



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

6th January 2019 -
Epiphany Sunday

Welcome to our Sunday Services Wishing everyone a very peaceful New Year

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.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 60.1-6 and Matthew 2.1-12

The theme and sermon title is

"Jesus for Everyone!"

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 there are toilets, and there is a crèche area at the back of the church. As today's 10am Service is for All Ages, Sunday Club for the children does not meet today.
- At our 8am and 11.30am services today, we share Communion together and everyone is invited to come forwards to receive bread and wine as we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all. If you would prefer to come for a blessing then simply carry the service booklet with you.
- At our Communion services non-alcoholic communion wine and gluten free wafers are available on request – please make sure that Revd Adrian knows what you need before the service begins.
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

COFFEE MORNING Do come and join us at our Coffee Morning in church on **Saturday 12th January** from 10.30am until 12.30pm. (Note change of time) There'll be various stalls, including unwanted Christmas Gifts, cakes and preserves, books and a raffle. Everyone very welcome.

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sunday 6th January Epiphany	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Worship
Monday 7 th January	9.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's Parish Office closed 7.30pm Bell Ringers
Tuesday 8 th January	9.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 9 th January	9.30am Morning Prayer
Thursday 10 th January	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 7.30pm PCC meeting (Narthex)
Friday 11 th January	
Saturday 12 th January	10.30am – 12.30pm Coffee Morning (Church)
Sunday 13th January Baptism of Christ	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

CHRISTMAS THANKS – Many thanks to everyone for their Christmas greetings, cards and gifts. Your kindness is much appreciated by all of us at the vicarage – *Adrian & Alison*

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1, the book about the men on St Mary's war memorial is being reprinted, following its sell out over the commemoration weekend. The book costs £5.00 and can be ordered by emailing knightonremembersww1@gmail.com or through James at the Knighton Parish Office. Deborah Martin

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS COLLECTION It's not too late to give something to our special collection for Christian Aid at Christmas time. The envelopes are still in the pews this week and you can also make a donation in any other sealed envelope, marked clearly 'Christian Aid'.

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: As a country we continue to face very difficult times, and our politicians have to make critical decisions in the next few days about Brexit. Please pray that as they discuss, debate and decide they will have the strong desire to work together, to find solutions for the common good and that draw the people of our country together. They will need God-given wisdom and abilities! Pray that God will raise up the men and women needed to lead us in these difficult times.

Praying for the Church: Pray that the Church in this country will provide a good and clear example to our people of how to disagree well and continue to work together for a higher cause. Pray that we too at St Mary's may be people of peace, and that here in Knighton our witness would be one of love and unity outweighing our disagreements and differences of opinion.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all the staff and students of our local schools, returning to a new term: Overdale Infant School Overdale Junior School, Leicester Islamic Academy, Leicester High School for Girls, South Wigston Community College, Sir Jonathan North Community College and the Lancaster Academy.

Please pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit and all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. – pray that they may they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Please give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.

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.