

# LUKE



**St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton**

**Sunday 18th October 2020**

St Luke the Evangelist

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

## ***Collect***

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and  
physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome  
medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love  
and power to heal;  
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.



**Welcome to our service –  
and please take care of yourself and each other!**

You are very welcome to our service today – but please remember some simple precautions in order to protect yourself and others too:

- Please arrive early and be ready to queue as you maintain a distance of 2m from others.
- Please wear a face covering as you queue and all the time you are in the church - we have some extras for those who cannot obtain their own.
- When you are welcomed please sanitise your hands and then pick up a service sheet.
- We have calculated the number of places that we can use in the church building safely whilst distanced from each other. Please only use one of the seats marked with a cushion and green tick.
- We are using recorded music to help us praise God and reflect on what we are doing together. The words of the hymns are printed for you but please don't sing (humming is fine!)
- To receive Communion you will be asked to come towards the nave altar (at the moment only the bread) -please keep 2m spacing and keep your face mask on until you have your wafer. Then please consume the wafer as you move away, moving your mask as little as possible.
- After the service please keep your distance from others as you leave and do not linger in the building - sadly we can't offer refreshments.
- Please leave your green service booklet on the pew but take home your sheet of songs and readings, and sanitise your hands as you leave.

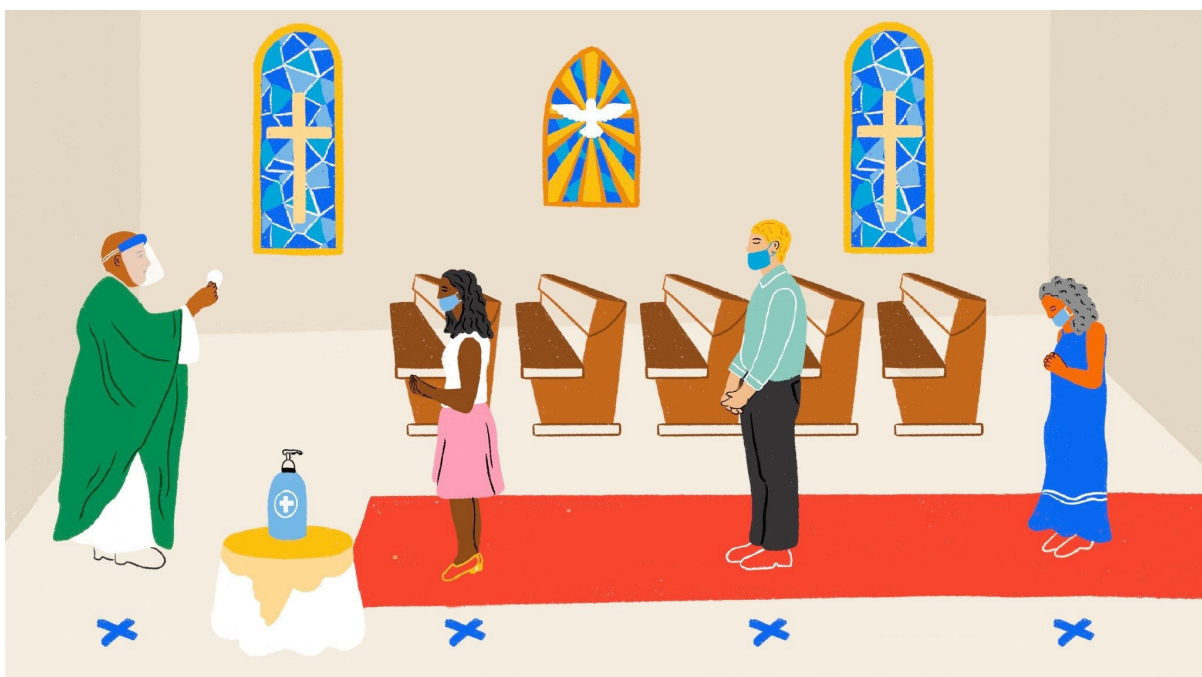
- If you should feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus in the two weeks following the service, as well as seeking medical advice, please leave a message at the Parish Office so that we can inform others if need be.
- Please note that the toilets are open for use but everyone is asked to observe strict handwashing requirements. The toilets will be cleaned after each Sunday service.

Please don't feel too put off by these necessary precautions – God is simply pleased that we are here together, worshipping and being shaped by the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to attend on **Sunday 25th October** or **Sunday 1st November** then please do phone the parish office (0116 270 2705) and leave a message which includes the names of any other people who will sit with you because you are in the same household or bubble. If you find that you can no longer attend, please let James in the Office know so that we can release this place to someone else.

Best wishes,

*Adrian*



## **We're looking...!**



It's great that we have a new Church Warden (thanks Sian), and another volunteer to join a 'Warden team' that shares some of the responsibilities between them. Now we'd really like a few more people to join this team. If you're feeling a 'pull' or 'push' from God to do a bit more in our life together as a church then please do talk to Adrian, Matthew or Sian – this could be for you!

**Our look back at 2019:** Last Sunday we held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and considered our Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2019. I'm glad to say that four new members of the Church Council (PCC) were elected: David Palmer, Lorna Pollard, Judith Rudd and Ida Stanyer. Our two current representatives to the Deanery Synod, Bob Rutland and David Stanyer, were also both re-elected. We also thanked and welcomed Sian Howard as a new Church Warden.

I'm grateful to everyone who joined us, both in, person and over the internet via Zoom.

*Adrian*

**Harvest thanks:** Earlier this month we celebrated our Harvest Festival around the theme of 'Growing Hope' and supporting the Christian relief and development charity Embrace the Middle East. I hope that you enjoyed the recorded virtual worship, our actual service and/or some of the activities at home. I'm very grateful to everyone who contributed to our appeal for Embrace – we've been able to send on almost £600 (including Gift Aid) to support their work among the Zabaleen people of Cairo, Egypt who live in the city's rubbish dumps. Thank you so much!

*Adrian*

# Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for Sunday 18th October are:

## **Exodus 33.12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.'

<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?'

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.'

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.'

<sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup> But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.'

<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'

## **Luke 10.1-9**

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest

field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup> 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> 'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

### Luke

His gospel is itself a living creature

A ground and glory round the throne of God,

Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature

And One upon the throne sees it is good.

Luke is the living pillar of our healing,

A lowly ox, the servant of the four,

We turn his page to find his face revealing

The wonder, and the welcome of the poor.

He breathes good news to all who bear a burden

Good news to all who turn and try again,

The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,

A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,

The voiceless find their voice in every word

And, with Our Lady, magnify Our Lord.

*Malcolm Guite*

**BENEFICE MAGAZINE** It has been really encouraging to get so many contributions to recent issues of the magazine. I have had several messages from readers saying how much this is appreciated. So please get writing - the closing date for the November/December issue is 1 November. Please send your contributions to [stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com). Thank you. *Nigel*

**IMAGES OF KNIGHTON 2021 CALENDAR** Raising Funds for St Mary's Spire Appeal. Lovely local artistry has contributed to make this special community celebration of Knighton life. £7.50 each or 3 for £20. Free tubes available for posting. Cheques payable to 'Knighton PCC'. Please collect from Sunday services at St Mary's, Rev. Matthew, Lorna Kirk, Aileen Orme, (07980 430598), Nigel Siesage or Rev Janet. Also available from Londis, Knighton Church Rd, Holbrook News, South Knighton Rd and Wigston Fields Deli, Carlton Drive.

**THIRD  
SUNDAYS  
AFTER  
CHRISTMAS**

Matthew is looking for help developing our service on the third Sunday.

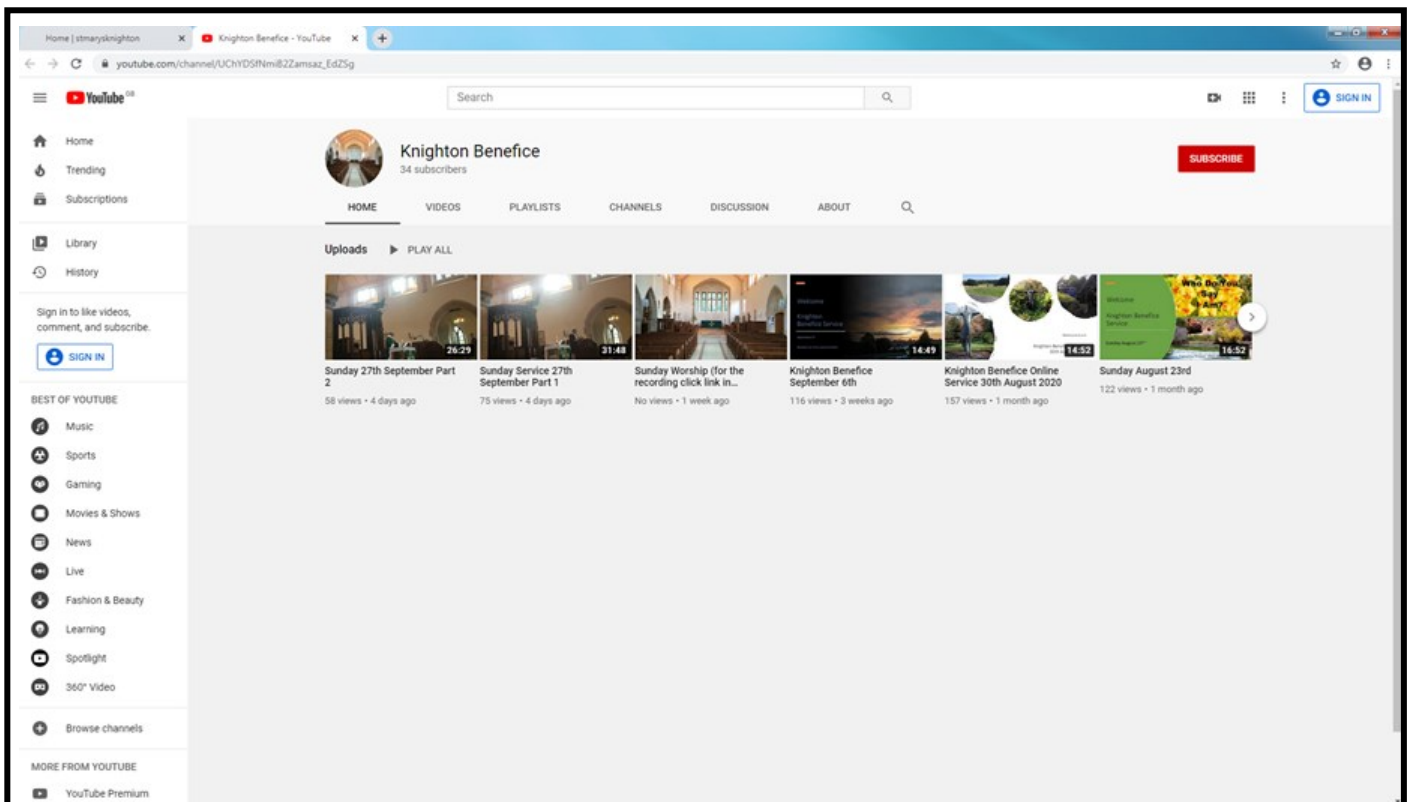
Faithful worship & encounter which engages ALL our senses? How?  
Are you artistic, musical, creative? Can you help shape our third services?  
New year, new start?  
Please contact Matthew [revgough@gmail.com](mailto:revgough@gmail.com) 07754961997

**Third Sunday  
@St Mary's from  
10 am**

**RIDE AND STRIDE** Flick thanks all her sponsors. She has raised £150 to date, "Last chance saloon" this week for sponsoring her. The cheque will go to the Historic Churches Preservation Fund next weekend. Half comes back to St Mary's. Flick Titley (01162702810)

## **ACCESS TO WEEKLY RECORDED SERVICES**

Each week we will now usually upload a recording of the Sunday service from St Mary's or St Guthlacs onto the Knighton Benefice You Tube channel. This should happen by 1pm each Sunday. Please go direct to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChYDSfNmIB2Zamsaz\\_EdZSg?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChYDSfNmIB2Zamsaz_EdZSg?) or via the website or Facebook page.





## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**SAD NEWS:** I'm sorry to have to tell you that our friend and long-time chorister, Gil Parsons died last week. As you'll know Gil had been ill for a long time, and he had recently had a spell in hospital before coming home to be with Ondre last week. He was a much appreciated friend and church member; "a lovely man who could sing the whole range from bass to alto" and loved to do so. Do please remember the family in your prayers. Gils funeral will be on Monday 9th November. *Adrian*

**WELL WISHES** A message from Valerie Thomson: "I've heard from Jill Atkinson. She and Derek moved to Exeter a while ago, they are very happy there with family nearby and would like to be remembered to everyone in Knighton who knew them."

**THANKS** My sincere thanks for your continuing concern and prayers over the past months for my grandson, Ed Groves, who, as many of you know, just over half-way through his Master's Degree course in Copenhagen, was diagnosed with leukaemia on New Year's Eve. He has undergone gruelling and debilitating (for some time, a real sportsman, who represented his university at football, he was confined to a wheelchair) chemotherapy and radiotherapy, culminating in August in bone marrow / stem cell transplants, followed by five weeks' isolation. Thankfully, three weeks ago, he was discharged from isolation and is now an outpatient, on the road to recovery, with up to six months' further treatment and physiotherapy ahead. *Eileen McKellican*

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The Parish Office is now open again from 9.30am until 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday. Please feel free to phone James or to email. If you need to visit the Office, please let James know you're coming and wear face coverings as per the Government guidelines. Thank you.

## **Keeping in touch and sharing worship together remotely.**

**Wednesday Compline (Night Prayer)** - Each week we are meeting virtually for Compline at 8pm on Wednesday. It has proven to be a meaningful way to have fellowship and prayer together as well as being quite good fun, especially as we find our feet with the technology and with more people joining us every week.

You can join by just phoning up and inputting the code or using 'Zoom' online. It has been democratic with several voices joining in with a line of liturgy each. If you would like to participate with a speaking part, please do contact Matthew by 4pm on Wednesday.

To join by phone only, call this number **0131 460 1196** and when prompted input Meeting ID: 884 2886 4948

To join by Zoom on the internet, go to this address and click 'Open Zoom' <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88428864948>

## **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%.

**During the current Coronavirus pandemic please put aside your weekly offerings ready to bring to church when things return to something like normal. The costs of the church are largely unchanged even though we cannot meet, so your regular giving is extremely important to our collective 'health' and the mission of God here.**



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**Please pray.....** *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. "* (Ephesians 6.18)

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for all those working to find an effective vaccine against the corona virus. Pray also for generosity amongst scientists, business people and politicians - so that vaccines may be quickly shared across all nations at a fair price.

**Praying for the Church:** please pray that all Christians may find hope in the face of the continuing pandemic, and that together we may find effective ways of sharing the good news of Jesus with our neighbours in these challenging times.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on Kingsmead Road, Northfold Road, Eastcourt Road, Westgate Road, Lynholme Road, Deancourt Road.

**Praying for those in need:**

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. Please do continue to pray for **Charlotte Muddimer, Anne Ibbs, Shirley and Rex Wills, Bob Newell, Sharon Gutteridge** and their families. 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, in particularly we remember **Pat Lillicrap, Gil Parsons** and **Barbara Green**. We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

*Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11.28.*