



# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones  
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

29th April 2018  
5th Sunday of Easter

## 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.

**WW1 FUNDING APPLICATION SUCCESSFUL!** The joint parishes planning group for our World War 1 Heritage Project has been successful in our bid for financial support from the Knighton Ward Councillors Fund. The grant of £1,100 means that we can continue planning events for November 2018 to mark the Centenary of the Armistice in the Great War with the confidence of the funding we need to make them a reality. Look out for further details as the year progresses.

### SEMP PRAYER FOR MAY

God of power, you have planted your Kingdom in the midst of our fallen world  
- please make our churches shining outposts of that Kingdom,  
that the world might see your glory.

God of love, you gave your Son to pay the debt we could not re-pay, that we  
might be your people & You might be our God - re-make our hearts & minds  
that we might live & worship more and more like Him.

God of truth, you hold before us the perfect hope of a new heavens & new  
earth, there for us through the word of the gospel - therefore set our hearts  
on things above, not on the things of this earth.

God of grace, such grace is inexhaustible for those who truly repent & believe  
in Jesus - may our experience of this grace make us gracious &  
compassionate to those you have placed around us.

God of south Leicester - we ask that you would do this in our time, that praise  
to the Father, Son & Holy Spirit might be multiplied abundantly in our city.  
In Jesus name, Amen

## 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 29th April 2018**

Our Bible readings today are:

**Psalm 22.25-end**

**Acts 8.26-end**

**John 21.15-19**

The sermon title today is "**Simon and sheep**"

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Sunday 29th April</b><br>5th Sunday of Easter                | 8.00am Holy Eucharist<br>10.00am Sung Eucharist  |
| Monday 30th April<br><i>Office open 7.30am until 12noon</i>     | 9.00am-12noon Overdale School Visit<br>7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  |
| Tuesday 1st May<br><i>Office open from 12.30pm until 4.00pm</i> | 9.30am Eucharist<br>10.15am WW1 Display Team Meeting (Narthex)<br>2.00pm MU Prayer & Fellowship (Narthex)<br>7.00pm SEMP Meeting (Narthex) |
| Wednesday 2nd May<br><b>Parish Office Closed</b>                | 1.00pm Tiny Tots   |
| Thursday 3rd May<br><i>Office open from 9.00am until 3.00pm</i> | 10.00am Thursday Morning Club (Centre)<br>7.30pm PCC Meeting (Centre)  |
| Friday 4th May<br><i>Office open from 9.00am until 3.00pm</i>   | 8.00am SLCP Prayers (St Guthlac)   |
| Saturday 5th May  |  |
| <b>Sunday 6th May</b><br>6th Sunday of Easter                   | 8.00am Holy Eucharist<br>10.00am All Age Service<br>11.30am Eucharist  |

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 (Office open 9.30am - 2.30pm,  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).  
 The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th May**.

**CHRISTIAN AID 2018** This year the annual week for collecting for Christian Aid runs from 13th - 19th May. We would be extremely grateful if YOU could help by delivering and collecting envelopes around the parish. A sign up sheet is at the back of church or speak to Rosalind Astles or Ida Stanyer for more information. Thank you.

**AWAY DAY** Saturday 15th September. Booking forms are now available for our Quiet Day at Launde Abbey. Doreen White will be able to let you have one after the service. They will be on the table at the back of church during the week. Please return completed form and deposit to Doreen.

**REVIEWING 2017 AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:** Many thanks to everyone who attended our Annual church Meeting on 15th April. We expressed grateful appreciation to those PCC (Church Council) members stepping down this time: Brian Small, Nigel Seisage and Sue Holligan, and to Ros Matthew and Patrick Holligan, our Church Wardens. Ros has agreed to continue in the role for another year - I'm grateful for all the time and energy that our Wardens put into supporting the life of the church. Simon Britton has also stepped down as PCC Secretary and I'm grateful for his careful eye and precision planning that have guided us over the last two years. Newly elected to the PCC this year is Angelica Ameroso (who was previously a co-opted member), and at it's very first meeting the PCC unanimously agreed to co-opt our Magazine Editor, Nigel Seisage. *Adrian*

**OFFICE OPENING HOURS** Due to other commitments the opening hours of the Parish Office may vary sometimes. Maybe phone to check before making a special journey. It's also worth checking the diary in this newsletter for opening hours. Thank you.

## **WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH**

"It is good to love many things, for therein lies strength. Whosoever loves much can accomplish much, and what is done with love is well done."

**Vincent van Gogh (1853-1900), Dutch Post-Impressionist painter**

**PLANNED GIVING** The annual statements are available on the table at the back of church. If I have inadvertently missed you or if you need more details about your gifts, please do not hesitate to ask. Lorna Pollard

**CALLING ALL SIDESPERSONS!** Many thanks to all of you who have taken on the important role of welcoming everyone as they arrive at church on Sunday, and making sure we all have what we need for the services. The recent Annual Meeting reaffirmed our appreciation of you and your willingness to continue during 2018-19.

I would now like to take the opportunity of gathering you all together for a short meeting to consider the sidesperson's role and to hear your ideas and views about how we might improve our welcome, particularly for visitors and guests. I hope that you'll be able to join me after the main morning service, at 11.30am **today**, in the Lady Chapel for no more than half an hour of conversation. If you have not received an A4 sheet about the role of Sidespersons from me via email, then please do pick one up from the back of the church. Many thanks - Adrian

**COFFEE MORNING** Come and join us at our Coffee Morning in church on **Saturday 12th May** from 10 am until 12 noon. There'll be various stalls, including plants, cakes and books. Everyone very welcome.

**SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP (SLCP)** First Friday Prayers are at St Guthlac on Friday 4th May, 8-8.30 am. Everybody welcome.

**Songs Penitential, Paschal & Pastoral**

*A Concert of Popular Choral Music*

**Sung by 8ctave**

*(singing Priests of the Leicester Diocese)*

**Friday 4th May at 7.00pm**

*at Saint Peter's Parish Church, Braunstone*

Tickets - £5.00 (under 16s free)

*(and include refreshments)*

*Programme includes*

Flower Songs - Benjamin Britten as well as works by Bruckner, Monteverdi, Finzi and Byrd

for more information or to reserve tickets, please ring: 0116 247 0384

## WW1 CENTENARY

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

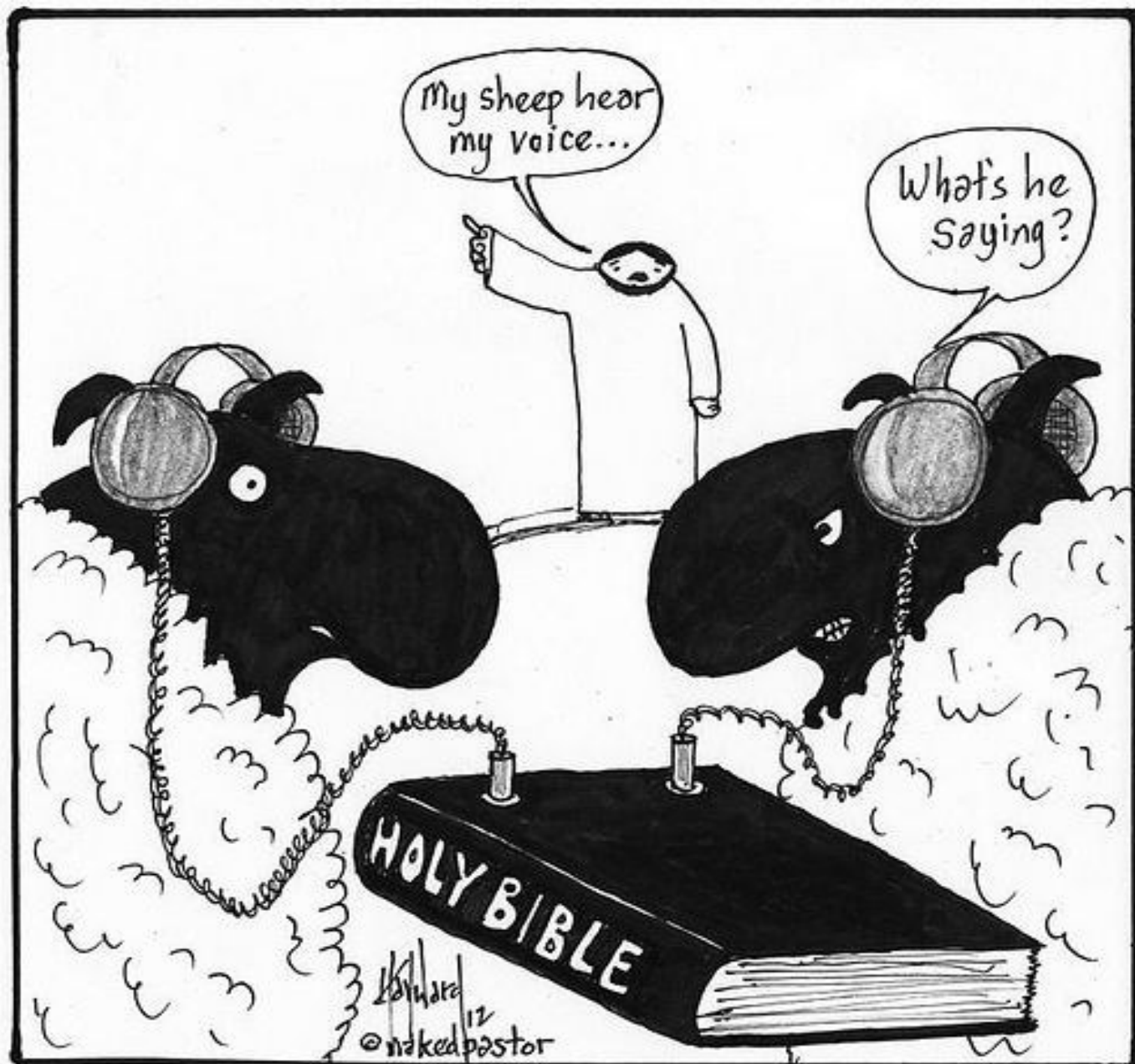
Do you have anything you would be able to "loan" us for the first 2 weeks of November? Great care will be taken of anything loaned.

Photographs of family, information of your family tree or old uniforms/medals of relatives? Maybe photographs of Knighton at that time.

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.

If you love me,  
feed my sheep.

John 21:17



**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@knightonparish.co.uk) or 0116 2702705. Knighton Parish Office, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG

**Please pray.....**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people..." **1 Timothy 2.1**

*Praying for the World:* please continue to pray for peace within the Middle East and especially in Syria - for the protection of all civilians caught up in conflict and for wisdom for all leaders making decisions.

*Praying for the Church:* please pray for **Bishop Stanley** and the people of our Link Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Please also pray for our partner churches within the Southern Edge Mission Partnership: St Guthlac, St John the Baptist, St James the Greater, St Andrew, The Nativity and St Christopher.

*Praying for the Parish :* This week please pray for all those who live in **Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene 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*

**Anne Squires  
Bill & Ann Ibbs**

**Elizabeth Coulosey**

**Helen Nicholls**

*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:

**Jean Abbott**

**Brenda Reynolds**



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