



## St Mary Magdalen Church Church of England, Knighton

**Sunday 26th January 2020**

The presiding minister this morning is the Revd Adrian Jones and our preacher is the Revd Aphro McCullough.

### **Welcome to our Sunday Eucharist.**

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.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL NEWS**

A cheque for **£2301.45** was presented to Vickie Standing, representing HOPE Against Cancer, on Tuesday 14th January. This was 50% of the total £4602.90 which was raised during the 2019 Christmas Tree Festival. Vickie expressed her gratitude and delight at being involved in the festival and hoped to be invited to display a tree at the next festival. Thank you to all who contributed in so many ways to make this such a success.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**5th - 6th December 2020**, our next Christmas Tree Festival.

## ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service and the readings and hymns are on an additional sheet. 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. Sunday Club meets in the Narthex for primary school age children.
- As part of each 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.
- At 10.00am, non-alcoholic communion wine is available on request in the Lady Chapel (to the left) and gluten free wafers on request at the main Communion rail.
- 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 WEEK

<b>Sunday 26th January</b> 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am <b>10.00am</b>	Said Eucharist <b>Sung Eucharist</b>
Monday 27th January <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 28th January	9.30am 2.00pm 2.15pm	Eucharist (St Mary's) Free Church funeral Mothers Union (Parish Centre)
Wednesday 29th January		
Thursday 30th January	9.30am	Eucharist (St Guthlacs)
Friday 31st January	11.00am	Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 1st February		
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b> Candlemas	8.00am <b>10.00am</b> 11.30am	Said Eucharist <b>All Age Worship</b> Eucharist

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 28th February** at 11am.

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

**Isaiah 9.1-4 & Matthew 5.13-16**

**Today's title is "Salt and Light"**

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

# InSPIREd

## 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*

## **CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL:**

Donations for this appeal amounted to £477.28. With £76.25 Gift Aid added, the total raised was £553.53. Many thanks for your generosity.

## **QUESTIONS, CAKE AND COMPLINE**

Sunday 2nd February 4pm St Guthlac's Church Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF. Our topic will be Faith & Politics: Speaking out and saying silent.

Please join us to discuss questions around the topic of Faith and Politics as well as to enjoy refreshments and companionship. You are invited to stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer) afterwards.

## **MOTHERS UNION**

We start our New Year programme by welcoming Revd Matthew, who will speak to us on 'Surviving the Shadows' - a personal and professional exploration of suicide prevention work and the place of Christian hope. Our meeting is open to friends and visitors, so please do come. We meet in the Parish Centre Lounge on Tuesday, 28th January, starting at 2.15pm.

## **THANKS**

The Royal British Legion acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of **£181.38**, the result of our collection on three Sundays in October and November 2019.

## **THANKS**

Thank you to all who supported the Christingle Service. As a result of the candle collections, donations, and the Church Christmas Card Board, we were able to make a donation of £300 to the Children's Society.

## TOUGH TIMES & HARD QUESTIONS

As we begin a new decade, our world faces unparalleled challenges.

How can we find a way to tackle together the major issues that are shaping our future, despite the deep disagreements that divide us?

Does the ancient Christian faith have anything to say about our contemporary challenges?

On the **Third Sunday** of each month at St Mary's, Knighton, we will take one of these hard questions and consider a range of views and responses. In particular, we will ask how the Bible, and our Christian tradition and experience, might inform and shape our thinking and our action.

Our 10am service on the **Third Sunday** will introduce the theme. Then there will be an evening opportunity for discussion and learning from each other, reflection and simple shared Night Prayer, in the Parish Centre from 7.30-9pm. You are welcome to either or both.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – *“Can we disagree well?”* (but no evening meeting)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – *“Climate Emergency? What shall we do?”*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – *“Fake News or False Truths? Does it matter?”*

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

There will be a Prayer and Fellowship meeting on Tuesday, 4th February at 2.30 in the Den at Muston Gardens.

Also

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

World Day of Prayer Services , Friday 6th March here at St Mary's at 2pm and at Stoneygate Baptist Church at 7.30pm. The services for this year have been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe.

## **EVERYDAY CALLING - VOCATIONS DAY 2020**

Saturday 14th March, 9.45am at St Martins House,  
7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ

Led by Liz Rawlings, Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Enabler

A day to explore God's calling in our everyday lives and how to respond.

This day is for anyone wishing to develop their vocation in their community, workplace or at home alongside those who may be exploring a specific authorised ministry.

Further information is being distributed to clergy and licenced lay ministers who would be happy to have a conversation about the day. An invitation card and poster can be downloaded at the link below for your use.

Bookings and enquiries to  
mmbookings@leccofe.org by Monday 2nd March.





## **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Quiet Day.

Saturday 26th September

Stable House, North Kilworth.

Further details later. *Doreen White*





**WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBOURS!** Many of you will already know that our (very) near neighbours at Knighton Free Church are having internal building works through the next few months, probably up to Easter, and meanwhile their congregation will need to meet elsewhere. I'm very pleased to say that the St Mary's PCC has offered to provide our building for the Free Church to use for services on Sunday afternoons (3pm) and evenings (7pm) while the building work continues. It will be very good to have our neighbours share our space, and we're looking forward to learning more about each other and building even better relationships as we work together. We hope to prepare for all the practical issues but if you think of something that appears to have been forgotten, do please let me know! *Adrian*

### **Ringling any bells?!**

The St Mary's bellringers held their Tower AGM last week, looking back over another year of calling us to worship on Sunday mornings, reminding our community about the beauty and completeness of God, and helping wedding couples to celebrate their special day.



Sincere appreciation was expressed to Jane Salt, stepping down as Tower Captain after five years, and to Ros Astles, Bev Jarrom and Simon Britton, all staying on in their roles as Treasurer, Ringing Master and Steeple Keeper respectively. There are spaces for new ringers in the Tower this year - age is no barrier and supportive coaching for both beginners and experienced ringers is given. If you'd like to enjoy yourself, keep fit and support our worship all at the same time then please have a chat to Bev Jarrom.

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## THANKS

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards of good wishes on my 90th birthday. There were some lovely surprises. Thank you. June Ardley

## THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of Louis baptism. Your love and support helped to make it such a happy day for our family. Thank you. *John & Rosalind Astles*

## THANKS

Jean Arnison would like to "thank everyone for the cards and prayers following the death of Julie. There were lots of people at the funeral and it was a lovely sunny day. Thank you so much".

## MARJORIE WOOD

As we reported in church last Sunday, we had the sad news of the sudden death of our friend Marjorie Wood on Saturday 11th. Please keep her husband David and their daughters in your prayers as they try to come to terms with what has happened so unexpectedly.

**Marjorie's funeral will be in church on Friday 7th February at 11.30am.**



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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](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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**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 the gifts of creativity we see in our musicians, organists, choir, artists and writers - we are a blessed church!

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for peace and goodwill during times of change, especially as the UK leaves the European Union this week.

**Praying for the Church:** As we end the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity please pray that God will transform our painful disunity into harmony and our mistrust into mutual acceptance, and pray for all those working for unity - internationally, nationally and locally.

**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for those who live on:  
**Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch 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 **Edward Groves, Gary Joynes, Paul, Brian Arnold** 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.

<b>Charlie Borg</b>	<b>Ellen Hutton</b>
<b>Marjorie Wood</b>	<b>Ian Oliver</b>
<b>Judy Maynard</b>	<b>David Short</b>
<b>Joyce Pettit</b>	

*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.*