

St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

20th January 2019
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Deuteronomy 6.10-19, 8.1-3 and Luke 4.1-13

Today's theme is:

Jesus begins

"Mousetraps and Rat Runs"

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Our worship follows the printed order of service 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 main 10am service, Sunday Club for children meets in the Narthex as usual; the children go to their Club after 'A Word for the Children'.

As part of the 8.00am 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.

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.

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sunday 20th January	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday 21 st January	Parish Office closed 7.30pm Bell Ringers
Tuesday 22 nd January	9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's 2.15pm MU Meeting (Centre)
Wednesday 23 rd January	11.15am Funeral
Thursday 24 th January	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 10.00am Thursday Drop In (Centre)
Friday 25 th January	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 26 th January	
Sunday 27th January	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th January at 11.00am.**

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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 above.)

The office is closed on **Mondays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

SLCP South Leicester Christian Partnership, the local ecumenical group to which St Mary's and St Guthlac's belong, is supporting the coming "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity", as we do every year. Today, **Sunday 20th January**, there is the inaugural service at 6.30pm at Christchurch, Clarendon Park. Every weekday there is a half hour lunchtime service. Monday at St Thomas More, Tuesday at St John the Baptist, Wednesday at the Quaker meeting house, Thursday at Stoneygate Baptist and Friday here at St Mary's. They are all 12 noon to 12.30 except the Wednesday one, which is 12.30 - 1 pm. It would be lovely to see some of you during the week. *Flick*

MOTHERS UNION - at our first meeting of the year, we are very privileged to have Adrian as our Speaker. Adrian will speak about his call to the ministry, and his journey towards becoming Vicar at St. Mary's. All are welcome to attend in the Parish Centre Lounge on Tuesday, 22nd January, at 2.15 p.m.

YOUR NEXT STEP FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS? Growing in our Christian faith is a natural and necessary thing for all of us, and this might be the time for you to take the next step by being baptised or confirmed. Baptism is a sign of beginning on the Christian journey, while confirmation marks the point where those who have been baptised as children now make a firm commitment to Christian discipleship for themselves. Usually 'candidates' for baptism and/or confirmation are prepared together for this important step by discussing the Christian faith and the life of discipleship with Adrian or another experienced Christian.

If you think this might be the right time for you to be baptised or confirmed, then please do talk to Adrian, as we are currently arranging dates for a confirmation preparation course in the run up to Easter.

LANYARDS If you have a Sidespersons Welcome badge on a black lanyard at home, could you please return to the table at the back of church as they are needed for others to use.

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: this amounted to £521.35, £307 of it Gift Aided, which added a further £76.75. Many thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Thank you to all those who attended the service in December, and we hope you enjoyed the 50th Anniversary celebration. We have totalled the donations at St. Mary's, and have just passed the £400 mark, including Gift Aid. This is a great result, for which we are sure the Children's Society are truly grateful.

MESSY CHURCH: the next Messy Church is at Stoneygate Baptist Church on **Friday 1st February**. from 3.15pm. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by their carers. A hot meal is served at about 5pm for those attending.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The service this year will be on Friday, 1st March at St James the Greater church at 2pm and at St Guthlac's at 7.30pm. Note the change of name – the service is for everyone

COMMUNITY OF GRACE: a belated thanks to all who responded to the last minute call for special Christmas produce. The several bags of groceries, bacon, eggs and sausage were very gratefully received by the men we saw when the delivery was made. So thank you so much for your response. Judi & Bernard

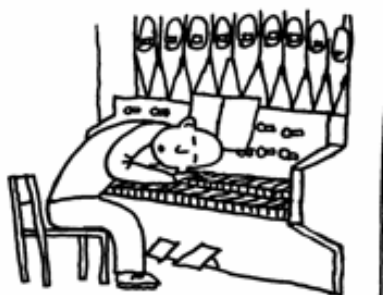
ANNE LAURENCE Anne's funeral took place on Friday 18th January at St James the Greater. Donations would be welcomed, payable to Christian Aid or Launde Abbey, and sent to A. C. James & Son, Undertakers, 9 Biddulph Street Leicester LE2 1BH

THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

THIS IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF A CHURCH SERVICE. WE OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



AT MOMENTS WHEN PONDERING IS EXPECTED



WHEN THE ORGANIST HASN'T COME IN



WHEN THE READER HAS A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE OR ADVENT CANDLE REFUSES TO LIGHT



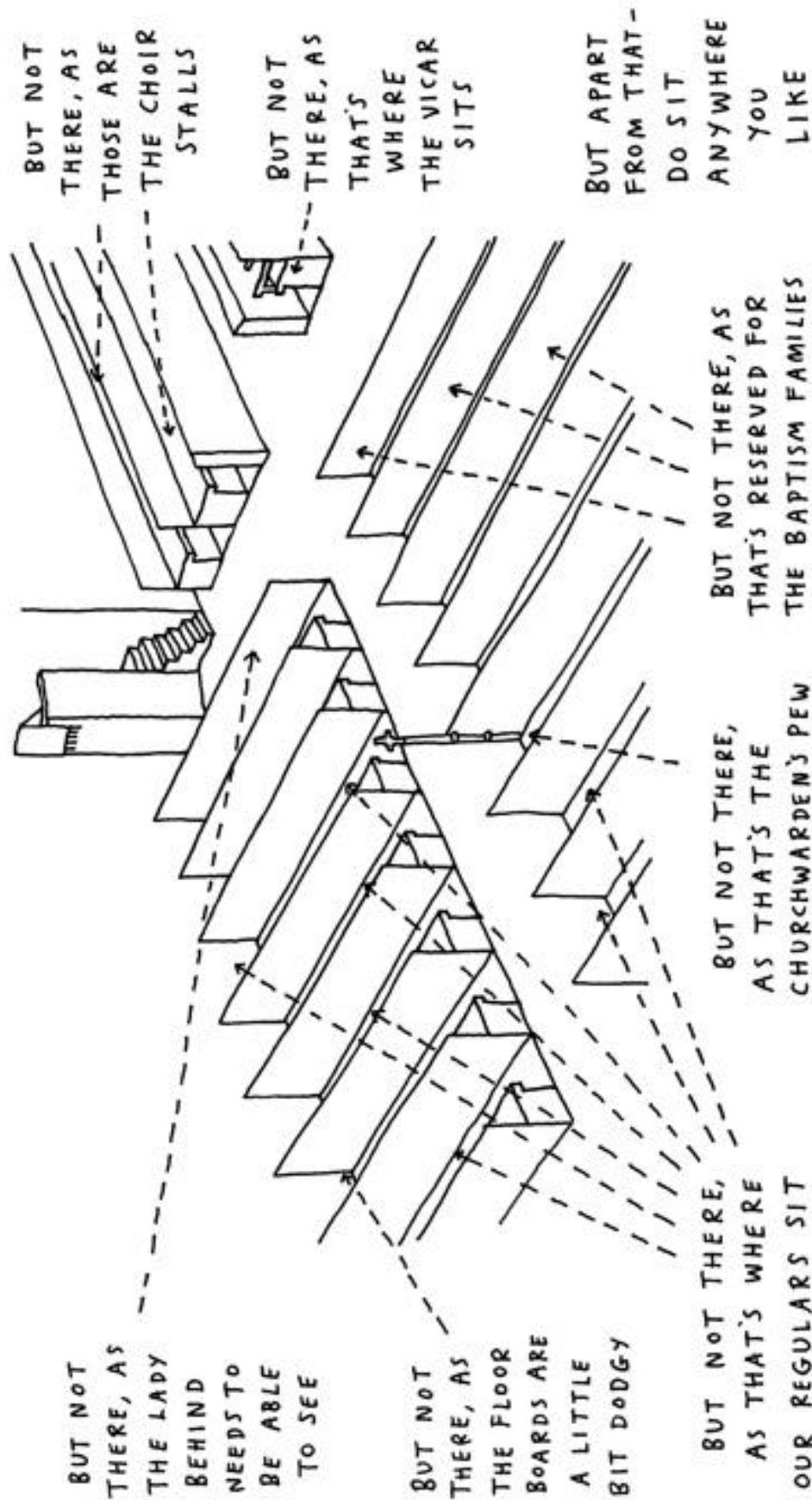
WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO BEING THE PERSON DOWN TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN NEXT

WELCOME

PLEASE SIT ANYWHERE YOU LIKE



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 areas of conflict and tension across the world, especially those that easily fall out of the headlines when our own issues seem to become paramount. Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo and a peaceful transfer of government, for the Yemen and a meaningful ceasefire, and for peace across the Middle East.

Praying for the Church: As we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, please pray for the unity of the worldwide Church in mission, witness and service of others, and for a return to a global community of solidarity and collaboration.

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.**

Please pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Andrew York** 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 loves 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: **Ken Parbery Ivy Briggs Ashley Mould**
Anne Laurence

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.