



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

**Sunday 22nd September 2019
14th Sunday after Trinity**

**Our Preacher and Presiding Minister today is the Bishop of
Loughborough, Rt Rev'd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani**

Welcome to our Services

WELCOME BISHOP GULI It's a pleasure to welcome Bishop Guli to preside and preach at our Sung Eucharist today. Bishop Guli was born in Iran, where her father was also a bishop, but as a teenager she fled with her family during the aftermath of the Iranian Islamic Revolution and settled in the UK. She is the first Bishop of Loughborough and has a specific responsibility for encouraging vocations in the diocese and helping our churches become more ethnically diverse. It's a privilege to have her joining us at St Mary Magdalen today. *Adrian*

NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS: At the Bishop's Conference recently, Matthew and I met up with both Chris Allen and Keith Magee, both of whom send their best wishes to everyone at St Mary's and St Guthlac's. We also shared news with two former curates who will be well known to many of you: Helen Dearnley continues to work for HM Prison and Probation Service and has recently been promoted to Anglican Faith Advisor for all of England and Wales; Cynthia Hebden is now the Interim Minister for the Hallaton Benefice (despite having retired not that long ago!) and has recently announced the happy news that she is to marry again. Her fiance is Andrew Thomson from Australia, and they will be married at noon on 4th January 2020 at St Michael and All Angels, Hallaton - Cynthia was keen to say that everyone is welcome to the service and to the drinks and canapes that will follow! *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.
- 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.
- 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 readings today are:

Psalm 27 & Matthew 16.13-16

Today's title is: **'Questions Jesus Asked: Who do you say I am?'**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd September 14th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Bishop of Loughborough
Monday 23rd September Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 24th September	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's 2.15pm MU Meeting (Centre)
Wednesday 25th September	
Thursday 26th September	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 27th September	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 28th September	1.00pm PCC Away Afternoon
Sunday 29th September 15th 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.

CAN YOU HELP? Veronica Brown needs a lift to church for the 8am service on Sunday 20th October. If you can help, please call her on 288 9284 after 1pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE! HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our traditional Harvest Festival will take place at 10am on **Sunday 6th October**. This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends and family of all ages to thank God together for his goodness and to remember how interconnected we are with each other and with the natural world. Once again we will be collecting tinned food and also, this year, household cleaning products - we will then pass on our donations to the Community of Grace, a local project that provides a 'half-way house' for once homeless men as they ease back into a settled life. As we remember the generosity of God to us, please be generous in your donations!

In**SPIRE**d

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.



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 Holligan, 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%.

Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning at Church on 7th - we raised a magnificent £400. Also thanks to Skye and Derry and all their supporters who raised £52 at their lemonade stall after church on the previous Sunday.

Many thanks Nigel



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:

DEATH OF JOHNATHAN YOUNG

Recently we received the very sad news that our friend and long-time church member Johnathan Young has died. His daughter Lucy wrote: "I am emailing to let you know that Dad passed away on Monday. It had been a long battle for him and he had a fall a week ago that really shook him.. After that he deteriorated quickly and it was a very difficult week. Eventually, they got the pain relief right and he passed away peacefully with us all by his side at home. In the end it was a good death and it was his time to go. We are planning his funeral on the morning of Monday 23rd September. It will be at St Oswalds Church, Guiseley, Leeds, LS20 9BB. Obviously we would love it if anyone could come to celebrate his life with us as St Mary's was such an important part of his life. My number is 07866 702026 if anyone would like further details." Our thoughts and prayers are with Lucy and all Johnathan's family. Adrian



WHY? QUESTIONS, CAKE AND COMPLINE:

Sunday 6th October 2019 4pm at St Guthlac's Church

Ever had a question you wanted to ask about God and the world but never had the chance? Now you can. Join us on to discuss the Questions and enjoy cake and companionship. You are invited to stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer) afterwards.

Send your questions to churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk or deposit them in the question box at the back of St Guthlac's and St Mary's churches by Sunday 29th September. This gives us time find the most common questions. We will aim to discuss one main theme each time we meet. EVERYONE WELCOME. *Matthew*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT:

First Friday of the month 10.30am-12pm in the welcome area of St Guthlac's Church. 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec You are invited to join members of the Friday morning JuVup exercise class (held in Holbrook Hall for all ages and abilities) and other local people for refreshments and a friendly chat. Hosted by St Guthlac's Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Lesley Meakin 2103690

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE As part of St Denys Church's 800th anniversary, they are presenting a community production of the C. S. Lewis classic 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Performances are in St Denys Church at 7.00pm on 14th, 15th, and 16th November (with a matinee on 16th). Tickets (£5) are available from Penny Travers on 07718247000. It's promising to be an enjoyable evening, and you might spot some familiar faces!!! Tickets are already selling fast so please put your name on the list so we can reserve tickets for you.

MOTHERS UNION - we start our Autumn programme with a presentation by Alison Briggs, of The Mercy Ships, an organisation which carries out life saving operations around Africa. We meet on Tuesday 24th September, at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge. Friends and visitors are very welcome.

CALLING ALL FIRST AIDERS! (OR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TRAIN TO BECOME ONE!)

The PCC are currently reviewing the Church Health and Safety Policies and would like to know who in our Church Family has an up to date First Aid Certificate. If you don't have a current certificate but, you would like to refresh your training, or become a First aider, then the PCC would like your details as well. The requirements are only for basic first aid. If you can give your name and contact information to James in the Parish Office, as soon as you are able to, it would be greatly appreciated. The PCC will then review the names and arrange for the appropriate training, as necessary. Thank You

AN EVENING OF LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT! Organ classics, jazz, musical theatre and pop songs with Martyn Noble (Sub-Organist - Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James's Palace and former Organ Scholar of St Thomas' Church, South Wigston). **Sunday 29th September 6.00pm. St Thomas' Church, South Wigston.** £7 entry (£5 concessions). All money raised goes to the upkeep of the organ at St T's. See poster at the back of church.

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.

FAITHFUL IMPROVISATION Pioneering Mission in the Diocese -review & celebrate with national speakers 2nd October 2019, St Martin's House, 6-10pm See postcard invites at back of Church or speak to Matthew for information & booking.

THE CARERS CENTRE would like to welcome you to a musical evening in the company of The Rutland Big Band. It's on Monday 7th October in Stoneygate Baptist Church. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tickets are £7 in advance or £9 on the door. Call 0116 251 0999.

ONE ROOF WINTER NIGHT-SHELTER One Roof is a multi-faith project providing hospitality, food and accommodation at different faith venues across Leicester to some of our most vulnerable residents. Now in its fourth year, it is expanding to offer shelter throughout the year and needs more volunteers for driving and staffing the evening, over-night and breakfast shifts. More details www.oneroof.org.uk or speak to Matthew

ST GUTHLACS HARVEST TEA Sunday 13th October 5pm at St. Guthlac's Please join us for afternoon tea and harvest music, tickets Adults £6 and children £4 available from Jean Gabbar (07791252701) or email administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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

MANY THANKS FOR RIDE AND STRIDE: Thank you to everyone who helped to keep the church building open on Saturday 14th for Ride and Stride and community visitors - it was much appreciated and gives our neighbours a sense that they too have a share in the church at the heart of the community here. Well done to Flick for all her church visits on the day too! It's not too late to sponsor her - half the money raised will come back to our InSpired Appeal and half goes to the Leicester Historic Churches Trust. *Adrian*



ST MARY'S HARVEST TEA for all the family

Saturday 5th October 4.30pm for 5pm
The Parish Centre

There will be activities for children and a raffle.

Menu includes jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, salad and desserts.

Wine, fruit juices, tea and coffee
will also be served.

Tickets (£6 each or £12 for a family ticket) now
available from: Judi Stone. Tel 2881306.

Come and join us for fun and fellowship.

Harvest



HARVEST FESTIVAL : SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

The Flower Guild look forward to welcoming all would like to help decorate St Marys starting at 2pm on Friday 4th October and continuing from 9.30am on Saturday 5th. On Friday gifts of autumnal foliage, flowers, fruit and vegetables would be gratefully received.

Further info from Deborah Martin : Tel: 0116 2707525

RIDE AND STRIDE UPDATE: Flick thanks her sponsors and those who prayed for good weather. Well done everyone! She visited twenty churches and has raised **£189** so far, but can still be sponsored up to the end of September. And she should be in church on 22nd September after all, if you want to sponsor or pay her, as City played lunchtime on Saturday. (Her mistake! What happened to Saturday 3 pm matches??)

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED (WHAT IS HE ASKING YOU?)

Our Sunday focus for the Autumn is on 'Questions Jesus asked'.

22nd	September	"Who do you say that I am?"
29th	September	"Why do you worry?"
6th	October	Harvest Festival
13th	October	"How many loaves do you have?"
20th	October	"Where are the others?"
27th	October	"What were you arguing about?"
3rd	November	All Age Worship - the story of Joshua and Jericho
10th	November	"My God, my God, why.....?" - Remembrance Sunday
17th	November	"Has no-one condemned you?"
24th	November	"Do you love me?"

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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)

Give thanks: this week please give thanks for all those who care for our buildings and for the churchyard, both staff and volunteers and also the City Council.

Praying for the World: please pray for all those caught up in civil war around the world, and especially in the Yemen and in Syria. Pray for all those whose suffering is perhaps going unnoticed here because our Brexit troubles occupy much of the headlines.

Praying for the Church: please pray with others across our diocese for all those who are homeless or vulnerably housed, that Leicester's Homelessness Charter (launched last year) will inspire and motivate a growing partnership for the wellbeing of all those who struggle with housing issues, and for all those working in this area of service to our community.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on: Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch Road.

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body. mind or spirit, and all those with troubling investigations and diagnoses. In particular we pray for **Keith, Brian Pinder, Mary Davies** 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

Julie Everitt

Johnathan Young

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.