

St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

Sunday 10th February 2019

4th Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our Sunday Services

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.

IMPORTANT - Please sign here : This year all Church of England parishes are required to draw up a new Church Electoral Roll. This is the list of all those who want to be part of our church life together and to share in our decision making. At the same time we want to make sure that we have accurate contact details for everyone who is part of our church community so that you can all be contacted quickly with news and in times of personal or pastoral need. There are therefore two forms that we are asking you to complete and return, as soon as possible but certainly before the 10th March: one is the Electoral Roll form and the other is our new 'Keeping in Touch' form. Please pick up the forms from the back of church after the service today and simply follow the guidance as it's written. Our Electoral Roll Officer, Eileen McKellican, will answer other questions you might have.

Please do remember! These are important forms and, because of C of E rules and new Data Protection rules, unless we have these details and your signature you will not be able to take part in our Annual Meeting or stand for election, and there may be delays in communication from the church and the clergy. We want everyone to feel and know that they are part of St Mary Magdalen and to have their say when decisions are needed - so please do sign here!

Adrian

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. During the service there are activities in the entrance area for children of all ages, at Sunday Club.
- 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.

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 10th February 4th Sunday before Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 11th February Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 12th February	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's 10.30am Christmas Tree Festival meeting
Wednesday 13th February	9.00-12noon Overdale School Visit
Thursday 14th February	9.00-12noon Overdale School Visit 9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's
Friday 15th February	
Saturday 16th February	
Sunday 17th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Morning Worship

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 22nd February** at 11.00am.

PRAYING FOR ST MARY'S - SEEKING AND LISTENING TO GOD:

It is always a good idea to pray! And so we are hoping to start up a small group meeting monthly to pray for our church and community as we look for the next steps in our life together. We will normally meet on the first Thursday of each month, around 10.30am, in a local home. If you would like to join us please do let me know. *Adrian*

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 6.1-10 and Luke 5.1-11

Today's theme is:

"Jesus begins: It's for you!"

PCC REPORT: the PCC met on Thursday 24th January, and amongst other things we discussed our Safeguarding Action Plan, the churchyard, the Spire repairs and the Annual meeting in April. It was agreed that we should maintain our financial investment strategy for the moment, that we should press on with the development phase of the spire repair project and now establish a fundraising campaign, and that the new churchyard maintenance agreement with the City Council should be monitored closely. As usual the PCC minutes will be available on the church website and in the folder at the back of the church in due course. *Adrian*

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL The first meeting of the working party about the festival is in the Narthex on **Tuesday 12th February** at 10.30am.

CHURCH CLEANING ! Overdale Infants are visiting St. Mary's on Wednesday and Thursday 13th and 14th February. We have decided that it would be sensible to transfer the "clean" planned for Tuesday 12th February to Tuesday 19th February. I look forward to seeing you then.
Thank you. Doreen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, 1st March. Our local services are at 2pm at St James the Greater and 7.30pm at St Guthlac's. Please note the times – I got it wrong last week. Sorry! LP

PARISH MAGAZINE The copy deadline for the March issue of the Parish Magazine is **Friday 1 March** (St David's Day). I hope to have it issued by 15/16 March. This will be the last magazine before Easter, so please bear that in mind if you have events for that period to publicise. Copy should be sent to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. Thank you. Nigel Siesage

'TIME FOR A CUPPA ' - On **Sunday 3rd March 2019** after the Family Service homemade cake will be served with your coffee and tea. The money donated that day will be sent to Dementia UK to help fund people with dementia or their carers whilst still living at home. Care can be provided by Admiral Nurses but training costs are high and as more people are living longer dementia is more of an issue. Please help this very worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your support. Sue Bonnett.

VISIT MY MOSQUE, SUNDAY 3RD MARCH - Following on from the success of previous years, over 200 mosques in the UK will be holding open days on **3rd March** and inviting those from all faiths and none to visit, look around and talk to local muslims. The aim is that such meetings will help us all to come together to build more cohesive and stronger relationships in our local communities. In Leicester five of the city's mosques are taking part - more details can be found at visitmymosque.org If you would like to visit as part of a St Mary's group then do please let Adrian know and we'll get something organised!

LENT LUNCH - a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and biscuits, with tea or coffee. **Saturday 9th March At 12 noon** in the Parish Centre. Tickets [Essential for this event] £6 From Judi Stone [0116 2881306] or Cora Paul [0116 3678954]. Proceeds in aid of Behala Children's Home, India

SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP : please note that there will be no 'First Friday Prayers' in March as it is the World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) and there will be services that day at St James the Greater and St Guthlac's.

Camino de Santiago (The Way of St James)

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7pm**
in St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 2LN

The Camino do Santiago (The Way of St James) is a historic pilgrimage route of 480 miles from southern France to Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain mainly through rural communities and mountain regions. A pilgrimage offers an opportunity to slow down and allow time for peace and reflection. Come with us from your seat as four friends (Margaret, Karen, Mary and Simon) recount their journey through a selection of photographs, sounds and experiences.

Free talk and refreshments with the chance to socialise!

Moving into 2019 – fresh direction for the Church of St Mary Magdalen

Our vision :

Faith for Life – “I have come that they may have life; life in all its fullness” – Jesus (John 10.10)

Our mission:

St Mary's has been greatly blessed by God over the years and our mission now is to use and share our blessings to build the Kingdom of God in this time. Together we seek to discover and share life in all its fullness – following the way of Jesus and encouraging others to follow and come to faith in him.

Our objectives:

- **to worship God well** - using traditional and new ways, so that everyone can encounter God and grow in faith; (John 4.23-4)
- **to explore and follow the way of Jesus** - learning together from the wisdom of the Bible, Christian traditions, and our wider society, and seeking to be led by God's Spirit. (John 15.1-17)
- **to connect better with our community** – to broaden and deepen our connections with all parts of the local community and to help others in need. (Luke 10.25-37)
- **to welcome everyone as equally valued** - especially those who often feel left out; (Matthew 25.31-45)
- **to share our faith in Jesus with others** – encouraging them to follow and come to faith in him too. (Matthew 28.19-20)

Please pray for us all as we continue to explore how God is leading us, and how we can make our vision, aims and objectives real in our life together in 2019 and beyond. *Adrian*

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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**.

CAR PARKING On Sunday mornings, please do not park in front of the church or on the church path unless you need to do so for mobility reasons. Also, please do not block the paths.

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%.

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CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S Please makes 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 that out of our current political turmoil our country may find a fresh purpose and direction that reflects our Christian heritage and provides support for the poorest nations of the world.

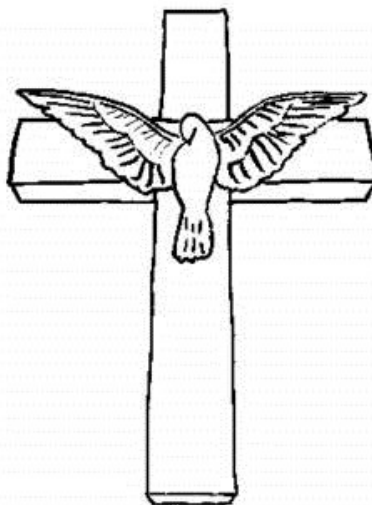
Praying for the Church: Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in our link Diocese of Wyoming, USA, and Bishop John Smylie. Pray too for our own Bishops Martyn and Guli as they meet with the Diocesan Senior Leadership Team this week.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive, Heddington Close, Baldwin Road.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Charlotte Muddimer, Maurice Allen, Peter Adamson** 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: **Margaret Bayliss**



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.