



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

10th December 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent

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 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00am 10.00am 3.30pm	Eucharist Sung Eucharist Christingle Service
Monday 11th December	10.15am 7.30pm	Funeral - Mr Peter Beams Bell Ringing
Tuesday 12th December	9.30am	Eucharist
Wednesday 13th December Parish Office Closed	10.00am 1.00pm	Advent Group Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church)
Thursday 14th December Parish Office Closed	9.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Overdale Junior School Concert Eucharist at St Guthlac's church Thursday Club (Centre)
Friday 15th December	9.00am 12.30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	Overdale Junior School Concert Funeral - Mrs Janet Ann Corbett Flower arranging Choir Practice for 9 lessons
Saturday 16th December	9.00am	Flower arranging
Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Eucharist Sung Eucharist Nine Lessons & Carols

The next Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 26th January 2018**. Please note there is **no** service on the last Friday in December, in the week after Christmas.

This morning Adrian our Vicar is presiding at St Guthlac's.

The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 10th December 2017

'Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 40.1-11 '...**And the glory of the Lord ...**'

2 Peter 3.8-15a '....**patience means salvation...**'

Mark 1.1-8 '..**Prepare the way for the Lord....**'

The sermon today is titled '**Unlikely Prophets?**'

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PLANTING FOR TOMORROW - listening to God. Many thanks to all of you who have prayed with me during the season between All Saints and Advent, as we seek to understand what God might be saying to our Church about the future. Please do continue to read your Bibles day by day, and listen to the Word on Sundays, attentive to those things that God highlights for you (see my 'Vicar's Letter' in the latest Magazine). Do make a note of them so that you can let me know. Adrian

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Once again, one of the notice boards at the back of church will be reserved for those who would like to send a 'shared' card to their friends in the congregation. A donation for doing so may be made to The Children's Society, in the box provided. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES We are hoping to sing carols at Ashlands Residential Home on **Wednesday 13th December** at 2.30pm and at St Georges on **Friday 15th December** also at 2.30pm. Both homes are in Ratcliffe Road. Your support at these two annual events is always very much appreciated. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church. Thank you. Doreen White.

'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES'.. Melton Mowbray Choral Society presents their annual Christmas concert in the newly refurbished St Mary's Church (Melton!). I will be conducting as usual and the programme includes the Christmas music from Handel's Messiah, and lots of the usual favourites. I would love to see you there! **Saturday 16th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £9 if purchased in advanced, or £10 on the door. Refreshments available and will include a free mince pie! (made by James's mum!). Tickets are available from the Parish Office. *James*

THE HOLLY & THE IVY....St Mary's Flower Guild look forward to welcoming all who would like to help us with our Christmas arrangements on **Friday 15th December** starting at 2pm continuing on **Saturday 16th** at 9.30am. If you can deliver some holly or ivy on **Friday 15th December**, this would be appreciated. Further info from Deborah Martin on 0116 2707525

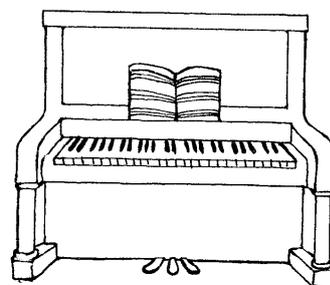
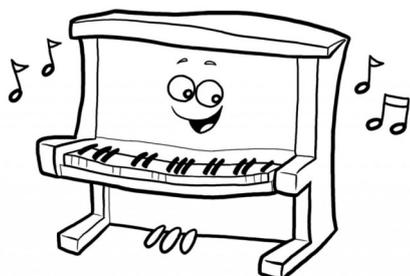
CHRISTMAS TEA Father Christmas and the Pink Fairy invite you to join them for tea, readings and carols on **Saturday 16th December** in the Parish Centre. 3.00pm - 5.30pm. Tickets available from Sue Ardley 2219604. Adults £6 - Children £4.

Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Thursday 14th December.

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

PIANOS UPDATE The piano that was gifted to us from the late Michael Arnison has now been fitted with safety bracketed castors, so that it can now be moved if needed. It has also been fine tuned and now has a rather nice protective cover. Our piano technician thinks it's a very fine example of a John Broadwood piano and should be looked after.

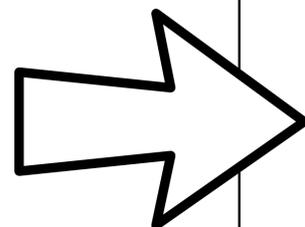
Also, the piano in Church has now been fitted with new safety bracketed castors and has been tuned.



A Rough Sleeper reported in St Mary Magdalen Church!

On the night of **Wednesday 20th December** Revd Neil will be 'rough sleeping' in the church, not because his wife Jackie has kicked him out, but to raise awareness of the plight of the many homeless people in our society. This will be part of the Church Urban Fund's 'Advent Sleepout Challenge 2017'

For further details please see: <https://www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk/>



NEWSFLASH!

Neil will have no blankets, pillows, food or drink with him when he starts this challenge. He will be relying on the generosity and provision of others. Please don't let him get too cold!

(to maintain authenticity as far as possible, please don't tell Neil beforehand if you intend to provide anything)

If you would like to support Neil in this endeavour, there is a sponsorship sheet at the back of church or you may even consider joining Neil and raising your own sponsorship for this very worthwhile course (please speak to Neil about this).

THE ADVENT
SLEEPOUT
CHALLENGE 2017

TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND HELP TRANSFORM LIVES



To find out more, contact:

Neil

We're taking the Advent Sleepout Challenge and we'd love you to join us.

Money raised will be distributed by Church Urban Fund via the Together Network; offering support and practical solutions to thousands of England's most marginalised people.

This is a great way to do something really special in the run up to Christmas, so get your wooly jumper on, get in touch and join in the fun.



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WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

"If we knew how to listen to God, we should hear him speaking to us, for God does speak. He speaks in his Gospel; he speaks also through life - that new Gospel to which we ourselves add a page each day."

Michel Quoist (1921-1997), French Catholic Priest and writer, best known for 'Prayers of Life' published in 1954 in French, and 1965 in English.



Advent Meditations with Simon Headley, Leicester Cathedral Organist

Monday 11 December - Leicester Cathedral
1:00pm - 1:45pm

Poetry, Readings and Music

Free Admission!

All Welcome!



COMMUNITY OF GRACE CHRISTMAS TEA TIME WISH 2017

Do you think you could help to make this Christmas special for the 16 men who reside at the Community of Grace?

The number of men invariably rises at Christmas.

They would love to have a "special Christmas tea time" on Christmas Day (and other days during Christmas week if possible).

If you can help please see the suggested food list next to the decorated box which will be near the tower vestry , everything is needed from teabags, milk sugar and biscuits but let your imagination run wild don't be confined by the list.

All donated food will be taken on the 23rd December.

The milk bottle is there for any donations to buy milk for the men to use during Christmas week.

Whilst your donations would be gratefully received we also appreciate that you may be supporting other charities at this, and other, times.

If you need any further information please speak to Adrian, Bernard Stone or Sue Holligan

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 **Knighton Lane East, Pendlebury Drive, Larchwood Close, Chadderton Close, Dawson Way.**

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

**Alison Prior
Shirley Wills**

Cathy Aska-Curtis

David Griffin

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:

**Peter Beams
Janet Corbett**

**Angela Hefford
Rupert Hunte**

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

