



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

9th December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our Sunday Services

The King is Coming! Part Four - Completing a good work.

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.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

TODAY! Our Carols and Christingle service takes place this afternoon at 3.30pm, and is a wonderful opportunity to share the message of Christingle as well as to support the Childrens Society. The service is relaxed and suitable for all ages, and everyone is welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY 16th December - our special traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, led by the choir and beginning at 6.30pm. This service is a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to come to church at Christmas.

APPRECIATION FOR YOUR 'THANKS-GIVING' : On behalf of the PCC and myself I'd like to say many thanks for the generous increases to regular giving and the special donations that members of our congregation and wider church family have pledged for 2019. Your 'Thanks-Giving' has added £3576 to our income as a church next year. This will make a significant difference to what we are able to do in reaching out to others beyond the church with the message of God's kingdom. The Bible tells us repeatedly that God blesses our generosity and so I'm looking forward to seeing all that he will do through us next year!

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.

Listening to God's Word

Sunday 9th December 2018

Our Bible readings at todays services are:

Malachi 3.1-4

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

The sermon title today is

"The King is Coming! Part Four - Completing a good work."

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 3.30pm Community Carols and Christingle 5.00pm Concert rehearsal 7.30pm Grace Pepper Concert
Monday 10th December <u>Parish Office Closed</u>	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Guthlac's 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 11th December <u>Parish Office Closed</u>	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's 12.30pm MU Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 12th December	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's 7.30pm Rotary Club Carol Concert
Thursday 13th December	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 7.30pm Standing Committee (Narthex)
Friday 14th December	7.00pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 15th December	
Sunday 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th January** at 11.00am.

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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 above.)

The office is closed on **Mondays**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

FUTURE SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CHOIRS: Thanks to all those who have already talked to me about the possible ways we can support and develop our two benefice choirs in 2019. You'll be glad to know that the Standing Committees of both churches are holding meetings in the first half of December to discuss possibilities. Do continue to pass ideas on to PCC members or to me in the meantime - I'll keep you updated on our progress.

Adrian

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ... If you would like to send a 'shared' card to other members of the congregation a board will be provided at the back of church for this purpose. A donation in aid of the Children's Society would be very much appreciated. (Box Provided). Thank you.

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1, the book about the men on St Mary's war memorial is being reprinted, following its sell out over the commemoration weekend. The book costs £5.00 and can be ordered by emailing knightonremembersww1@gmail.com or through James at the Knighton Parish Office. Deborah Martin

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR To date, £1550 has been raised for church funds. Many thanks for all your support. *Social Group*

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1 PHOTOGRAPHS The World War 1 Display and the Son et Lumiere, 'The Price of Peace', were photographed by a good friend of St. Mary's, professional photographer, Michael Stockton. He has produced proof photos, which you can view and then make an order for any prints you might like. The prints are available in 2 sizes, 6" x 4" and 8" x 6". He has kindly offered this service at cost price. I will have the proofs for the last time in church this coming Sunday morning, with a price list and I will take orders at the end of the service.

Carolyn Oldershaw

THE RED CROSS REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER BOX Grateful thanks are extended from the Red Cross to the many parishioners who have generously contributed items on a weekly basis for a considerable time. They regret announcing that no more items should be donated as this service HAS CEASED.

SAD NEWS It is with sadness that I have to tell you that Marie Crowther-Green died peacefully last Sunday 2nd December with her family around her. Marie was well known and well loved as part of St Mary's and will be sadly missed by many of us. Her funeral will take place at St Mary Magdalen on Friday 21st December at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at South Leicestershire Crematorium, Countesthorpe at 2.00pm. *Adrian.*

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS COLLECTION As usual, we will be making a special collection for Christian Aid at Christmas time. There will be special envelopes in the pews next week and you can also make a donation in any other sealed envelope, marked clearly 'Christian Aid'.

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 taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S Please note that any cheques for St Mary's must be made out to Knighton PCC.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES / EVENTS

CHRISTINGLE The Children's Society celebrates a 50th milestone this year, as the very first Christingle was held in Lincoln Cathedral in 1968. The Society does some amazing work in supporting vulnerable children. We are holding our own Christingle Service in St. Mary's **today**, at 3.30 p.m. You may spot some Christingle Candle boxes around the Church. Please pick one up and put as many pennies in it as you can - every little helps - and put the date in your diary for this very special event.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Suzie O'Neill-Turner and Grace Pepper are working with FreeVA to put on a Christmas concert **today** at 7p.m. in St Mary's Church. FreeVA is a Leicester based charity which works to support those affected by domestic violence and abuse. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3.50 for children and include refreshments. All money raised will be going straight to the charity. More information about the work that they do can be found at <http://www.freeva.org.uk/>.

MOTHERS UNION - just a reminder that our Christmas Luncheon takes place this Tuesday, 11th December, at the Holiday Inn Hotel (ex Stage Hotel) Wigston Fields. Arrival time is 12.00 for 12.30 p.m.

ST MARY'S FLOWER GUILD: We look forward to welcoming all who would like to decorate the Church for Christmas starting at 2pm on **Friday 14th December** continuing from 9.30am on **Saturday 15th December**. Evergreen foliage appreciated on Friday afternoon. Further info from Deborah Martin tel: 0116 2707525.



**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CAROLS
BY CANDLELIGHT IN SUPPORT OF CHARITY LINK**

The Rotary Club of Leicester is inviting you to join them for an evening of music and carols by candlelight at St. Mary Magdalen's on the evening of **Wednesday 12th December** to raise funds in support of the work of Charity Link, a charity which supports local families in hardship or crisis.

The Leicester South Salvation Army Band will be playing a full programme and the event is suitable for young and old.

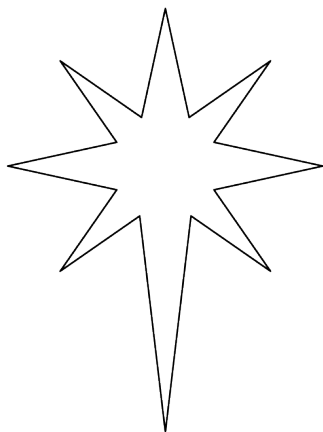
Tickets are £8.00, and will include mince pies and mulled wine.

This will be a wonderful lead into Christmas, whilst also helping to raise funds to provide essential items, including food, clothing and beds, for local people in need.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets are available by calling Charity Link on 0116 222 2212 or via Charity Link's online shop at www.charity-link.org/shop

Melton Mowbray Choral Society presents



STELLA NATALIS by Karl Jenkins

Plus favourite Christmas carols and songs.....

Conducted by James Gutteridge

Saturday 22nd December

7.30pm

St Mary's Parish Church, Melton Mowbray

Tickets £10 available from James in the Parish Office

Ticket includes refreshments of drinks and homemade mince pies

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 all those caught up in the homelessness crisis affecting our own country, as well as those who find themselves driven from their homes across the world by economic necessity, warfare, famine or oppression.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith, wherever they live across the world. Pray that they might have hope this Advent as they remember Jesus is both present with them but also coming again in glory.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Ratcliffe Road, Sackville Gardens, College Court, Queens Road, Eton Close, Harrow Place.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Pauline Rawlings** 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.

May they know the power of your healing love, at work in body, mind and spirit. In the name of Christ the healer, hear us now. Amen

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Godfrey 'Gilly' Gilbert** **Martin Ian Oliver** **David Martin**
Jeffrey Chambers **Marie Crowther-Green**
Diane Atkinson

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.