



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

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

8th July 2018
Trinity 6

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.

(THE) CHURCHYARD MATTERS: Many thanks to everyone who has talked to me about the churchyard and the possible 'Friends' group. The PCC also had a good discussion about all the issues connected to the maintenance of the churchyard by the City Council and what we need to do now in order to improve things.

Firstly, because the maintenance is their responsibility and not done under a contract to us, we need to proceed through diplomatic discussion. Paul Bonnett and Brian Small have kindly agreed to set up a meeting with local councillors and, we hope, Council officials. We will be asking for much more information about the standards that the Council are working to and the frequency and nature of the work that they intend over the course of each year. We will be pressing for an improvement to both standards and frequency.

We will also be clarifying the roles that volunteers can play in churchyard maintenance, especially in attending to weeds on individual graves, which technically are the responsibility of families rather than Church or Council. These weeds need to be controlled by spraying in the near future, so if you know of families with loved ones in the 'modern' part of the churchyard (to the south/right of the main drive as you approach the church) perhaps you could let them know of our intention.

If you would like to join our 'churchyard champions' in working to make things better please do let me or Neil know so that you can be included in emails and meetings. Many thanks for everyone's patience and understanding as we work to improve the churchyard. Adrian

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.
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- 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 8th July 2018

Our Bible readings at our services are:

Exodus 6.2-12, 7,1-5

Mark 6.1-6

The sermon title today is **"Moses and Pharoah"**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8th July Trinity 6	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 9th July	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 10th July	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 11th July Parish Office Closed	1.00pm	Tiny Tots
Thursday 12th July	10.00am 11.00am	Thursday Morning Club LHS Leavers Service
Friday 13th July	10.00am	Overdale Juniors Assembly
Saturday 14th July		
Sunday 15th July Trinity 7	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 27th July at 11.00am.**

Adrian, Alison and children are away on their summer holiday after today. Please contact Neil, Dave or James instead.

Contact details:

Adrian **Revd Adrian is away until 28th July**
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 (day off normally Monday)
Dave dhendra@htl.church
 (day off normally Friday)
Rosalind (Churchwarden) 07531 505637

James (Parish Administrator) 0116 270 2705
 Email: office@knightonparish.co.uk

(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.**

CHURCH SPIRE UPDATE: Many of you will remember that we have been advised to have repair work done on the church spire and the Buildings Group have been trying to find ways of bringing down the prospective cost, which might be between £150-200,000. A Specialist Consulting Engineer has recently advised that the repairs need to be made with 'moderate urgency' and will certainly require the scaffolding which makes up the bulk of the cost. We can now ask the Church Architect to draw up the specifications for the work, which in turn will allow us to make applications to grant-making bodies and ultimately to invite tenders from specialist building repair companies. I am grateful to Paul Bonnett for pursuing these grant applications for us. We will give you regular updates on our progress. *Adrian*

URGENTLY SEEKING.....NEW MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS GROUP: Do you care about our Church building and Parish Centre? Would you like to help us as we look after our buildings? Do you have experience of buildings maintenance or improvement, or of health and safety monitoring? If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions then we could use you as a member of the Buildings Group of the PCC! Please talk to Adrian or Neil about joining us.

MOTHERS UNION - We celebrate our Festival Service at St. Mary's on Tuesday, 24th July, beginning at 2.30 p.m., followed by our usual Strawberry Tea in the Parish Centre. The theme this year is "In the Steps of Mary Sumner". Friends from other branches in the Deanery will be joining with our own members for what always proves to be a very enjoyable occasion.

WW1 The Portfolio for **Major Thomas Lovell Warner D.S.O.**, 8th. Bn., Leicestershire Regiment, is available at the back of church for you to read and take home. Information supplied by Barry Whitehead.

Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed to the Toilet Twinning appeal. It may sound rather frivolous but your donations will help those in desperate poverty to have access to a proper latrine, clean water and the information they need to be healthy. The toilet Twinning website reminds us that "2.3 billion people don't have somewhere SAFE to go to the toilet." The form is still available on the big table if you want to gift aid your donations and the pot is still about. Lorna Pollard.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the other direction."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident

CHURCHYARD At the PCC meeting last week we discussed and agreed the proposal to establish a new local group called The Friends of Knighton Churchyard. This group will take on the improvement of the Churchyard and liaison with Leicester City Council and Knighton Wild regarding maintenance issues. We hope the Friends will be formally established following a public meeting in September. In the meantime please do tell other people, especially those outside of the immediate Church community, that everyone is welcome to join and be part of the Friends, whether as an active member or a supporter. *Adrian*

WW1 CENTENARY

The WW1 display in St Mary's will include photographs, memorabilia and artefacts from the period spanning 1914 - 1918.

Do you have any old coins from 1914 - 1918?

Please contact any member of the display team. This includes: Sue Holligan, Ida Stanyer, Judi Stone, Sue Bonnett, Deb Martin and Carolyn Oldershaw. Thank you.

THANKS Grace Pepper would like to thank all those who attended her concert in church. Everyone gave generously and a total of £466 was raised for the Alice Ruggles Trust.

CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT? Veronica Brown needs a lift to church and then back home on Sunday 15th July for the 8.00am Eucharist. If you're able to help Veronica, please call her in the afternoon on 288 9284.

CHRISTIAN AID This year's (2018) Christian Aid Street and Church collection raised a total of **£1760.39**, of which £197.43 was Gift Aid. (In 2017 the total was £1484.00, of which £146 was Gift Aid) This is still a very successful and worthwhile way of raising money for Christian Aid. Many, many thanks to all the collectors and to everyone who donated.

Ros Astles and Ida Stanyer

'SUSPENDED' Leicester Cathedral This is a stunning and deeply moving installation by the distinguished war artist Arabella Dorman, composed of 700 pieces of clothing discarded by refugees on their arrival at the Greek island of Lesbos. Leicester is privileged to host this installation, which was first shown in St James', Piccadilly and later in Canterbury Cathedral.

Viewing is free, during Cathedral opening times, and continues until 28th August.



Many of you will remember John Fidoe, a stalwart of St Mary's for many years. John recently attended a fundraising lunch in Leicestershire and wished to say "Hello" to all who remember him, and his late wife Kath. Still sprightly and young at heart John now lives with his son Mick and daughter in law Wendy in Sheffield. John sang in the choir for a number of years and he and his wife were active, along with others, raising money for our church Parish Centre in the 1970's.

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.

Picnic Invitation

Come and join the families and friends of St Mary's Church at a special picnic on **Sunday 5th August 2018**.

Please bring some picnic food and drink to share.

We'll meet from 11.30am in Church Lane Gardens (the little park by the Church). If wet, we'll retreat to the Parish Centre.

After lunch, there will be games and activities for all.

(NB there is no All Age Worship at St Mary's on this day, but there will be Sunday Club for children during the 10.00am service)



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. Knighton Parish Office, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG

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 countries, cities and communities blighted by drugs and violence. Pray especially for the people of Mexico following Presidential elections and for God's protection on all those who speak up for justice and peace, and against the rule of drug cartels.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the Mothers Union around the world - for the many projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America that benefit the poorest and give women the skills and confidence to make a positive difference to their communities. Give thanks for the faithful Christian witness of the Mothers Union over many years, not least in Knighton.

Praying for the Parish : **Overdale Infants School, Overdale Junior School, The Lancaster Academy, Sir Jonathan North Community College, Leicester High School for Girls, Leicester Islamic Academy.**

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

**Helen Nicholls
Kathryn Beck**

**Mavis Mason
Dave**

**Leckie Orr
Terry Cocks**

Lee Elkington

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:

William Henry

Marjorie Cawthorne

Audrey King

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

