



St Mary Magdalen Church Church of England, Knighton

**Sunday 1st September 2019
11th Sunday after Trinity**

**Preacher at 8am and 11.30am is Revd Matthew Gough
Service Leader at 10am Revd Adrian Jones**

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.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY: OPENING THE CHURCH FOR RIDE AND STRIDE.

On Saturday 14th September we are opening the Church building to our local community and to receive visitors taking part in the annual 'Ride and Stride' event to raise money through sponsorship for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust (LHCT). This important local charity makes grants to churches for repairs and improvements, and we are hoping that our Spire Appeal might be a beneficiary!

In order to welcome our visitors we need a rota of volunteers to keep a watchful eye on the Church, to sign visitors in and to give them simple refreshments. Please do consider if you can help out at any time from 10am through to 6pm and sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of the church. We particularly need help in the space from 10am to 2pm.

You might also like to consider taking part in Ride and Stride yourself, visiting some local churches and raising money through sponsorship for LHCT. Half of any money you raise comes back to St Mary's and half goes to the Trust. Full details are at the back of the church on the noticeboard, or please talk to Flick Titley and Adrian Jones for more information.

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.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading today is from:

Hebrews 11.1-4, 22, 29, 39-40

Today's story is: **'Joseph - dreamer, prisoner, leader...'**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 11.30am Eucharist
Monday 2nd September	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 3rd September	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 4th September	
Thursday 5th September	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 6th September	8.00am First Friday Prayers (St John the Baptist)
Saturday 7th September	10.30am Coffee Morning
Sunday 8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 27th September** at 11am.

PARISH AWAY DAY A place has become available on the Away Day at Launde Abbey on Saturday 14th September. The cost is £28.50, which includes lunch and other refreshments. If you would like to come with us, please speak to Doreen White. 2704744



Saturday 7th SEPTEMBER 2019

10.30am to 12.30pm in CHURCH

**We would welcome help with supply of
Cakes and Raffle Prizes.**

PLEASE COME and SUPPORT our SPIRE APPEAL

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The campaign to save our spire

InSpired - our appeal for the spire

The Spire Group is continuing to work on an exciting programme of events which we hope will attract people from all over the community. Please tell your friends and neighbours about all our events as they are announced.



Coffee Morning Always popular, our next coffee morning in church will be on 7 September at 10.30.

Curry Night There is still time to sign up for the curry night on 21st October in aid of the spire appeal. See the list at the back of church. About half the available places have already gone, so don't leave it too late - and ask your friends and neighbours. Tickets are £16, and there will be quizzes and a raffle. The venue, Cuisine of India in Wigston, provides an excellent meal, has good parking and convenient access.

Christmas Tree Festival St Mary's first ever Christmas Tree Festival on 7 and 8 December promises to be really spectacular, with at least 60 trees decorated by local schools, businesses, charities and other organisations.

Thanks to all those who have provided suggestions for a logo. We think we may have found one!

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with the planning of Knighton Open Gardens next June. It offers the prospect of lots of fun and of course the potential to generate a lot of money for the appeal. But we need a small team to pull it together. You don't have to be an expert gardener – just be willing to help lead aspects of the organisation.

Your Spire Fund-raising Group are: Nigel Siesage, Adrian Jones, Sue Holigan, Sian Howard, Lorna Kirk, Michael Kirk.

Donations for the Spire Fund

We continue to receive some very generous donations. Cheques for the Spire should be made out to Knighton PCC, but make it clear that they are for the Spire, possibly by writing 'Spire Fund' on the back of the cheque.

If you already give to the church with Gift Aid, it will be possible to claim it on spire donations. Please speak to Lorna Pollard for advice if you have any questions about this.

Also, there are Spire Fund Appeal blue envelopes available for you to use in the pews, if you wish to use this method in addition to your regular giving in the unmarked envelopes. If you are a tax payer and complete the envelope, your gift will increase by 25%.

Many thanks Nigel

ON FIRE MISSION : 'RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF'

All Saints Church, Emscote, Warwick Saturday 12th October
10:00am - 4:00pm A Midlands Celebration Saturday for all seeking renewal in the Holy Spirit., including age appropriate activities for everyone. Speaker : The Revd Canon Kathryn Fleming, Canon Residentiary and Pastor, Coventry Cathedral.

On Fire Mission is an inclusive network, rooted in the Church of England, and open to all, which is dedicated to promoting Charismatic renewal blended with the riches of Catholic spirituality

Attendance is FREE but please reserve your place through www.eventbrite.co.uk (search for On Fire Mission Midlands). Tea, Coffee and soft drinks provided but please bring your own lunch.

For more information email : midlands@onfiremission.org or contact Fr Trevor Thurston-Smith tel. 0116 2880985

STRIDING FOR THE SPIRE Flick will be undertaking the sponsored Historic Churches walk once more on 14th September and welcomes sponsors. Half the money raised comes back to St Mary's.

EMPTY CEREAL PACKETS FOR YOUTH GROUP If you have any empty cereal packets could you please donate them for a Youth Group activity? Please leave them in the box in the front of St Mary's porch. Thankyou, Tina.

GAMMA GRAMMAR A gentle look at the Greek New Testament and Gospels for Greek beginners and above. Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday, starting 9th September 2019, 3.45-5pm, followed by Evening Prayer. Led by Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Foster. If interested please get in touch with Rev'd Rowena Bass 0116 2910021 rowenabass11@gmail.com by the beginning of September. All are welcome, lay and ordained.

PARISH MAGAZINE The next edition of the magazine will be published in mid-September. Have you had a holiday which took you to interesting places of worship, or gave you insights into other denominations or faiths? Then you have the basis for one our occasional Travellers' Tales articles. All contributions relevant to our church and our readership are welcome. The deadline for this issue is 31 August. Please send copy to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com . Many thanks, Nigel Siesage

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYERS WITH OUR LOCAL CHURCHES. Friday 6th September, 8 am - 8.30 am at St John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park Road. Everyone welcome.

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

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(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**.

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%.

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CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S Please make 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 increased partnership between European nations as Brexit discussions continue, and for good judgement and wise decisions from our own Government and MPs at home. Pray that Christians might help to draw together our divided nation.

Praying for the Church: Along with others in our Diocese please pray for a growing awareness of our Christian responsibility for the natural world this Creationtide. Pray for all those suffering from the impacts of climate change, and those working to help them. Pray for the Revd Andrew Quigley our Diocesan Environmental Officer, and for churches working towards the Eco-Church Award.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all staff, teachers, and pupils at: **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 all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for **Julie Everitt, Roger Beeby, Keith, Brian Pinder** 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. **David Oldershaw**

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.