



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

7th January 2018
Epiphany

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.

Diary for the Week

Sunday 7th January Epiphany	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Service 11.30am Holy Communion
Monday 8th January	
Tuesday 9th January	9.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 10th January Parish Office Closed	1.00pm Tiny Tots (Narthex)
Thursday 11th January	10.00am Thursday Morning Club (Centre) 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Centre)
Friday 12th January	
Saturday 13th January	10.00am Coffee Morning
Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

The next Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 26th January 2018**.

The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 7th January 2017

Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 60.1-6 (10am v1-3 only)

Ephesians 3.1-12 (not 10am)

Matthew 2.1-12 (all services)

The sermon title today is "**Meeting Jesus - a Travelling Band**"

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"MEETING JESUS" -

OUR SUNDAY SERMONS FROM EPIPHANY TO LENT.

For the six Sundays between Epiphany and Lent, our Sunday sermons take the theme '*Meeting Jesus*' and each looks at what happened when a specific person or people met with Jesus, as told to us by the Gospel writer John (and Matthew for Epiphany Sunday). You might find it helpful to read through the passages in your Bible at home before each service. We will be using the New International Version (NIV) in church, but the translation will be broadly similar in most versions.

Our series is:

7th January	<i>Meeting Jesus: a Travelling Band</i>	Matthew 2.1-12
14th January	<i>Meeting Jesus: a Thoughtful Pair</i>	John 1.43-end
21st January	<i>Meeting Jesus: a Wedding Crowd</i>	John 2.1-11
28th January	<i>Meeting Jesus: a Frightened Teacher</i>	John 3.1-10
5th February	<i>Meeting Jesus: a Questionable Woman</i>	John 4.4-26
11th February	<i>Meeting Jesus: a Hopeful Invalid</i>	John 5.1-15

Adrian

SleepOut Challenge# An Update: Approaching £1200!!!

Once again, my grateful thanks for all the support I received (in so many ways) for this event. So far, I have collected £930, with a few donations still outstanding, which is truly AMAZING!

When gift aid is claimed and any outstanding donations received, the total is likely to be in excess of £1100. Thank you all so much.

If you have sponsored me but have not yet let me have your donation, please do so as soon as possible as I would like to send the money off within the next week.

The web article is still available on the website: [https://](https://www.leicester.anglican.org)

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and the radio interview can be listened to at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05nbnch>

Neil Bullen

Chalking the Door: an Epiphany House Blessing.

“Chalking the door” is an ancient Christian tradition that is once again becoming popular. It is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. Remembering how the Three Kings sought out Jesus at home and in his family, we ask for God's blessing on our own homes, families and all who visit us, as we start a New Year.

This year, our prayers are symbolised by using the markings **20+C+M+B+18**. The numbers remind us of the year and the letters stand for the legendary names of the Kings (Caspar, Melchior and Belthazar) but more importantly for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedictat* or “May Christ bless the house.”

To 'Chalk the Door' this Epiphany, follow these simple steps:
First gather your 'household' outside, by the door - all who want to share what you are doing. If you live alone, consider asking a friend or neighbour to join you.

Pray- using the prayer below, or something similar.

Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

Amen

*Loving God, bless this household we pray,
with faith, compassion and generosity;
with health, peace, love and joy.*

*May all who come to our home this year
rejoice to find Christ living among us;
and as we welcome and serve everyone we meet,
may we all know that same Jesus
who has been revealed to the world
as your Son and our Saviour.*

Amen.

Write the inscription - with a piece of chalk, take it in turns to mark the lintel of the door or porch, or a wall close to the door, with **20+C+M+B+18**, as you do so saying '*May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.*'

Although the chalk will fade over the course of the year, God's presence and blessing will stay with us. To encourage you, there is a basket of free chalk at the back of the church! Do please take a piece on your way home today.

Adrian

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

'Don't worry about what you ought to do. Worry about loving. Don't interrogate heaven repeatedly and uselessly saying, "What course of action should I pursue?" Concentrate on loving instead. And by loving you will find out what is for you. Loving, you will listen to the Voice. Loving, you will find peace.'

Carlo Carretto (1910 - 1988), a member of the Little Brothers of Jesus in Italy, and author of 'Letters From The Desert'.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL: there are envelopes in the pews for your gifts for the appeal for the food crisis in South Sudan and Burkina Faso

This year, the Government are matching our donations, pound for pound, in addition, amazingly, to the usual Gift Aid uplift, so your donation can be enhanced by 125%! The Appeal extends until the beginning of February, so, if you haven't brought money to church, you can return the envelope, via the collection plate, next week or in the new year.
www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP? We are looking for two or more people to join our Church Cleaning Team. This involves "light" cleaning duties every other month on the 2nd Tuesday of that month, 10.15am - 11.45am. If you could help please have a word with Doreen White 270 4744

COMMUNITY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS TEA APPEAL

Many thanks to all who so generously supported this years appeal. Your donations as in previous years were outstanding. The food was taken to the men at the Community of Grace on Christmas Eve and was very much appreciated. Thank you again. Bernard, Adrian, Neil and Sue.



Coffee Morning
Saturday 13th January 2018
10.00am - 12 noon
St Mary Magdalen Church

STALLS TO INCLUDE:

BOOKS AND UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

JUST COME ALONG

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

Pilgrimage services will be at Noon, other than at the Quakers which will be at 12.30pm:

Monday 15th January - St John the Baptist Church

Tuesday 16th January - St Thomas More Church

Wednesday 17th January - Leicester Quakers

Thursday 18th January - St Mary Magdalen Church

Friday 19th January - Clarendon Park Congregational Church

The United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be at Christchurch on **21st January at 6.30pm**. We are delighted that the Christian Unity service at Christchurch will be joined by the Methodist Circuit.

REF: £10 NOTES

Please note the last Sunday for old £10 notes is **Sunday 25th February**.

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

12 th January	Annette Day Action on Hearing loss
9 th February	Farzana from Parkwood Healthcare on healthy lifestyle
9 th March	Nisha Popat - Seated exercise and laughter
13 th April	Deirdra and Stephen Cusack - Group Singing
11 th May	Clare King from the British Red Cross

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

**Joyce Garland Alison Prior David Griffin
Helen**

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:

**Isabel Leach Pam Castleman Jean Mary Kirk
Jean Ewin Tony Mortimer**

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

