

St Mary Magdalen Church Church of England, Knighton

Sunday 24th November 2019

Christ the King

**Our service leader today is the Revd Adrian Jones
and our preacher is the Revd Aphro McCullough.**

Welcome to Sung Eucharist for Christ the King Sunday

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE 2019 GENERAL ELECTION

God of grace and truth,
send your Spirit to guide us
as we discover your will for our country.
Help us to discuss the issues before us
with courtesy, truth and mutual respect,
and grant that all who stand for parliament
will seek to serve the common good,
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Sunday Club meets in the Narthex for primary school age children.
- 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:

Psalm 130 & John 21.15-17

Today's title is "Do you love me?"

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 24th November Christ the King	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 25th November Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 26th November	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 27th November	8.30am Pop Up Deli / Celtic Prayer 10.00am Advent Group meets
Thursday 28th November	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 7.30pm Knighton Forum meeting
Friday 29th November	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion 12 noon PAT Testing (Church & onwards Centre)
Saturday 30th November	11.00am Christmas Bazaar
Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday	8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am All Age Worship and Baptism 11.30am Said Eucharist

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 31st January** at 11am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT:

First Friday of the month 10.30am-12pm in the welcome area of St Guthlac's Church. 6th Dec You are invited to join members of the Friday morning JuVup exercise class (held in Holbrook Hall for all ages and abilities) and other local people for refreshments and a friendly chat. Hosted by St Guthlac's Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Lesley Meakin 2103690

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

InSPIREd

The campaign to save our spire

InSpired - our appeal for the spire

The Spire Group is continuing to work on an exciting programme of events which we hope will attract people from all over the community. Please tell your friends and neighbours about all our events as they are announced.

InSpired News

Online giving

It is now possible to donate to the appeal online. Just go to the parish website and follow the link. This is an easy, efficient way for people who live further away to contribute, so please pass this information on to any of your friends who care about the future of St Mary's.

Your Spire Fund-raising Group are: Nigel Siesage, Adrian Jones, Sue Holligan, Sian Howard, Lorna Kirk, Michael Kirk.

Donations for the Spire Fund

We continue to receive some very generous donations. Cheques for the Spire should be made out to Knighton PCC, but make it clear that they are for the Spire, by writing 'Spire Fund' on the back of the cheque.

If you already give to the church with Gift Aid, it will be possible to claim it on spire donations. Please speak to Lorna Pollard for advice if you have any questions about this.

Also, there are Spire Fund Appeal blue envelopes available for you to use in the pews, if you wish to use this method in addition to your regular giving in the unmarked envelopes. If you are a tax payer and complete the envelope, your gift will increase by 25%. Many thanks. *Nigel*

ONE NIGHT ONLY

in St Mary Magdalen Church

Faith Tucker



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INTERNATIONAL CLASSICAL CROSSOVER STAR

Britain's Got Talent 2019

IN CONCERT

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE St MARY MAGDALEN

SPIRE APPEAL

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 7.30 TICKETS £10.00 CHILDREN £5.00

Tickets are available from : Aileen Orme 0116 2745221

Judi & Bernard Stone 0116 2881306

Lorna & Michael Kirk 0116 2707843

Andrew & Carolyn Oldershaw 0116 2889925

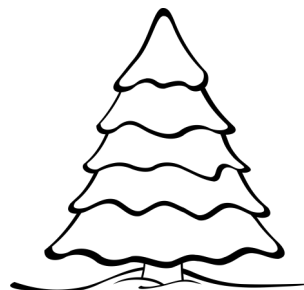
Christmas Tree Festival 2019

MEETING If you have offered to help at the Christmas Tree Festival please come to a short briefing meeting after the 10 am service in the Requiem Chapel on Sunday 1st December. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks for volunteering at this busy time of the year. *Sue Holligan*

RAFFLE TICKETS 6 super prizes . Tickets are available from either Anne Squires or Sue Holligan. Please return all sold ticket stubs and money to Sue Holligan by Friday 6th December. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED Can you offer to help on **Saturday 7th December** from 9.30am until 10.30am or **Sunday 8th December** from 1.30pm until 2.30pm? Please contact Sue Holligan.

CAKE Sue Holligan has been loaned a Christmas tree shaped cake tin. Her cake turned out like a scone! Are you a good baker? Can you make a cake for the Christmas tree weekend? Please contact Sue if you can help.



FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDARS are available to collect from Alison Roche after church today and the following Sundays with your payment of £3.99 each. Thanks.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP - "Humbug and Happiness"

This year, our Advent Study Group takes the theme of 'Humbug and Happiness' from 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. Each week we will explore different aspects of Advent by watching clips from the 1953 classic film *A Christmas Carol* starring Alistair Sim, and discussing some questions that link to our Christian faith. Everybody is welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings (27th Nov, 4th , 11th , 18th Dec), 10.00am until 11.30am at the home of Doreen White. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. See you then!

Adrian

CAKES STALL - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR The Mothers' Union will again be taking care of the Cakes Stall and we would be most grateful to receive cakes to sell. Many thanks. LP

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER - SITTING COMFORTABLY! You will have seen the publicity for the Christmas Tree Festival which is happening in the church on 7th and 8th December.... you may be wondering "How will be able to worship on Sunday 8th?" The organising group and myself have thought this through carefully as this is the first time we have had a Christmas Tree Festival and we have tried to anticipate the issues. There will be less space to sit in church on Sunday 8th of course, and we will all need to be flexible about our favourite seats and neighbours.

At those moments when this all feels rather a nuisance, please do remember that the Festival is all about welcoming our community into the church building, for a special event that we hope will help them connect with the message of Christmas in a new way. To do this we need to make some sacrifices for one Sunday, but I'm convinced that God will lovingly receive our worship even if we feel the trees to be distracting - on the other hand we might find that we all gain something from 'forest church' indoors. If there are unforeseen issues on 8th then please do mention them to myself or Matthew and we'll do our best to make things better. *Adrian*

INSPIRED CHRISTMAS CARDS. The special Christmas cards will be delivered from the printer next week and we will be able to issue them (in exchange for payment of £5 per pack of 8 of course) on **Sunday 1st December**. We will be able to take payment in cash, by cheque (payable to Knighton PCC) or by credit card. If you are unable to collect your order on 1 December, let me know by email (nigel.siesage@gmail.com) and we'll make an alternative arrangement. If you did not order cards in advance, they will be available at the Christmas bazaar and the Christmas Tree Festival at £6.50 for 10 and 70p per card. *Nigel Siesage*

ST. GUTHLAC'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sat 7th December 10am-1pm in church. Your chance to shop locally for Christmas decorations and paper, bulb bowls, cakes and handmade preserves, jewellery, as well as items made from hand spun sheep's wool. Further attractions include games, raffle, tombola, and refreshments. Free admission – Do drop in!

CAROLS AT THE CORNERS On Tuesday 10th December St. Guthlac's and the South Knighton community will be holding a carol singing walk around three corners of Knighton. Meeting at 6.30pm outside Londis (Flynn's) and walking along Knighton Church Road to Whitters. We will finish with mulled wine or soft drink in St. Guthlac's at about 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

'PEACE ON EARTH' - THE AMOS TRUST

BETHLEHEM CAROL SERVICE: Join us when the Amos Trust Bethlehem Christmas Carol Service tour stops off at Trinity Methodist in Oadby on Monday 9th December at 7pm, where we'll be joined by Sami Awad from Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem, plus special guest performers. Sami is a leading Palestinian peace activist who will be explaining why non-violence is at the heart of the Christmas message and of his family life in Gaza. There will be a collection for the Amos 2019 Christmas appeal supporting our partners in Gaza, and the home and peace-building work of Holy Land Trust. If you'd like to travel with friends, Alison Roche has spaces in the car! Please join us. *Adrian*



MOTHERS UNION

At our November meeting we look forward to a presentation by Elizabeth Bacon on The Welcome Project. We meet in the Parish Centre Lounge on Tuesday, 26th November, starting at 2.15 p.m., where friends and visitors are also welcome.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

St Mary's bellringers will be displaying a tree at the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival and would very much appreciate your help with its decoration. We need a few more BELL baubles - no prizes for guessing the theme of our tree! If any of you have this shape of bauble and would be willing to get them out of the loft early and lend them to us for this occasion please speak to me, Simon Britton or Ros Astles.

Many thanks. *Beverley Jarrom*

SCARGILL SUMMERFEST 2020 - YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY?

Scargill House in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales, is home to a Christian community that hosts courses, retreats and holidays throughout the year. In the school summer holidays there are three special weeks set aside for Summerfest - a special time of fun, worship, countryside, learning and entertainment for people of all ages, in groups or families, with friends or alone. In 2020, for the third time, we will be taking a group from St Mary's and we would love you to come with us! The dates are Saturday 8th - Thursday 13th August, and as usual there are a variety of accommodation options to choose from: full board and ensuite, through to self-catering camping. If you'd like to know more please talk to one of us or the group from 2019, and see the notice board for more details. There are also plenty of Scargill programme booklets at the back of the church. If cost feels like an issue then we might be able to help so have a quiet talk to Adrian. But don't delay- places go quickly! Adrian and Alison PS - ask us about our short video of Summerfest 2018!



Scargill Movement

Lives shared, lives transformed



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Mary Magdalen

Christmas Bazaar

In aid of THE SPIRE FUND

On

Saturday 30th November 2019

11.00 am until 2.00 pm

in

THE KNIGHTON PARISH CENTRE,
CHURCH LANE, LEICESTER LE2 3WG

STALLS TO INCLUDE: CHRISTMAS GIFTS + CARDS & CRAFTS +

+ TOILETRIES + CAKES + 'POSH TAT'

BOTTLE STALL + TOMBOLA +

RAFFLE + JEWELLERY +

FACE PAINTING + HATS & SCARVES + GARDEN ITEMS


Refreshments available:

Bacon and Sausage Baps (vegetarian alternative) +

Cakes + Tea + Coffee

Admission £1.00 Accompanied Children Free

Registered Charity No. 1130923



Lights to Remember

Celebrate the life of a loved one this Christmas.

Sunday 1st December, 6:30pm Oadby Baptist Church
Leicester Road, Oadby, LE2 5BD

Remembering loved ones.
Service with carols, poems and reading.
Refreshments served at the end.
Light a candle in their memory and tie a message to
the Christmas tree.

For further information call: Elizabeth Keywood 0116 271 5768
A collection Will be held for Marie Curie

Registered with CHARITABLE COMMISSION

CHEMOTHERAPY MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Thanks for all the donations so far. I am now not collecting magazines until after the New Year, due to the festive period coming up. *K. Adams*

WELCOME LANYARDS

Do you have one of the church welcoming lanyards at home? If so, could you please return it to the church and leave it on the back table as they are required for the Christmas Tree Festival?



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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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. *If you are giving by bank standing order, yellow tokens are available at services to put on the plate, should you wish.*

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%.

 **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)

Give thanks: for all those who carry out the 'unseen' tasks that support our worship and church life together - especially this week those who clean the brass, silver and the building, those who wash altar linen and the Flower Guild.

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those working across the world to build strong and resilient communities in areas affected by climate change. Pray for a growing understanding in all countries of our shared responsibility to support those who are most vulnerable to rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions.

Praying for the Church: Our Diocesan Prayer Diary invites us this week to pray for Wyggestons Hospital, which provides sheltered accommodation and residential care in the City. Please pray for the Master (the Revd Tony Leighton) and staff, for both established and new residents, for the new building programme and for the worship and ministry of St Ursula's Chapel at the heart of Wyggeston's life and community.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:
**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, and all those with troubling investigations and diagnoses. In particular we pray for **Lee Elkington, Maurice Allen, "a friend"**, 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.
Beryl Holman

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.