



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen
Curate on Placement - Revd Dave Hendra

5th August 2018
Trinity 10

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.

CHOIR NEWS: We are all grateful to our wonderful choir for their continued leading of our sung worship, and appreciate their hard work on our behalf. Personally I am often deeply moved by the anthems and hymns that they sing during the Communion part of our Eucharist on a Sunday morning and last year's Advent evening service was a real highlight. I particularly appreciate the extra burden of robing in our recent extreme heat!



In order to make life a little easier for those whose mobility is not what it was, I have agreed with the suggestion of Mary Britton, the Choir Co-ordinator, that from September the choir should continue to process for special services but not for our regular Sunday morning services. For a trial period we are also going to ask them to focus on just two Sundays each month, the second and the fourth, with occasional anthems and pieces on the third Sunday. I am grateful to Mary for talking this through with the choir at their last rehearsal before the summer, while I was on holiday.

With these small changes we hope to lighten the choir load a little, whilst still appreciating and benefitting from their gifts in leading our worship. *Adrian*

TOILET TWINNING Thank you for your generous contributions. The certificates have now arrived and can be seen at the back of Church.

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 5th August 2018

Our Bible readings at our services are:

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4.1-16

John 6.24-35

The sermon title today is **“Therefore, live.....”**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5th August Trinity 10	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist Church Picnic
Monday 6th August	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 7th August	9.30am 2.30pm	Eucharist MU Prayer & Fellowship (Narthex)
Wednesday 8th August PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	1.30pm	Organ Tuning
Thursday 9th August	10.00am	Thursday Morning Club
Friday 10th August	11.00am 2.00pm	Interment of Ashes Interment of Ashes
Saturday 11th August		
Sunday 12th August Trinity 11	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

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(The Parish Office is open **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** and **Friday** from 9.30am until 2.30pm, unless stated differently in the diary above.)
The office is closed on **Wednesdays**.

Planting for the Future: a first seed.

As you will remember we recently collected views from across our congregation about 'Cherishing the Past, Shaping the Present and Planting for the Future'. The PCC are currently discussing a new document that will address what we need to do to preserve all that is good as well as to take on board different ideas for the years ahead. In the autumn we will be sharing that with everyone for your comments and responses, but please be reassured that there won't be any sudden, unexpected or radical changes to what normally happens! In the meantime we are going to 'plant a first seed for the future'.



In the consultation there was much appreciation for the traditional worship that we enjoy Sunday by Sunday, alongside a recognition that we also need to try new things that will attract those who wouldn't otherwise come to church. The PCC has therefore agreed that for a trial period we should use 'A Service of the Word' on the third Sunday morning each month rather than the Sung Eucharist that we are used to.

This service will be called simply 'Morning Worship', and will take place at 10am as usual, with robed clergy, organist and hymns, choir on occasions, refreshments afterwards and Sunday Club for the children. The order of service is taken from the Church of England's prayer book "Common Worship" and consists of Greeting, Prayers of Penitence, Collect, readings and sermon, intercessions and Lord's Prayer, blessing and dismissal. There is no Communion within the service and our hope is that this will allow new people to try church more easily and to feel more comfortable in our worship.

After the trial period of a year (therefore twelve services), the PCC will seek everyone's views on Morning Worship and will evaluate how successful it has been in making church more accessible to a wider range of people. I hope that everyone will try out and appreciate the new service, and find that it helps you to worship, albeit in a slightly different way. I know however that a change from the Eucharist is a considerable sacrifice for some of us, so please remember that we have our regular 8am Eucharist every Sunday as well. I hope you agree that trying out this change in order to encourage more people to church is a good thing, even if it calls for some sacrifice from us.

Our first Morning Worship will be on Sunday 16th September, the third Sunday in September. The pattern of our other services through the month will remain the same. In the meantime do please talk to me or Neil about your questions and comments.

Adrian

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR OWN DIOCESE - FRAMLAND DEANERY

AN ADVENTURE OF NEW WINE INTO NEW WINE SKINS

Jesus told them this parable: “No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins”.
Matthew 9: 16, Mark 2: 21, Luke 5: 36

In January 2016 the Framland Deanery which is made up of 65 churches, representing 20% of the Diocese (and 25% of Parishes) was essentially staffed by three stipendiary clergy and one SSM. Through God’s grace a large number of readers and retired clergy were able to keep things functioning. Move on two years and we are now fully staffed with a Clergy Team of nine stipendiary ministers, two House for Duty Associate Ministers and three SSM’s. Supported by a growing team of Readers and continuing active retired clergy, the Deanery looks and feels a very different place.

Our ‘new wineskin’ is the way that we work, parochial responsibilities being balanced with across Deanery Roles. The whole Deanery has become our missional unit where activities can take place that would not be justified on a Parish by Parish basis.

We marked ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ with a Deanery 24 hour prayer effort, those on the outside of our churches have been encouraged by contemporary music evenings featuring Bob Dylan, Rod Stewart and Van Morrison (at least their songs!), and we are proposing an environmental push in the autumn to ‘Green the Deanery’.

Those associated with the Framland project have been amazed at the way God has lead and blessed us, shaping the new wineskin into which we have all been poured. For this we give our humble thanks, Amen.

Please give thanks for:

- the many blessings received over the last 18 months which have allowed us to fill all of our vacant posts.

Please pray for:

- Area Dean: Revd Canon Peter Hooper and Lay Chair: Canon Malcolm Britton
- God’s continued guidance as we develop our new working relationships

GARDENERS HUT

A number of people have spoken to me expressing their concerns about groups of young people congregating around the old gardeners hut in St Mary's churchyard. I have had a conversation with our local PCSO Lynette Steadman and she has told me that that police patrols will check the churchyard when they are in the area.

Revd Neil

"Summertime and the living is easy?" Over the summer church life is often a little quieter and many people take the opportunity for a holiday. This may give us an opportunity to take a little more time to pray, read and reflect on our Christian life and our life together as a church. Here are some ideas from Adrian about how to make the most of that opportunity:

- Our summer sermon series looks at 'Truth that Sings' in Paul's letter to the Ephesian Christians - why not take half an hour to read the whole letter in one go from your own Bible at home?
- Take a few minutes to think about people you know who used to come to church but have fallen out of the habit. During the autumn there will be several good opportunities to invite them back. Make sure you have their names and contact details written somewhere ready and begin to pray that God will make them open to church and faith once again.
- All of us are encouraged by listening to hymns and Christian songs. If you already have CDs at home then get them out and start to listen to at least one song a day. If you don't have any yet, let a friend or family member know that this would be a good birthday or Christmas present for you!

WW1 The Portfolio for **Private 2711 Walter Edgar Swan**, Royal Army Medical Corps, is available at the back of church for you to read and take home. Information supplied by Barry Whitehead.

WW1 CENTENARY Keep the dates free!

We are looking for people to steward the display that will be shown on 10th and 11th November. Can you help by giving 2 hours of your time? Sign up sheet at back of church. Thank you - The Display team.

MOTHERS' UNION BREAKFAST BOXES APPEAL This year BREAKFAST BOXES (LEICESTER) are providing food for those families who would usually rely on free breakfast clubs and free school meals at school each day for food. The scheme is for severely under privileged school aged children in Leicester and they rely on the good will of the general public to provide the breakfast food items for whole of the six weeks of the school holidays. Examples of items needed are: boxes of cereals, long-life milk, dried fruit, cereal bars, biscuits, tinned fruit, jam, marmalade, honey, chocolate spread and peanut butter. There is a box near the west door for any items you may wish to donate.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"If everyone in your church is comfortable with who is showing up on Sundays, then you haven't opened the door wide enough."

Reggie Joiner, American founder of 'Orange', which trains and equips Christians to make contact with younger people.

TEAS IN GAULBY CHURCH Saturdays - 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Homemade scones and cakes, tea and coffee. Come join us for fun, food and good company. *Hilary Painter*

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.

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Please pray.....

'And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us' **1 John 5. 14**

Praying for the World: please pray for all those affected by natural disasters and the impact of fires and floods around the world, especially in Japan, Indonesia and Greece.

Praying for the Church: please pray for the people, churches and ministers of the Framland Deanery in our Diocese (see page inside).

Praying for the Parish : **Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch 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

Mavis Mason

Terry Cocks

Peter

Laurie Jarvis

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:

Marjorie Cawthorne
Sheila Reynolds

Audrey King
Leckie Orr



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