 10 am until 12 noon. There'll be various stalls, including plants, cakes and books. Everyone very welcome.

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: please continue to pray for peace within the Middle East and especially in Syria - for the protection of all civilians caught up in conflict and for wisdom for all leaders making decisions.

Praying for the Church: please pray for Bishop Isaiah and the people of our Link Diocese of Kiteto in Tanzania. Give thanks that the library at Kiteto Christian College is now well stocked thanks to Bishop Martyn's 2017 Lent Appeal. Pray for the emerging plans the Diocese has for offering expanded healthcare projects.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene 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

Anne Squires Elizabeth Coulsey

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:

Jean Abbott Brenda Reynolds



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