



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

**Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen**

**11th March 2018
4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday**

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.

- 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.
- 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

Sunday 11th March 4th Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 12th March	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 13th March	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 14th March Parish Office Closed	1.00pm 1.30pm 6.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex) Interment of Ashes Coffee Evening (Scout Hut)
Thursday 15th March	10.00am	Thursday Morning Club (Centre)
Friday 16th March		
Saturday 17th March		
Sunday 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

Today, Mothering Sunday, Alison Roche is preaching at the Cathedral as part of their Lent series called 'Bodies Broken and Blessed'. Alison will be sharing reflections on the experience of adoption and parenting, that she and Adrian have gathered in the last few years.

Listening to God's Word, Sunday 11th March 2018

Our Bible readings today are:

Exodus 10.1-10

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

John 19.25b-27

The sermon title today is

"Nurture-protect-stretch -release.....and loss"

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

CHERISHING THE PAST, SHAPING THE PRESENT AND PLANTING FOR TOMORROW

Once again many thanks for all your responses to my questions. In the last two weeks I have displayed at the back of church some of the comments that you have made about what we should cherish from the past and what we should change or stop that we are currently doing. All of those speech bubbles are still on display, now in the Children's Corner - remember that the bigger the bubble, the stronger was this view amongst you, the congregation! Next week I will begin to share with you our responses about the future - what sort of things could we be starting or planning for as we seek to Plant for Tomorrowwatch this space! Adrian

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 27th April** - there is no Service for Healing on Good Friday morning. In the meantime if you would like prayer for healing please contact our clergy, Adrian or Neil.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS: It is with great sadness that we have to report the death this week of Margaret Ellershaw, in Amberwood Care Home. Margaret had many friends within St Mary's and will be much missed. Please pray for her family and friends. Margaret's funeral will be in Church on **Thursday 22nd March at 11.00am**.

EASTER EGGS Your Fairtrade Easter Eggs have now arrived. Please see Alison or Adrian.

"Darkness Falls" - a dramatic telling of John's Gospel: The acclaimed Saltmine Theatre Company are bringing their latest production to Leicester on Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm, at the Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, Trenant Road (also the home of St Christopher's Church, Saffron Lane).

"Darkness Falls" is a remarkable re-imagining of the Gospel of John and is, by turns, moving, funny, poetic and fantastical. The production mixes vivid storytelling with beautiful live music to bring us a timeless story as we've never seen it before.

This gritty performance (suitable for teenagers upwards) is a compelling introduction to John's Gospel for those with little Christian background and also a fresh and provocative retelling for those of us who know the New Testament well. During the day they will be performing to all the Year 10 pupils at the Academy. It is therefore exactly the sort of initiative that St Mary's should be supporting. I have 25 tickets available, each at £2, so please let me know if you would like to come. *Adrian*

LENT LUNCH: Thank you so much for supporting the Lent Lunch. To date **£467** has been raised for The Oxford Mission.

Mothering Sunday

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church for a service on the fourth Sunday of Lent, also called "Laetare Sunday". In this context, the mother church could be the church where they had been baptised, or their local parish church, or the nearest cathedral (the latter being the "mother church" of all parish churches in a diocese). Anyone who did this was said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether the term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear.

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a date when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented from doing so by conflicting working hours and servants were not given free days on other festivals. Children and young people "in service" would pick wild flowers along the way to place in church or give to their mothers.

Eventually the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers. Mother's Day has always been a secular event quite separate from the original Mothering Sunday.

Give thanks for:

- Our own mothers
- The "mother church" in which we were baptised
- Our Cathedral as mother church of the diocese

Please pray for:

- Those who will find today difficult – who have lost mothers or children; who have never been able to have children of their own; who had or have difficult relationships with their parents or children.

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

" 'Mother' does not mean being the woman who gives birth to and cares for a child; to be a mother is to feel in your own flesh the suffering of all the children, all the men, and all the young people who die, as though they had come from your own womb."

Luz Beatriz Arellano, Roman Catholic sister from Nicaragua.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Is this your next step on the journey of faith? It may be that for a while now you've been thinking about our Christian faith and have a feeling that you should take another step forwards....and that step could be 'confirmation.' In the Church of England, the service of confirmation is a chance to 'confirm' that the promises made on your behalf at baptism (often when you were a baby) are now your promises too - a clear intention to follow Jesus in a life of faith.

A confirmation service is always taken by a Bishop and often includes 'candidates' from several churches. You can be confirmed at any age, as long as your supporting Minister has spent some time with you first talking about the basics of Christianity and your faith. Our next local confirmation service is at the Cathedral on Easter Saturday (31st March) at 6pm so if you'd like to join others in thinking more about this next step on your journey of faith do please let Adrian know as soon as you can (0116 270 4268 adrian.jones@zoho.com).

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on Sunday April 15th at 11.30 am in Church. Nominations are needed for **two Churchwardens** and **three** members of Council each to serve for three years. Your name must have been on the Electoral Roll for six months to be nominated and you must be able to sign the Declaration of Eligibility for Newly Appointed Trustees. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of Church. If you wish to raise an issue under "Any Other Business" please ensure the question is notified to me or the Vicar by Sunday April 8th. Simon Britton (Tel: 07710 975 272, email: simon@simonbritton.net) PCC Secretary.

Election of Sidespersons - Sidespersons will be elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 15th April. Unless I hear to the contrary by Sunday 8th April I will assume that all current sidespersons are willing to continue. Anyone on the church electoral roll who would like to become a sidesperson should contact myself or a churchwarden no later than Sunday 8th April. Assistant Sidespersons (i.e. under 16 years old) are most welcome but should also let me have their names as soon as possible.

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"We will remember them"

These are words we say every year. This year is the centenary of Armistice Day. St Mary's will be hosting a number of events from 7th - 11th November.

From poppies, both real and knitted, to displays of photographs and the printed histories of some of the men whose names are on the memorial in the Lady Chapel. During the year the names of those who fell during 1918 will be read out at a Sunday service, nearest their death.

There will an invited speaker on the morning of the 8th November, educational visits will be offered plus an Open Church weekend where light refreshments will be available. The week will culminate with a combined service with St Guthlac at St Mary's at 5pm 11th November.

How can you help? In lots of ways. Knit poppies or scour your loft for any artefacts or photographs of people who had an association with Knighton during 1914 -1918. There is a list at the back of church of who is doing what to make this joint event with St Guthlac something we will remember for a long time.

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN IN 2018, THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF THE GREAT WAR.

During 2018 we will be remembering all those local soldiers who died during the last year of the Great War, exactly one hundred years ago. Each soldier will be mentioned by name in our prayers on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of his death.

REMEMBER TODAY Second Lieutenant Ellis Arthur Bowes, 4th Bn, Leicestershire Regiment, who died on 12th March 1918, aged 19 years. Son of Richard and Kitty Bowes, of Portland Towers, Stoneygate, Leicester, he was killed in action and buried at the time in Epehy New British Cemetery, and is commemorated at the Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery on the Somme in France.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Friday 16th March 7.30pm

Saturday 17th March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm

Parish Centre.

Tickets (adults £7, children £5)

Available from Jane Wright 2925220 (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis 2103580 (St. Mary's), or
knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

There will be a raffle at each performance.

Do you have anything to donate as a prize?

Judi and Bernard will be happy to receive your donation.

MEMORY CAFÉ ST GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON

This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment.

There are a variety of activities such as talks, quizzes, craft and simple exercises. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. Meetings are on the second Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm. If you know someone who would be helped by this cafe please let them know. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

The next sessions will be

13th April Deirdra and Stephen Cusack - Group Singing
11th May Clare King from the British Red Cross

THE RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES OF KNIGHTON invite you to their fundraising coffee evening in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind on Wednesday 14 March, 6pm - 8pm at the Cademan Close Scout Hut. We will have homemade treats to purchase as well as sideshows, a tombola, and of course tea and coffee on offer! All are welcome!

ST MARY'S BOOK EXCHANGE / SALE

Bring in a book you have read, exchange it for another and donate 50p.

If you don't have a book to exchange, buy a book and donate 50p - £1.

All proceeds for Church funds.



WANTED! Church Wardens and PCC members: At our Annual meeting in April we need to elect two new Church Wardens and three PCC members. Can I encourage everyone to pray and think carefully about who might be called to these important roles in the guiding and shaping of our life together as a church?

The most important qualification for either of these roles is having a loving commitment to St Mary's Church - both to the people and to the buildings and other resources that God has blessed us with. I believe and trust that God's future for us is bright and good - although some things will be different - and that within our Church family God has already given us the people we need to share in the task of leading us into that future - we just need to discover who they are!

Church Wardens have a part in overseeing all aspects of the growth and development of our Church life, as well as its day to day running. The key elements of their role are:

- to represent Church members;
- to work with, support and advise the Vicar and PCC;
- and to ensure the efficient operation of the buildings, finances and administration of the Church.

But that does not mean they have to do everything themselves! We are fortunate in having a large and experienced team of people who are already committed to many aspects of church life, and a group of former Church Wardens and Deputy Wardens who are happy to assist and give advice.

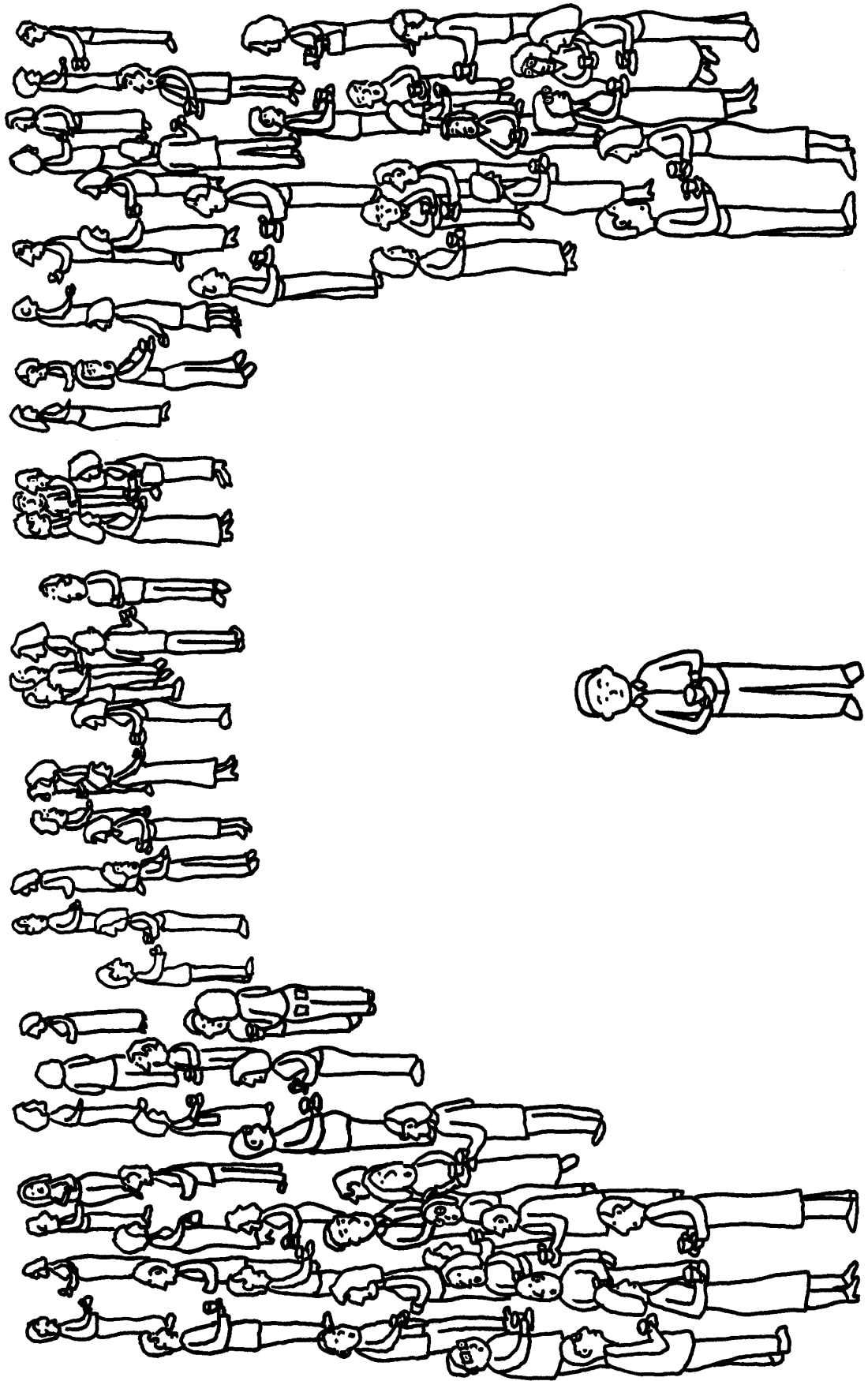
PCC members meet together to share their understanding of our church life and needs, to offer constructive advice and questions to the Wardens and Vicar, and to make decisions about some important policies and procedures. Each PCC member brings their own skills and experience and it is healthy therefore to have a good mix and balance of gender, age and background amongst our PCC.

If you have even the smallest thought that one of these roles might be for you, then please do talk to Adrian, Neil, Patrick or Ros (the current Wardens) or to a member of the PCC, so that we can encourage you and answer any questions. If you can see the qualities we need in someone else then please do talk to them and encourage them to consider standing. Thank you!

Adrian

AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN NEWCOMERS CAN GET TO KNOW THE CONGREGATION



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MARIE CURIE SPRING LUNCH Raising money for Marie Curie at the TASTE RESTAURANT, Leicester College, Aylestone Road. **Thursday 15th March**, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Tickets are £16.50 per head. There's a bar and a raffle. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401.

ELECTORAL ROLL 2018-2019: the Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the APCM on 15th April. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included, please take an application from the notice board at the back of church and return it to me as soon as possible or **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 25th MARCH**. If you have any queries, please have a word with me. Eileen McKellican {Electoral Roll Officer}.

SPRING CLEAN: many thanks to the team of spring cleaners who gave extra time to sprucing up the building and doing extra jobs last Saturday. It is much appreciated!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: many thanks for your support for Fairtrade Fortnight, through our coffee morning, Fairtrade stall and other donations. We hope to have a total of funds raised for the Fairtrade Foundation next week.

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.

GIVING SCHEME Regular giving can be made either by weekly envelope, periodic cheque or bank standing order. Details of the Scheme can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Giving Scheme Secretary : telephone 0116 2704272 or e-mail: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com If you are a tax payer 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

Please pray.....

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people..." **1 Timothy 2.1**

Praying for the world: Pray for the comfort of all those caught up in conflict and war this week, and especially for parents who have lost children and children who are separated from parents, whether through death, illness, imprisonment or because they are refugees.

Praying for the Church: Pray for **Bishop John Smylie** and the people of our link Diocese in Wyoming, USA. Please also pray for the 'mother church' of our diocese, the Cathedral Church of St Martin, Leicester. Remember the Dean, **the Very Rev'd David Monteith** and his team of staff and volunteers as they guide the Cathedral through further change as it grows into a central place of Christian welcome and witness for all.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue, Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay Road.**

We pray for those who are unwell at the moment.

Gracious God, who journeys alongside us when we are sick, anxious or troubled, we pray today for

**Roger
Helen**

**Doris
Catherine**

Jeanette Young

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

Please pray for those with ongoing illness, and for those whose names are on the prayer board in the Requiem Chapel.

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.



We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends:

**Mary Parkinson
Jean Hames
Edgar Jones**

**Howard Bartlett
Allan Davidson**

**Margaret Ellershaw
Ellis Arthur Bowes
(WW1 Centenary Death)**

Please advise Adrian or Neil of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list.