



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

Sunday 3rd March 2019

Sunday next before Lent

Welcome to All Age Worship at St Mary Magdalen

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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight has begun!

As usual we have Fairtrade goodies with our tea and coffee after the 10am service today (with donations to Dementia UK) and next week, when there will also be a stall of Fairtrade gifts.

There will also be a **Fairtrade Coffee Morning**
at the Vicarage on
Tuesday 5th March, from 10.30am until 12 noon,
with homemade Fairtrade refreshments
and Fairtrade gifts from the Just Shop to buy.
Everyone is welcome!

Fairtrade 'Real Easter Eggs' come with a newly designed Easter story activity book, at £3.99 each. Please order from Alison Roche by **5th March** and pay on collection.

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service and the readings and hymns are included in the booklet.
- 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.
- 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 WEEK

Sunday 3rd March Sunday next before Lent	8.00am 10.00am 11,30am	Eucharist All Age Worship Eucharist
Monday 4th March Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 5th March	9.30am 2.15pm	Eucharist, St Mary's MU Prayer & Fellowship (Narthex)
Wednesday 6th March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 7th March	9.30am	Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 8th March	2.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival meeting
Saturday 9th March	12 noon	Lent Lunch (Centre)
Sunday 10th March 1st Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 29th March** at 11.00am.

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

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Romans 13.8-10 and Matthew 7.9-12

Today's theme is:

“Tommy Trickster and the Chocolate Factory”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT DURING LENT: During Lent this year, as well as our discussion groups and Ash Wednesday service, the Sunday morning services will have a running theme drawn from our St Mary's vision of being a church that has "Faith for Life". On each of the central five Sundays we will be thinking about one of the objectives identified by the PCC for the next stage of our life together - in each case we will look at the Biblical basis for the objective and in particular what it might imply for us as a church and as individual Christians. I anticipate that there will be both encouragement and challenge for us over the weeks! I'm also hoping that many members of the congregation will be inspired with fresh ideas for practical action, so please do let me know what springs to your mind as, under God's guidance, we look to the future. *Adrian*

Lent 2019 themes: **Faith for Life**

10th March - **WORSHIP:** 'Worshipping God well' (John 4.19-26)

17th March - **FOLLOW:** 'Exploring and following the way of Jesus' (John 15.1-17)

24th March - **CONNECT:** 'Connecting better with our community' (Luke 10.25-37)

31st March - **WELCOME:** 'Welcoming everyone as equally valued' (Matt. 25.31-40)

7th April - **SHARE:** 'Sharing our faith in Jesus with others' (Matt. 28.19-20)

DON'T MISS OUT! Everyone who is a part of our church family and community needs to complete a new Electoral Roll form this year. We also need a signed 'Keeping in touch' form so that we have permission to contact you. Please pick up both forms from the back of church and return them completed by **10th March** to Eileen McKellican, Adrian Jones or Ros Matthew.

MARIE CURIE Annual Spring Lunch at the Taste Restaurant, Leicester College on Thursday 21st March, 12.30pm for 1pm. Tickets are £17 per person. The bar will be open and there will be a raffle. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401 for more information.

THANKS to all who kindly put their "loose change" into the plastic bottle at the back of the church which will go to Grifaid which is the name of the Safe Water Trust. You generously donated £47.65. C.A.J.M.

THANKS to the individual who very generously donated her "loose change" which she gave to me on 24th February as a donation to Grifaid, The Safe Water Trust. C.A.J.M.

'TIME FOR A CUPPA ' - On **Sunday 3rd March 2019** after the All Age Worship, homemade cake will be served with your coffee and tea. The money donated that day will be sent to Dementia UK to help fund people with dementia or their carers whilst still living at home. Care can be provided by Admiral Nurses but training costs are high and as more people are living longer dementia is more of an issue. Please help this very worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your support. Sue Bonnett.

LENT LUNCH - a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and biscuits, with tea or coffee. **Saturday 9th March At 12 noon** in the Parish Centre.

Tickets [Essential for this event] £6 From Judi Stone [0116 2881306] or Cora Paul [0116 3678954]. Proceeds in aid of Behala Children's Home, India

ADVANCE NOTICE! This year our Church Annual Meeting (APCM) will be on **Sunday 7th April** at 11.30am, after the morning service. We will have coffee and cakes to keep us going! Everyone who thinks of themselves as part of our church family ought to be there, if at all possible, to hear reports and questions on our life together last year and to take part in the election of Church Wardens and Church Council (PCC) members. Sadly this date, which was determined by Easter and our planning and accounting timetables, means that we will not be able to have the regular 11.30am Communion service that morning - my apologies. Our Annual Report will be available for everyone sometime before the meeting as usual. *Adrian*

LENT GROUPS This year we will be having our Lent Discussion Groups once again. We will be discussing and debating our Lent series of Sunday sermons that focus on what it means to have 'Faith For Life'. Our Wednesday morning group will meet at 10am, beginning on 13th March, at Doreen White's house, 2 Shanklin Gardens. Our Thursday evening group will meet at the Vicarage at 7.45pm, beginning on 14th March. Please think about joining us even if this sort of group is new to you - everyone is very friendly and relaxed and you won't be put on the spot at all! Do sign up on the list at the back of the church on the green boards. *Adrian*

THANK YOU The Royal British Legion Poppy collection for several weeks in November 2018 amounted to **£284.47**. They are most grateful for the support received from St Mary's Knighton.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY

Acclaimed international pianist Margaret Fingerhut is giving a very special concert to raise awareness of refugee needs as well as to collect funds for Leicester City of Sanctuary. Margaret's programme tells the stories in words and music of some of the many composers in history who were refugees or migrants in some way. Her programme includes Chopin, Grieg, Handel, Haydn, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov, and she has specially commissioned a new piece by Arian, the Kurdish Syrian composer who wrote the Refugee National Anthem for the 2016 Olympics.

Wednesday March 13th 6.30pm (Doors at 6.10pm)

Leicester Cathedral, Peacock Lane, LE1 5PZ

Tickets: £10, tickets available on the door.

'COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS' IN LENT: Christian Aid booklets are available at the back of church, inviting us this year to join a Lent journey to contemplate our lives and take action to rise up against climate change. Through Lent themes of awareness, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, transformation and blessing, we 'll discover more about the lives of those who are pushed to the brink of survival by climate change and precarious livelihoods. Each daily reflection will help us give, act and pray so our neighbours around the world can rise up and overcome.

RAFFLE PRIZES: There will be a raffle at each of the performances of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' on Friday 22nd March & Saturday 23rd March. Could you provide a prize please?

Judi & Bernard Tel: 288 1306 or E-mail: judiandbernard@talktalk.net

Contact details:

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Email: office@knightonparish.co.uk

(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**.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS

will be performing

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

on Friday 22nd March 7.30pm
and Saturday 23rd March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm
in the Parish Centre.

Tickets (adults £7, children £5) are available from Jane Wright 2925220,
David Hunt 2716991 (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis 2103580 (St. Mary's),
or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

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%.



CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S Please makes 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 all those working for greater trade justice across the world, and for greater awareness of the consequences our own buying choices.

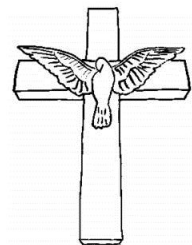
Praying for the Church: please pray for PCC elections across the Church of England, and for a readiness to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **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. In particular we pray for: **'B', Saty French, Trevor Gutteridge, Molly, and Bill Ibbs** 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: **Peter Adamson Renee Duncan**
Sue Alexander Vivienne Freeman



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.