



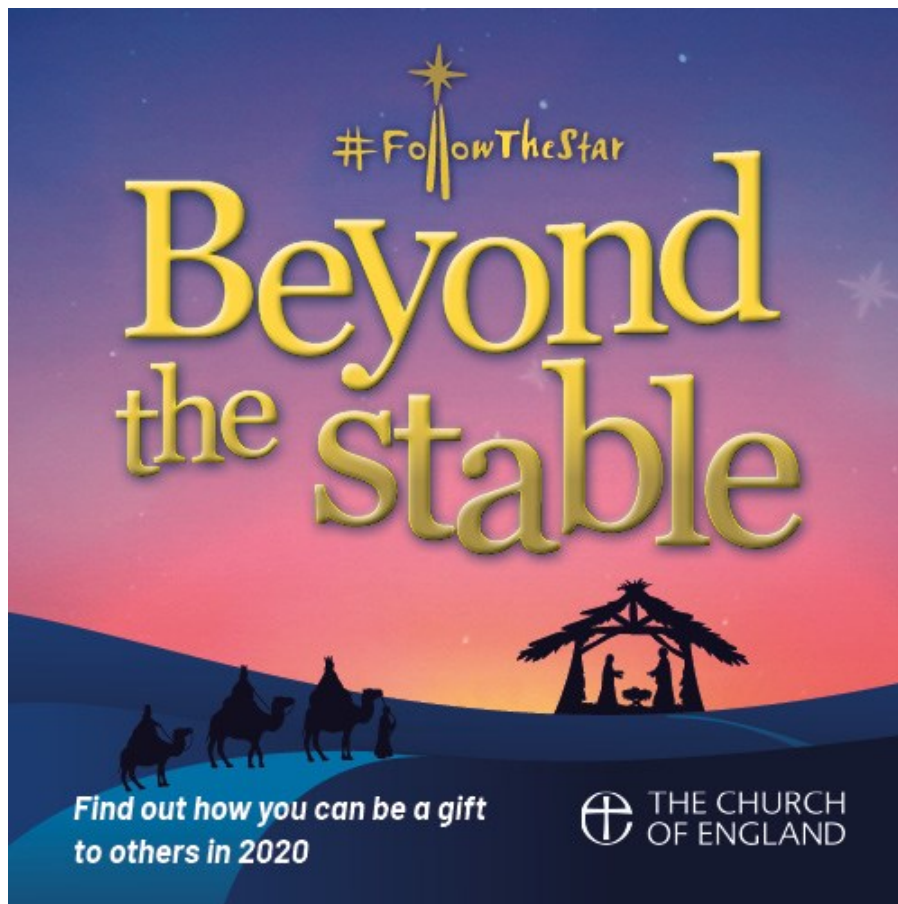
St Mary Magdalen Church Church of England, Knighton

Sunday 5th January 2020

Our service leader is the Revd Adrian Jones

Welcome to All Age Worship today

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.



O God, by whose command
the order of time runs its course:
forgive our impatience, perfect our faith
and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises,
grant us to have a good hope because of your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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:

Matthew 2.1-12

Today's title is "Beyond the Stable"

DIARY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 5th January Epiphany	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Worship
	11.30am	Eucharist
Monday 6th January	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 7th January	9.30am	Eucharist (St Mary's)
Wednesday 8th January		
Thursday 9th January	9.30am	Eucharist (St Guthlacs)
Friday 10th January		
Saturday 11th January	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	1.00pm	Baptism of Louis astles
Sunday 12th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 31st January** at 11am.

THANKS

The Community of Grace were delighted to receive a large delivery of breakfast items from St.Mary's congregation. They were looking forward to several memorable breakfasts over the Christmas period.

LEE

We are very pleased to tell everybody that Lee is now home and making a good recovery. It is early days and progress will inevitably be slow but he feels so much better and enjoying being home with Angela, his wife, and Milo, their dog, who have missed Lee tremendously over the last 8 weeks that he has been in hospital. Thank you for all your prayers that have sustained both Lee and the wider family. The power of prayer is so wonderful. *Judi & Bernard*

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 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.

InSpired News

Online giving

It is now possible to donate to the appeal online. Just go to the parish website and follow the link. This is an easy, efficient way for people who live further away to contribute, so please pass this information on to any of your friends who care about the future of St Mary's.

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, 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*

THURSDAY DROP-IN On 2nd January we gathered for the last time at the Thursday Drop-In. After 46 years it was a slightly sad occasion, but with many happy memories and much gratitude for the friendship and support shared between so many. The current Committee were warmly thanked and presented with gifts - and of course we had cake and bingo! Do thank God this week for such a wonderful fellowship of people across the years and pray for continued friendships. *Adrian*

INVITATION TO A BAPTISM

John and Rosalind Astles invite you to join their family at the baptism of their grandson Louis George Astles on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 1pm. All welcome, we do hope you can come.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY £658.35 was raised this year for the Children's Society. Thank you.

COMMUNITY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS DAY BREAKFAST APPEAL

A big thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Community of Grace Christmas Day Breakfast Appeal. As a Parish we managed to take 12 very large shopping bags of food for the gentlemen's breakfasts plus additional items that will make their Christmas that little bit special.. Thank you all again for your support with this appeal. *Sue Bonnett*

'SHARING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS' Your kind donations raised £40.40 for the Children's Society. Thank you.

Church cleaning - Tuesday 14th January. 10.15am.

Team 1. See you then! *Doreen W.*

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th January 2020

10.00am - 12noon in Church

Items required please: Unwanted Christmas gifts

Cakes, Preserves, Books, Raffle prizes

All are welcome

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

TOM SKINNER

Sadly we need to announce the death of Tom Skinner. Tom and his wife Esther were, many years ago, attendees at the both churches and were well known within the Parish of Knighton and are still remembered to this day by some. Tom has spent the last few months in Leaholme Residential Home, but became ill recently and passed away quietly on Friday morning. We think of Michael Relph and his family at this sad time.

VALERIE DUDLEY

Very sadly, Valerie passed away on Monday 23rd December at Shockerwick House Care Home in Bath. It was very peaceful and Angela was with her. Valerie was involved in the life at Shockerwick House until her final week. "Thank you for all the cards and letters you sent. Mum really enjoyed them, and for the kind messages of support to the family". Valerie's funeral will be on Friday 17th January. A family cremation at Canford in Bristol at 10.00am, and a service to celebrate her life at 11.30am at St Nicholas Church, Nore Road, Portishead, BS20 7HN, followed by refreshments.



Many thanks to all who came and supported the wonderful Faith Tucker concert.

An amazing total of £2319 was raised for the Spire Appeal.

Thank you to everyone involved, but special thanks must go to Aileen and John Orme who masterminded the whole thing. A tremendous success!

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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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. *If you are giving by bank standing order, yellow tokens are available at services to put on the plate, should you wish.*

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: for all those who have maintained our emergency services over the long holiday period.

Praying for the World: please pray for all those affected by the typhoon in the Phillipines and by the bushfires in Australia. Pray for effective response and a change to destructive weather patterns.

Praying for the Church: please pray for a new vision across the church worldwide as we start a new year - a vision of unity and co-operation in the face of the many problems and issues that our world faces in this new decade.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:
**Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue,
Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay 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 **Fred Amner, Gary Joynes**, 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.

Mary Bristow	Kathleen Dangerfield
Tom Skinner	Valerie Dudley

Names will remain on the prayer list usually for three weeks - please let us know if they should then be moved to the 'Continuing Prayer' list used for Intercessions during the week.