



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



**Sunday 20th February 2022
2nd Sunday before Lent**

**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,
this Sunday and through the week**

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th February	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist Fresh Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 21st February Parish Office Closed	1.00pm	Funeral
Tuesday 22nd February	9.30am 2.30pm	Eucharist at St Mary's Mothers Union Fellowship
Wednesday 23rd February	7.00pm 8.00 pm	Choir Practice Compline on Zoom
Thursday 24th February	9.30am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 25th February		
Saturday 26th February		
Sunday 27th February	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist (trad) Sung Eucharist Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs

Sunday Club, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road?

Office Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Mondays and on Tuesdays, James works from home. You can call James on Tuesdays on 01664 569556 or email as usual. The Parish Office is open as usual on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The office number is 0116 270 2705 and the email is office@knightonparish.co.uk

Precautions against the spread of Corona Virus

During the on-going pandemic it is right and good that we take some sensible precautions when we meet together for worship in church.

Can I ask you once more to be careful about **sanitising** your hands as you arrive and as you leave?

We are now required to wear a **face mask** in church.

Please keep the side chapels available as spaces for those who would prefer to continue **sitting 2m apart**;; and please ensure that you leave space in the pews whenever you can.

We will continue to offer **communion** as wafers only and will not use the altar rail as yet. Please keep your mask on as you wait to receive.

Please remember to give each other **space at coffee time**, particularly if you take your mask off to drink – please spread out in the building rather than bunch together in the Narthex.

In summary, please do continue to act kindly towards each other, try not to take offence easily and to make allowances for others who may be more or less cautious than yourself. Our fellowship together is much more important than getting everyone to agree with us!

Revd Adrian Jones

Thanks: I would like to thank all our friends at St. Mary's for their kind wishes and cards sent during my continued illness. It is a source of great comfort to know we are being prayed for and thought about. My treatment may continue for many months to come and I would pay tribute to all who give blood so selflessly. I have first hand experience in receiving many bags of blood so far in my treatment. I know there will be more to come

- it is very humbling to know there are people out there who give so generously.

With love and thanks to you all.

Judi

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 20th February** are:

Women of the Bible: Hagar

Hagar and Ishmael are sent away

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, 'Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.'

¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, 'Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.'

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bow-shot away, for she thought, 'I cannot watch the boy die.' And as she sat there, she began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, 'What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.'

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went

and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February – 6th March: we shall be serving Fairtrade cakes with coffee after church on 27th February and 6th March - donations to the Fairtrade Foundation welcome!

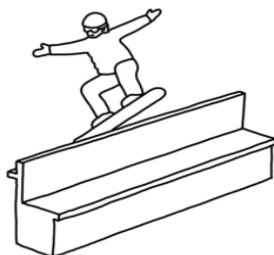
Mothers Union Fellowship

A reminder of our next meeting on Tuesday, 22nd February at 2.30pm in St Mary's when Jean Gabbar will talk to us about Syria. Non-members are welcome to join us. LP

Thanks We'd like to say a huge thank you to Sylvia McNeill and family for the most kind donation of her father's (Fred Osborne) mobility scooter. This has now found a new home and the new owner is so grateful Thank you so much Sylvia.

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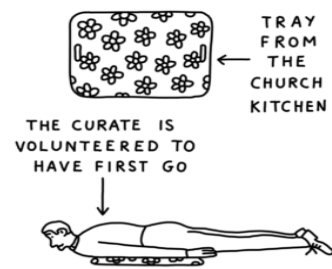
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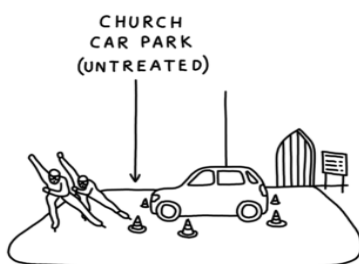


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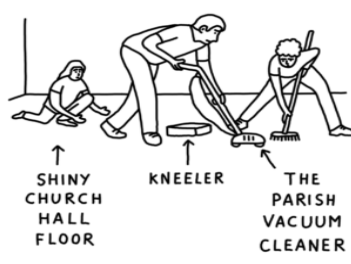
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SPEED SKATING

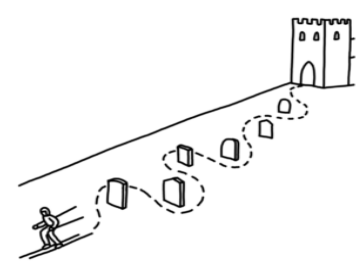


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THE PARISH VACUUM CLEANER

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Women in Ministry – an invitation to conversation

During this season in our Sunday services we have been remembering some of the women of the Bible, and reflecting on what we might learn from them.

On **Wednesday 23rd February** we will also have the opportunity to discuss the recent report about the Diocese of Leicester, called *“Women: the state of play”*. The report explores how women’s ministry has been received and appreciated over recent years, and has some challenging conclusions for us all. Our discussion will be led by Revd Alison Roche, and begins at 10.30am in the Narthex of St Mary’s, with coffee from 10.15. I hope it will prompt positive changes for our churches. Do please let either Alison or myself know if you’re coming , so that we can plan the biscuits!

Copies of the report *“Women: the state of play”* are available in church, at the meeting or online here:

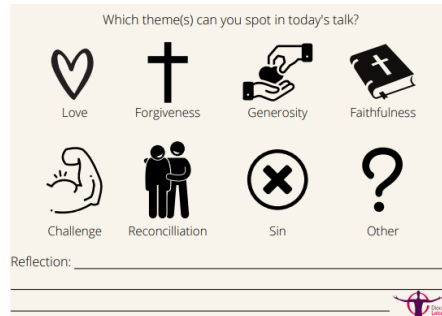
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If you would like to be part of the discussion but would prefer an evening time, then, again, do please let myself or Alison know.

Adrian

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? - Dust and cobwebs are building up in church. The Church needs your help on a regular basis. All willing hands please contact Sian or Beryl, Churchwardens. Contact details are at the back of this newsletter. Thank you.

Get more out of the sermon! Sometimes we all need a little help to get the most out of the Sunday sermon or talk, and for some people learning through listening only is a particular challenge. To help out, we now have some useful cards that give us a hand in spotting the themes and key points of each talk. They look like this:



We intend to keep a small pile of the cards at the back of church, so do please pick one up whenever you feel it will be helpful. It's for your use only – the preacher doesn't need to know how you use it! *Adrian*

Jubilee Celebration

Would you be interested in helping St Mary's celebrate the Platinum Jubilee for the Bank Holiday/ first week in June with the community? Help wanted with planning, ideas and practical help for the week. Contact Matthew revgough@gmail.com to get involved. Thanks.

This could be YOU: If you are able to use a computer, are not put off by spreadsheets and figures and have up to an hour or so each week, then YOU could be the person to help Lorna Pollard with our Gift Aid claims. Gift Aid allows the church to boost our income considerably and so is an important part of making sure we muster all the resources we can for our worship, life together and God's work through St Mary's.

Lorna is looking to 'train up' an assistant Gift Aid Secretary, who might eventually take on the role themselves, allowing her to step back after many years.

If you have the skills and opportunity, or are willing to learn, then please do talk to Lorna or myself about finding out more. *Adrian*

Churchyard work: Over the next few weeks you will notice City Council workers busy in the churchyard carrying out two important tasks. The first is to check the safety of our 'monuments', that is the gravestones, obelisks and so on. The second is to clear ivy from the monuments, again to ensure safety but also to make sure they can be read. The aim is to have this work done before spring and the nesting season arrive.

Unfortunately our stonemason is overbooked at the moment, so the section of collapsed wall near the lychgate remains unrepaired for the time being.

A replacement noticeboard to stand at the entrance to the main drive has been ordered but will take a few weeks to make up.

Adrian

How am I to live out my faith?
What could God be saying to me?
What opportunities are there to serve God?

To explore these questions further...

Everyday Calling

with Bishop Saju

Saturday March 26th 10am—3pm

Lunch included

Grand Hall, St Martin's House



Day will include seminars on:

- ◆ How to set up a social action project
- ◆ Exploring ordained or lay ministry
- ◆ How do I hear from God?
- ◆ Training opportunities

Time to chat to people in a range of callings eg

- ◆ Church Army
- ◆ Street Pastors
- ◆ Spiritual Directors
- ◆ Schools projects

To book a place email:

claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org

(Please state any dietary needs)

Online Compline Night Prayer from 8pm each Wednesday

All Welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?>

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Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

Or Phone In 0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

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. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

Coffee Morning



On Saturday 12th March 2022

From 10 am - 12 noon

In St Mary Magdalen Church

Brinsmead Road, Knighton

Stalls to include

Plants, Cakes,

& a raffle

Just come along

Everyone welcome

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Please pray..... *"but you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. "* (Jude, 20-21)

Praying for the World: Please pray for a peaceful solution to the tension and military build-up in Russia and Ukraine. Pray for all those involved in diplomacy, and that the political leaders will be drawn away from the use and threat of violent force.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that all Christians might rediscover the power of prayer to bring blessing, peace and healing to the world, and to individual lives. Pray that we might keep asking "Lord, teach us to pray...." Ask God to prompt us all to use the gift of prayer when we see needs in the lives of those around us.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Hylion Road, Asquith Boulevard, Aberdale Road, Shackerdale Road, Brixham Drive.**

Praying for those in need: Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried. In particular please pray this week for **Bob Rutland and Rod Bowditch**

We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. We give thanks to God that David Adjadje is well enough to return home.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. **Rob Muddimer and Oliver Evans**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.