

St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

Sunday 17th March 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Mary Magdalen

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.

Our theme today is *Faith for Life: Following the way of Jesus*

"Your Church needs YOU!" - St Mary's faces an important year ahead. The Church Council (PCC) will be making key decisions about our spire repairs, how our building might need to change to help us worship well, whether our forms of worship need to evolve to be open to a new generation, whether to employ a children and families worker, a plan for an improved website, our support for mission and aid agencies, practical action in the local community, a community garden and much more. To make good decisions we need to have another Church Warden and four new PCC members who bring faith, ideas, experience and wisdom, and who represent the breadth of our congregation. Please consider standing and encourage others whom you can see would do this well. This is important!

Nomination forms and further information are available at the back of church on the long table - and please talk to me or PCC members as well.

The Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 7th April at 11.30am in the church. This is when we will hear reports and questions on our life together last year and have the elections for the PCC and Church Wardens. Please do make this a priority and join us for the meeting. There will be the usual refreshments to keep us going! If you wish to raise anything at the Annual Meeting under 'Any other business', please let me know by Sunday 31st March. *Adrian*

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.

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 17th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Morning Worship "Following the way of Jesus"
Monday 18th March Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 19th March	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 20th March	10am Lent Group (Narthex)
Thursday 21st March	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 7.45pm Lent Group (Vicarage, 5 Church Lane)
Friday 22nd March	
Saturday 23rd March	
Sunday 24th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 'Connecting better with our community'

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 29th March** at 11.00am.

"CALLED EVERYDAY" - the annual Diocesan vocations day, for everyone who would like to explore a possible new direction in their Christian service, is to be held on Saturday 23rd March at St Martin's House, near the Cathedral. More information is on the tables at the back of the church.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Ezekiel 36.22, 24-28 an John 15.1-10, 17

Today's theme is:

Faith for Life: Following the way of Jesus

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT DURING LENT: During Lent this year, as well as our discussion groups and Ash Wednesday service, the Sunday morning services will have a running theme drawn from our St Mary's vision of being a church that has "Faith for Life". On each of the central five Sundays we will be thinking about one of the objectives identified by the PCC for the next stage of our life together - in each case we will look at the Biblical basis for the objective and in particular what it might imply for us as a church and as individual Christians. I anticipate that there will be both encouragement and challenge for us over the weeks! I'm also hoping that many members of the congregation will be inspired with fresh ideas for practical action, so please do let me know what springs to your mind as, under God's guidance, we look to the future. *Adrian*

Lent 2019 themes: **Faith for Life**

10th March - **WORSHIP:**

'Worshipping God well' (John 4.19-26)

17th March - **FOLLOW:**

'Exploring and following the way of Jesus' (John 15.1-17)

24th March - **CONNECT:**

'Connecting better with our community' (Luke 10.25-37)

31st March - **WELCOME:**

'Welcoming everyone as equally valued' (Matt. 25.31-40)

7th April - **SHARE:**

'Sharing our faith in Jesus with others' (Matt. 28.19-20)

MARIE CURIE Annual Spring Lunch at the Taste Restaurant, Leicester College on Thursday 21st March, 12.30pm for 1pm. Tickets are £17 per person. The bar will be open and there will be a raffle. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401 for more information.

TIME FOR A CUPPA - THANK YOU. Thank you to everyone who supported me, Dementia UK and Admiral Nurses by your very generous donations at 'Time for a Cuppa' after the Family Service on 3rd March. We have been able to raise £277.19 of which £155.00 has been Gift Aided. I am over whelmed by your support. Thank you. Sue Bonnett

"Worshipping God well" : following last weeks service you might like to carry on thinking about the questions from the sermon -

Which parts of you, as a whole human being, do you leave at home on a Sunday morning? Or switch off when you get to the West doors? Emotions? Body? Mind? Spirit? How do you feel about worshipping as a whole person? What changes could we make so that it's easier for you? How do you know when you have met with God in worship? How do you feel about the idea that he might want to change your life when he meets you? What changes could we make so that meeting God in worship is easier for you?

Adrian

ELECTIONS OF SIDESPERSIONS Sidespersons (sometimes called 'Welcomers') will also be elected at the Annual Meeting. We are assuming that all current Sidespersons are willing to continue - but please let us know if you'd like to step back this time around. Anyone who would like to join the welcome team of Sidespersons should contact myself or Mrs Sue Ardley, the lead Sidesperson by 31st March. *Adrian*

TEA AND TALK: FREE FILM NIGHT AT ST GUTHLAC'S: Please join us at 7pm on Tues 19th March for a showing of the film 'Marvellous' starring Toby Jones. The film is based on the true story of Neil Baldwin, who despite a degree of learning difficulty goes on to have a marvellous, fulfilling life including time as a circus clown, unofficial greeter at Keele University, and mascot of his beloved football team Stoke City. With free refreshments and the chance to socialise.

JAM JARS Thank you for keeping me supplied with these. I do not require any more at the moment as I have enough to make many pounds of jam and marmalade well into the future. Thank you for your continued support for the sale of these preserves. *Judi*

'COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS' IN LENT: Christian Aid booklets are available at the back of church, inviting us this year to join a Lent journey to contemplate our lives and take action to rise up against climate change. Through Lent themes of awareness, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, transformation and blessing, we 'll discover more about the lives of those who are pushed to the brink of survival by climate change and precarious livelihoods. Each daily reflection will help us give, act and pray so our neighbours around the world can rise up and overcome.

RAFFLE PRIZES: There will be a raffle at each of the performances of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' on Friday 22nd March & Saturday 23rd March. Could you provide a prize please?

Judi & Bernard Tel: 288 1306 or E-mail: judiandbernard@talktalk.net

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported Fairtrade Fortnight so generously. Donations made for church refreshments and at the coffee morning totalled more than £150 and will go to the Fairtrade Foundation to support the work for justice in international trade. Sales of Fairtrade goods totalled nearly £300.

The Crucifixion (John Stainer)

St. Denys Church, Evington

Palm Sunday 14th April 2019 6pm

Mark with the people of St. Denys during Holy Week, in the church's 800th year, the most supreme sacrifice ever made for mankind. Sung by members of choirs from across the region Free entry but donations appreciated for the work of the church. All Welcome! Soloists are Revd Anthony Lees-Smith and Qyan Arnachellum.

LENT GROUP This weeks Wednesday Lent group will meet in the narthex.

AWAY DAY Saturday 14th September at Launde Abbey. Further details available from Doreen White today.

'BE IN-SPIRED! STEEPLE PEOPLE!

SAVING THE SPIRE OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, KNIGHTON

Our fund raising campaign was launched on Ash Wednesday with an explanatory sheet available for your penny Saving Challenge during the next 365 days. This is only the beginning of our effort to raise £30,000. More information will follow very soon.

NEW CURATE ANNOUNCED!

I am very pleased to say that the benefice has been chosen as a training context for a curate, beginning this July. Matthew will be ordained in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th June, but hopefully everyone will be able to meet him and his family at some point before then. In the meantime I'll let him introduce himself: *"Hello everyone - my name is Matthew Gough. I am married to school teacher, Clare and we have 3 girls, Lydia 15, Constance 13 and Eleanor 11 plus our Yorkshire Terrier Lola. I am currently training at Queens College Birmingham with my current link church being All Saints, Wigston. I have lived in Leicester for the last 20 years and grew up in the Market Bosworth area. I have left a career as a social work university lecturer to become a full time ordained minister. I am delighted to be soon starting a curacy in the Knighton Benefice with Adrian as my training incumbent. I hope to live in the parish so that we can be fully at the heart of church life as a family. "* Adrian

ELECTORAL ROLL 2019-20: the new Electoral Roll is now displayed on the notice board at the back of church, so that any errors may be corrected. Please let me know of any necessary amendments. N.B: no names may be added before the close of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 7th. Eileen McKellican 2700714

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1

It seems a long time ago now, but last November we had a very successful weekend of activities in the parish remembering the First World War and the contribution made to it by people from Knighton. We have been doing our sums, or rather our Treasurer David Hunt has, now that we have a clearer picture of our balance sheet in terms of the activities which centred on St Guthlac's church and the Memorial Hall. Thanks to the generosity of the many people who attended the events and the sales of our book, we have been able to send the Royal British Legion a donation of £500. The WW1 Working Party is grateful to all the support received before and during this busy weekend which marked the end of 4 years of remembrance.

And what next?

Members of our WW1 Working Party were keen to continue researching the early years of St Guthlac's church and the growth of Knighton, with the aim of producing another book provisionally entitled Knighton between the Wars, 1919 to 1939. We've also some unfinished business researching some of the memorial graves in St Mary's churchyard and Deb Martin will be continuing to develop her excellent churchyard historic trail. If you would like to be involved in this new project, please contact Margaret Bonney or any member of what is now the KBTW Working Party (Knighton Between The Wars). In particular, we would like to record the memories of those living in Knighton during this period, or the stories passed down through families about this time.

Margaret Bonney (mbonney@gmail.com or leave a message on 0116 2202709)

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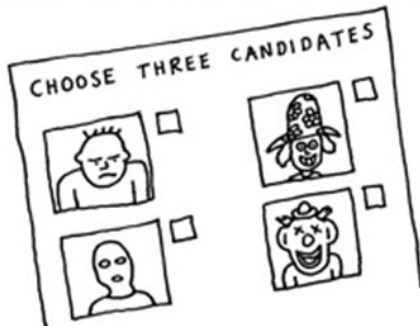
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THE ELECTORAL ROLL

REASONS TO JOIN IT

- ① YOU WILL DECIDE WHO SHOULD BE ON THE P.C.C. AND DEANERY SYNOD



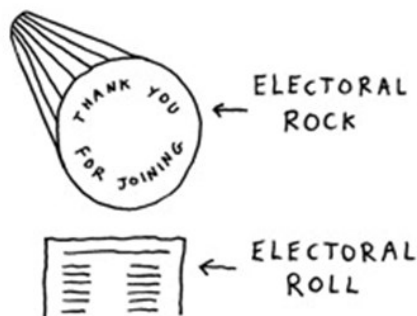
- ② YOU CAN PLAY A FULL PART IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



- ③ IT WILL BOOST THE MORALE OF THE CLERGY



- ④ THERE MAY BE A THANK YOU PRESENT - SEASIDE CONFECTIONARY PERHAPS



- ⑤ YOUR NAME WILL BE EXHIBITED IN CHURCH FOR 14 DAYS



Free Film Night at St Guthlac's Church



Holbrook Rd



LE2 3LF

Part of our monthly Tea and Talk series of events.
All welcome!

Marvellous

(Cert 12, 88 mins)

Tues 19th March 7.00pm

This film is based on the true story of Neil Baldwin (Toby Jones) who is considered to have learning difficulties. He has an appetite for life, so is encouraged by his mother Mary to join the circus as Nello the Clown. Being undaunted when the circus moves on without him, he moves to Keele University, where Mary has a cleaning job. He appoints himself as the unofficial greeter to new students, a role rewarded by an honorary degree in 2013. In 1992 he talks his way into becoming the kit man and mascot of his beloved football team Stoke City. And there's more to come in this marvellous life.....

**Free refreshments and
the chance to socialise**



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KNIGHTON PLAYERS

will be performing

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

on Friday 22nd March 7.30pm
and Saturday 23rd March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm
in the Parish Centre.

Tickets (adults £7, children £5) are available from Jane Wright 2925220,
David Hunt 2716991 (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis 2103580 (St. Mary's),
or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

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%.



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)

Praying for the World: Please pray for peace, justice and relief from suffering for all the people of Yemen.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that all Christians and churches in the UK will be ready to work for healing, peace and reconciliation during the Brexit debate.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Carisbrooke Road, Stockwell Road, Ashclose Avenue, Meadvale Road, Overdale Road.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **'B', Saty French, and Bill Ibbs** 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:

Sue Alexander Vivienne Freeman
Stewart Geldard

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.