



**St Mary Magdalen
Church of England,
Knighton**

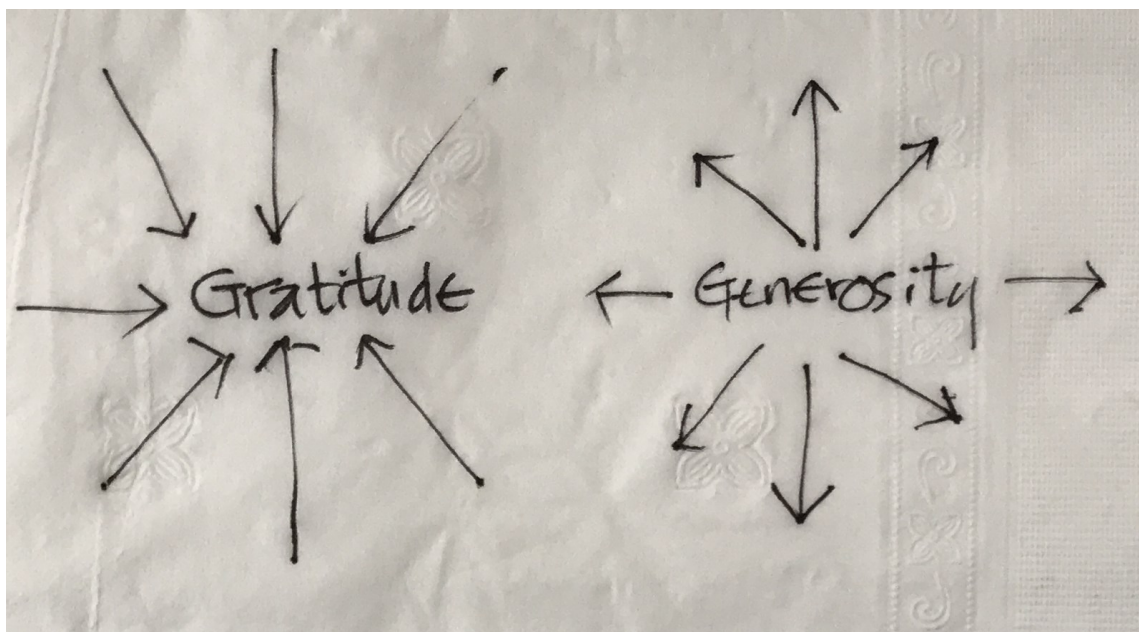


**Newsletter for Sunday
16th October 2022
18th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect for this week

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 16th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs
Monday 17th October	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 18th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 19th October	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 20th October	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G) 12.30pm Church cleaning
Friday 21st October	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 22nd October	
Sunday 23rd October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs

Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

School Half-term Week: I will be taking a few days of holiday this week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) - but please do leave messages as normal. In case of emergency do contact someone else from the Ministry Team - alternatively, James in the office can get hold of me! *Adrian*

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?

Church Family News

Harvest Gifts - many thanks to everyone who made our recent Harvest Festival service so memorable, and who helped to decorate the church for our worship. As a result of your kind donations, we were able to take 95kg of tins and packets to the South Leicester Food Bank where they were very gratefully received.

Social Committee 'Friends' We really need people to offer to help with social events. We don't need new committee members, we just need people to be prepared to do things with us. Please speak to Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to be a 'friend' of the Social Committee.

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Please note the change of time and venue for our next meeting on Tuesday, 25th October. We shall meet at 1.15pm in the Lounge of the Parish Centre. The topic is unchanged – "It happens to us all". Richard Ward of Mildred & Sons Funeral Directors is our speaker. As always, visitors are welcome. LP

Marie Curie Autumn Lunch Thursday 27th October 12.30pm for 1pm start at Leicester College. £20 per person. Tickets from Shirley Wills 0116 2811401.

Light up the Night! This year we're putting on a special Halloween event for children and parents, to give them an opportunity to do something positive and light-focused amongst all the trick-or-treating. 'Light up the night' involves free hot chocolate, biscuits and glowsticks and lots of stories about Heroes of the Light. If you're able to help with serving, chatting and being friendly then do please see Adrian or Alison as soon as possible. Thank you!

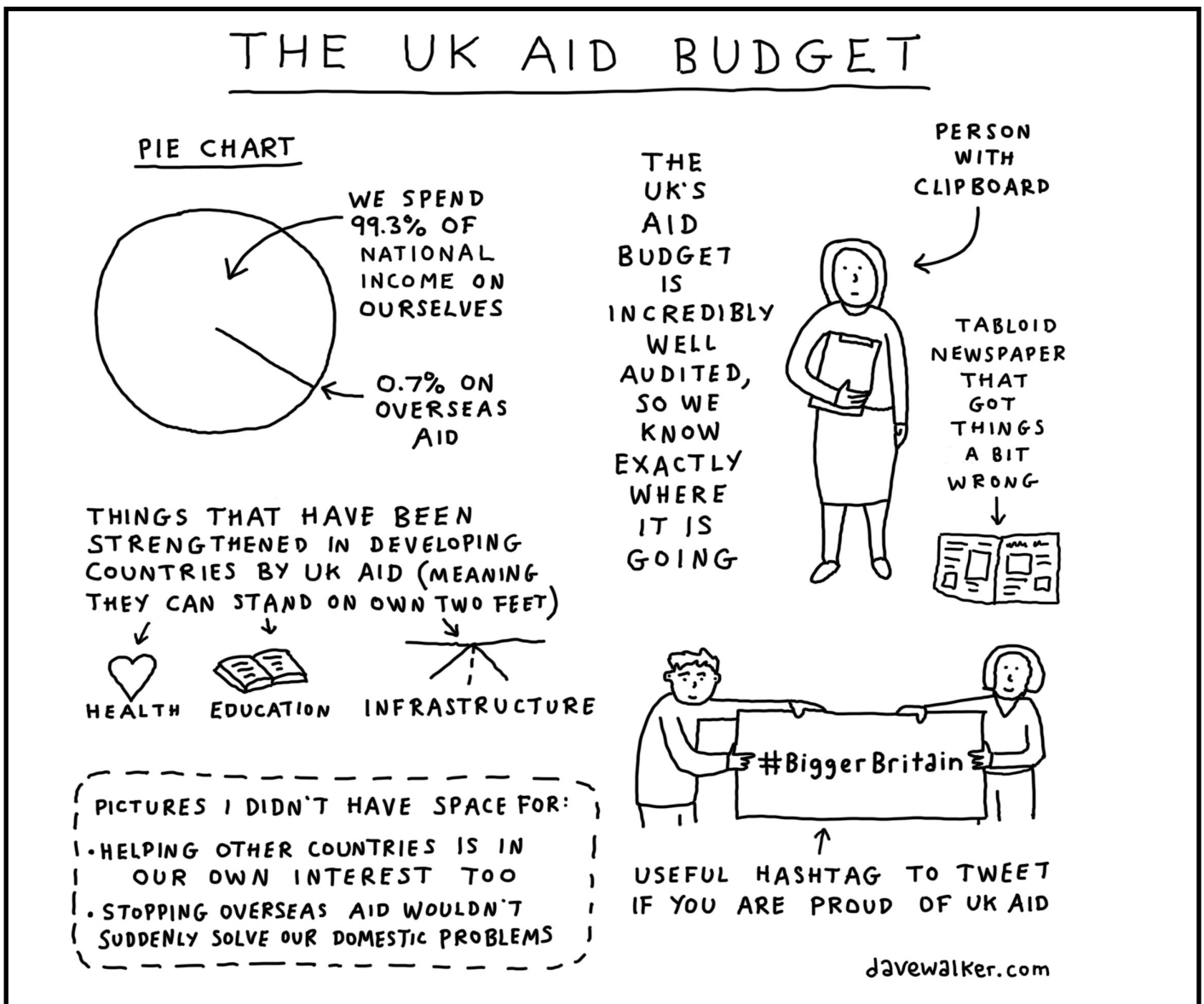
Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 16th October** are:

Colossians 3.12-17 and Luke 7.36-50

Creating a 'Warm Lounge' in the Parish Centre: The PCC have agreed that the Cottage Room in the Parish Centre (the small room just inside the front door on the left) should be adapted to become a 'softer' welcoming small lounge room, with carpet, fresh decorations and some fresh furniture. This will provide us with a space for small group meetings, pastoral conversations, a 'warm space' for the community if the winter is hard, and an attractive room of a different style for hiring out to other groups.

Step One is to clean and decorate the room, so we've put aside Saturday 29th October to do as much as we can. If you're able to drop in and join our team for any length of time from 10am onwards (until about 5pm), then we'd love to have your help. Please do let Adrian know as soon as possible: email adrian.jones@zoho.com or phone 07919 262 399. Bring your own painting clothes and a brush/roller or two if you can! Thank you.





Growing Gratitude and Generosity

As October began, we celebrated our Harvest Festival, remembering God's goodness to us in creation, and the call to treasure and protect the natural world. At this time of year, we consider all that we have received from God and from others, much of it undeserved and without our

asking. There is then a natural bridge from *gratitude* for the kindness of others, to being impelled towards *generosity* ourselves; from looking inwards we know we must now look outwards.

Over the main Sunday services in October, we will therefore be looking at ***Gratitude and Generosity*** in our own lives. In times of economic challenge, like this autumn and winter, it's tempting to hold on tightly to what we have – but God calls us to keep looking out for the needs of others, and promises to keep blessing us as we do so. To help us, we need reminding of this essential link between gratitude and generosity, and encouragement to keep on giving. On 30th October (the fifth Sunday) we will join with our friends at St Guthlac's for a combined service that will look at being ***'Generous Together'***. "

"Be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share."

(1 Timothy 6.18)

Adrian

AFRICA INSPIRES - UGANDA 2022 As many of you might have read in the Benefice Magazine, my wife Sue is visiting Uganda shortly. From Sunday 25th she will be visiting three schools in Kampala to see the development of the 'Develop with Dignity' programme and to see how the money raised by three Leicester/Leicestershire schools has been used. She is visiting with a group from Teams4U. If you would like to see her adventures, please follow her blog from Sunday 25th September at this web address <http://www.getjealous.com/Uganda22> *Nigel Siesage*

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle Hamper

Are you able to donate an item for the hamper, which will be the 1st prize in the raffle at this year's Christmas Tree Festival?

If so, could you please let us know by filling in the form on the notice board at the back of church. There is a list of suggestions, but it isn't exhaustive so if you feel you would like to donate something else that is "Christmassy" please do so.

Please place any items you've offered in the basket on the table near the north door by Sunday 27th November. Please bear in mind that everything in the hamper must have a sell/use by date some time later than Christmas.

Thank you - the Christmas Tree Festival Team

Yes, it's back..... St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

will take place on **Saturday 10th December 9:45 am to 1:00pm.** Join us for refreshments, live music, good company and the chance to buy lots of Christmas Goodies!

For those who would like to order in advance - and this does help our stock control - we are offering our **Virtual On-line catalogue** show-casing some of our more popular items.

You will have received your catalogue with this newsletter if you receive your newsletter by email. Hard copies will be available in church very soon.

*** Ordering in advance does not stop you joining us on the big day ***

Online Compline on Wednesdays—8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location **0203 481 5240**

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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 monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 01162704272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighthon PCC** please.

Prayers for this week

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the world: Pray again that God will strengthen the voices of peace in areas of conflict and war across the world. Pray that a hopeful vision of a better future will inspire all sides to work together to end suffering.

Praying for the Church: Tuesday marks Anti-Slavery Day. Please pray for Margaret Rouse and Kat Gibson who give a lead in our diocese to work against modern-day slavery. Pray for the Clewer Institute, the Church of England's dedicated training project. In particular pray for freedom for all victims of the modern slave trade.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Kew Drive, Highgate Drive, Hillcrest Road, South Kingsmead Road, Woodbank Road, Palmerstone Boulevard.**

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 **Ann Beams, Diane Stockton, Flick Titley, Val Stubbs. John Orme, Peter Relph, and Judi Stone**

Pray as well for all those on our parish *'Continuing Prayer'* list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. We particularly remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.