



St Mary Magdalen Church Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

7th May 2017
4th Sunday of Easter

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. As the main 10am service is for all ages, there is no Sunday Club for the children this week.

As part of the 8.00am and 11.30am services 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.

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.

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Diary for the Week

Sunday 7th May	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
4th Sunday of Easter	10.00am	All Age Worship
	11.30am	Holy Eucharist
Monday 8th May	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Julian of Norwich		
Tuesday 9th May	9.30am	Holy Eucharist
	1.30pm	Organ Practice
Wednesday 10th May	1.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church)
Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Choir Practice (St Guthlacs)
Thursday 11th May	10.00am	Thursday Club (Centre)
	7.30pm	Standing Committee (Narthex)
Friday 12th May	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday 13th May		
Sunday 14th May	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
5th Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 7th May 2017

The Bible readings set for today are:

Genesis 7 'Go into the ark....'

Acts 2.42-end 'Day by day....'

John 10.1-10 'I am the gate for the sheep....'

The sermon is titled: 'Will the Lord add to our number?'

Kingdom Questions

Over six Sundays, leading up to Pentecost, our sermons will pick up the theme of '*Kingdom Questions*', taken from our readings in the Acts of the Apostles. You might like to look at the readings in advance.

30th April	Acts 2.14a, 36-41	What shall we do?
7th May	Acts 2.42-end	Will the Lord add to our number?
14th May	Acts 6.8-10, 7.48-60	What kind of house will you build?
21st May	Acts 17.22-31	Who is the Unknown God?
28th May	Acts 1.6-14	Will you restore the Kingdom?
4th June	Acts 2.1-21	What does this mean?

EVENTS / DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK this year begins on **May 14th**. Because a number of current collectors aren't able to help, or are away, we need more volunteers if we are to cover the roads that we are allocated. Can **you** help? We are always looking for new volunteers to collect from just a few houses. If you are able to help, please speak to Ros Astles (0116 2707828) or Ida Stanyer (0116 2706270) Thank you.

SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP (SLCP) invite you to a Service for Christian Aid Week on **Sunday 14 May** 6.30 pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church , 315 London Road, LE2 3ND. Guest speaker is Richard Pickering from Christian Aid.

JOYCE GARNER Sadly, Joyce has passed away and her funeral will be in Church on **Tuesday 16th May** at 1.00pm.

BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY **Friday 9th June** at 2.00pm. Taste Restaurant, Leicester College. Super sandwiches and canapes, sublime scones, delicious cakes, tea and coffee. A bargain at only £15 per head. Help to raise funds for home-based nursing care. Early reservations recommended. Raffle and bar available. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Saturday June 10th "A Right Royal Occasion" This will be our Summer Lunch for 2017. Tickets available soon. Put this date in your diary please.

Joke of the Week

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

NOTICES

READER NEEDED If you are planning to attend the Christian Aid service, and would like to read at the service, please speak to Neil.

URGENT HELP REQUIRED As Christian Aid week rapidly approaches (14th - 21st May) there are still many of our allocated roads that do not have a deliverer/collector. If you feel you could spare some of your precious time to help this fantastic cause all is not lost. At the back of church will be bundles of remaining envelopes and the roads that need covering, all you need to do is select which road you could cover and then sign the sheet so we know who has taken them. We would be very grateful. All instructions and badges/certificates will be there but please do not hesitate to call if you need any further help/information. Many thanks Rosalind Astles(2707828) and Ida Stanyer (2706270)

CHRISTIAN AID EAST AFRICA EMERGENCY APPEAL: collections in church amounted to **£480.65**, which will be enhanced by **£111** through Gift Aid. Many thanks for your generosity. The latest news from Christian Aid is that **£50 million** was raised in the first three weeks.

MARY SARJEANT Mary is now in residential care in Devon near to her son, Peter. She sends many thanks for the cards and good wishes she has received. If you would like to know more please ask Lorna Pollard.

Gentle Shepherd

There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need You to help us find our way.

Looking Back and Looking Ahead.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in St Mary's Annual Meeting last Sunday, when we reviewed the year past and looked ahead to shaping the future life of the church. I'm very grateful to all those who have served in the many different and varied roles that support our church community and all its activities.

At the meeting Patrick Holligan and Ros Matthews were confirmed as our Church Wardens. Then we said a particular 'thank you' to Lorna Kirk, Lorna Pollard and Doreen White, who all came to the end of their terms as PCC members, and to Angela Hunt, who has decided to step down.

The 'new faces' elected onto the PCC are Tanya Willis, Carolyn Oldershaw, Ann Squires and Mary Britton. We also elected representatives to the Deanery Synod: David Stanyer and Bob Rutland once again, and Celia Owczorek to replace Gary Hunt, whose term has ended.

At its first meeting the new PCC then elected Patrick Holligan as Vice Chair, David Stanyer as Treasurer and Simon Britton as Secretary. It was also agreed to co-opt Angelica Amorosa as an extra PCC member.

Once again thanks all around; I'm very much looking forward to working with the new team in leading the church.

Adrian

Church Bells

A minister was walking to church one morning when he passed one of his members working in his garden. "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" asked the minister.

"Eh, what's that?" said the member.

"Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?"

"I'm afraid you'll have to speak a little louder!" said the member.

"CAN'T YOU HEAR THOSE BELLS CALLING YOU TO CHURCH?!"
shouted the minister.

"I'm sorry," said the member, "I can't hear you because of those darned
BELLS!"

THY KINGDOM COME: Join in and change the world one prayer at a time. Between **25th May and 4th June**, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families, neighbours and people within their local communities come to know Jesus Christ. Here in the Benefice of Knighton we will be joining together in this life of prayer. Over the course of the 10 days we will be focussing our prayers and services on this theme. There is something planned for each day from Ascension to Pentecost. This will include our regular weekend and Sunday services, some additional events to allow people a chance to join in and finally an opportunity for each to respond in our own surroundings. We encourage all members of our church communities to join in as much as you are able whether it be coming to a service or focussing your private prayers on the Lord's Kingdom coming on earth. Prayer cards will be available in both churches to help and guide your days of private prayers.

The following services and events will take place across the Benefice:

Thursday 25 th May	Ascension Day Service (Combined service)	7:30 PM	St Mary's
Friday 26 th May	Communion Service	11:00 AM	St Mary's
Saturday 27 th May	Day of private prayer		
Sunday 28 th May	Regular Service	10:00 AM	St Mary's
Sunday 28 th May	Regular Service	10:30 AM	St Guthlac's
Monday 29 th May	Day of private prayer		
Tuesday 30 th May	Communion Service	9:30 AM	St Mary's
Tuesday 30 th May	Prayer service	7:30 PM	St Guthlac's
Wednesday 31 st May	Day of private prayer		
Thursday 1 st June	Communion Service	9:30 AM	St Guthlac's
Thursday 1 st June	Prayer Service	7:30 PM	St Mary's
Friday 2 nd June	Communion Service	11:00 AM	St Mary's
Saturday 3 rd June	Prayer service	10:30 AM	St Guthlac's

We encourage everyone to get involved and join in this life of prayer. If you would like more information www.thykingdomcome.global and keep an eye on the newsletter.



MEMORY CAFÉ If you or a member of your family have issues with dementia, the Alzheimer's Society run Memory Cafes. They happen at St Thomas More Community Rooms every 4th Wednesday from 1.30pm - 3.30pm and at St Guthlac's Church on every 2nd Friday also from 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

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: stewardship@knightonparish.co.uk 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

We pray for those who are unwell at the moment:

Revd Richard Bonney Julie Everitt

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:

Joyce Garner Beryl Deakin
Wendy Morris Allan Dodds
Margaret Dodds

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

