



**St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Knighton**



**Sunday 6th February 2022  
4th Sunday before Lent**

**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,  
this Sunday and through the week**

**Collect**

O God,

you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 6th February	9.00am <b>10.30am</b> 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist <b>All Age Worship with baptisms</b> Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 7th February <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	7.00pm	Pilgrim Course
Tuesday 8th February	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 9th February	7.00pm 8.00 pm	Choir Practice Compline on Zoom
Thursday 10th February	9.30am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 11th February		
Saturday 12th February		
Sunday 13th February	9.00am <b>10.30am</b> 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>Sung Eucharist</b> All Age Worship at St Guthlac's

***Sunday Club***, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road?

### **UPDATE: Christian Aid Christmas Appeal**

The final total raised for this appeal was £295, to which will be added £47.50 in Gift Aid. Renewed thanks for your generosity. Eileen McKellican

## **Precautions against the spread of Corona Virus**

During the on-going pandemic it is right and good that we take some sensible precautions when we meet together for worship in church.

Can I ask you once more to be careful about **sanitising** your hands as you arrive and as you leave?

We are now required to wear a **face mask** in church.

Please keep the side chapels available as spaces for those who would prefer to continue **sitting 2m apart**;; and please ensure that you leave space in the pews whenever you can.

We will continue to offer **communion** as wafers only and will not use the altar rail as yet. Please keep your mask on as you wait to receive.

Please remember to give each other **space at coffee time**, particularly if you take your mask off to drink – please spread out in the building rather than bunch together in the Narthex.

In summary, please do continue to act kindly towards each other, try not to take offence easily and to make allowances for others who may be more or less cautious than yourself. Our fellowship together is much more important than getting everyone to agree with us!

*Revd Adrian Jones*

### **Jubilee Celebration**

Would you be interested in helping St Mary's celebrate the Platinum Jubilee for the Bank Holiday/ first week in June with the community?

Help wanted with planning, ideas and practical help for the week.

Contact Matthew [revgough@gmail.com](mailto:revgough@gmail.com) to get involved. Thanks.

### **Sad news**

We lost one of our long standing church family members last week.

Robert Muddimer died peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a long battle with failing health. He died in the faith of knowing

Christ and we pray for him to rest in peace and rise in glory and for

Charlotte and family to know the nearness of God at this time of grief.

Rob's funeral will be held at St Mary's, Monday 21st February at 1pm.

## Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 6th February** are:

### Exodus 2.1-10

#### The birth of Moses

**2** Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup> She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

<sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'

<sup>8</sup> 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## **Exodus 15.1-6, 20-21**

### **The song of Moses and Miriam**

**15** Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

'I will sing to the LORD,  
for he is highly exalted.  
Both horse and driver  
he has hurled into the sea.

<sup>2</sup> 'The LORD is my strength and my defence;  
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his army  
he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers  
are drowned in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup> The deep waters have covered them;  
they sank to the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup> Your right hand, LORD,  
was majestic in power.

Your right hand, LORD,  
shattered the enemy.

<sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. <sup>21</sup> Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the LORD,  
for he is highly exalted.  
Both horse and driver  
he has hurled into the sea.'

## **UPDATE: Sundays in January and February:**

### ***“Women of the Bible”***

As we move towards Lent, our 10.30am Sunday morning services are going to look more closely at some of the women of the Bible -often overlooked or under-appreciated.

Each week we will hear what the Bible says about one individual, and listen to a sermon that unpacks what we can learn for our own Christian lives today from the story and example of this specific woman; examples include Anna, Phoebe and Miriam.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February we will also have the opportunity to discuss the recent report about the Diocese of Leicester, called *“Women: the state of play”*. The report explores how women’s ministry has been received and appreciated over recent years, and has some challenging conclusions for us all. Our discussion will be led by Revd Alison Roche, and begins at 10.30am in the Narthex of St Mary’s, with coffee from 10.15. I hope it will prompt positive changes for our churches.

Copies of the report *“Women: the state of play”* are available in church, at the meeting or online here:

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/1606123365.pdf>

If you would like to be part of the discussion but would prefer an evening time, then do please let myself or Alison know.

*Adrian*

**PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?** - Dust and cobwebs are building up in church. The Church needs your help on a regular basis. All willing hands please contact Sian or Beryl, Churchwardens. Contact details are at the back of this newsletter. Thank you.

## **Looking ahead – *Adrian's forthcoming 'Extended Study Leave'***

I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has given me his permission for a period of Extended Study Leave (or 'Sabbatical' as it used to be called) in 2022, between 25th April and 25th July.

This will give me a break from normal parish responsibilities for a while, and the opportunity to reflect, read, research and come back renewed! Please don't imagine that it's a sign I'm leaving... quite the opposite in fact! - I'm hoping that this time will give me lots of ideas and material to use back in our churches to refresh our worshipping life for a long time to come.

During my extended study leave I'll be looking at ways in which spirituality and discipleship 'on the margins' can nurture and support the life of Christian communities in more 'mainstream' urban and suburban areas. They're should be lots for me to tell you about, and plenty of ideas to try.

On a practical note, although I'll still be at home with the family in the vicarage most of the time, the aim is to break from normal parish responsibilities such as visiting, taking services, and being part of meeting. Thankfully, Matthew will be able to pick up the reins, with assistance from the other members of the Ministry Team, during this time.

I've discussed my Study Leave with both PCCs in the benefice and I'm grateful for their support. As you would imagine, we will plan carefully to ensure that all aspects of church life are maintained while I'm on my sabbatical.

Although we've some time to go yet, do please ask me any questions you may have about what I'll be doing, or about the arrangements for the churches here.

*Adrian*

## The Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen

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As I'm sure you'll know, the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen will be celebrated in 2022 across the Commonwealth, marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne. The celebration plans centre on a long bank holiday weekend from 2-5<sup>th</sup> June, and there will be special events of all sorts at that time.

The actual anniversary falls this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please join with us in using this special prayer for Her Majesty this week:

*Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant,  
we thank you that you have given Elizabeth, our Queen, a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her:  
encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen.*





## Wisdom from the World Church:

South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu died on December 26, aged 90. A fearless campaigner against apartheid, he was also deeply compassionate and wise.

This selection of quotes from 'the Arch' gives us much to think about:



*"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."*

"There is something in us that refuses to be regarded as less than human. We are created for freedom."

*"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument."*

"It is through weakness and vulnerability that most of us learn empathy and compassion and discover our soul."

*"In the end, generosity is the best way of becoming more, more, and more joyful."*

"Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning."

*"If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."*

"Children are a wonderful gift. They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things and to expose sham and humbug for what they are."

*"The universe can take quite a while to deliver."*

## 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. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto: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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### Online Compline Night Prayer from 8pm each Wednesday

All Welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

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[pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09](https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09)

Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

Or Phone In 0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

***Unsung Heroes: our thanks to Linda Bilam*** - There are many unsung heroes in the life of our church...those folk who quietly and efficiently perform important tasks behind the scenes, and often so quietly that they are scarcely noticed. One such person has been Linda Bilam, who for many years has acted as our Fees Secretary, handling all the incoming fees for weddings, funerals and the like, as well as arranging the outgoing payments to the Diocese and individuals that have helped. Despite the difficulties of chasing up clergy and parishioners, Linda has faithfully carried out these duties with patience and good humour, keeping us all on track. At the start of 2022, Linda 'retired' and I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for all that she's done on behalf of us all. *Adrian*

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**Please pray.....** *"but you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. "* (Jude, 20-21)

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Pray for the peace of those suffering and the strength, understanding and perseverance of those caring for them. Pray for new treatments and medicines to be developed.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for a fresh sense of community within every local church, and for recognition that we each have a place and a role within the Body of Christ. Pray that those who are discouraged by the challenges will have a new sense of mutual support and joy in our worship and life together.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene Road.**

**Praying for those in need:** Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried. In particular please pray this week for **Margaret Tonkin, Bob Rutland, Rod Bowditch, Judi Stone, R, Andrew, and Helen.**

We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. We give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. **Rob Muddimer, Debbie Gaskin, Eileen Jennison and Noel Freer**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.