



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

18th February 2018
1st Sunday of Lent

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 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 19th February Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 20th February Parish Office Closed	9.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 21st February Parish Office Closed	1.00pm Tiny Tots (Narthex)
Thursday 22nd February	10.00am Thursday Morning Club (Centre)
Friday 23rd February	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 24th February	12 noon Lent Lunch (Centre)
Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

The next Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 23rd February 2018**.

Listening to God's Word, Sunday 18th February 2018

Our Bible readings today are:

Genesis 9.8-17

1 Peter 3.18-end

Mark 1.9-15

The sermon title today is

"Temptation, preparation and the urgency of Mark"

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).

The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

CHERISHING THE PAST

With nearly fifty responses to my questions about 'Cherishing the Past, Shaping the Present and Planting for Tomorrow' I'd like to start giving you some feedback on what, together, you've been telling me. So at the back of the church today you'll see a display of some of the comments you've made about what we should hold onto as particularly special from our history and tradition at St Mary's. If you want to say something about what you read there then please write in one of the speech bubbles on the table and put it into the response box. Next week I'll share with you some of our congregations thoughts about 'Shaping the Present'. *Adrian*

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The services on 2nd March are not just for women but have been prepared for everyone by Christian women of Suriname. There are services at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road at 2pm; at Clarendon Park Congregational Church at 7.30pm and don't forget the Messy Church at Stoneygate Baptists at 3.30pm. All three services have the same theme: "All God's Creation is Very Good!".

BOOKS - there are 15 new titles in the bookcase for you to buy/ borrow (suggested donation 50p.) Everything from romance to spy thrillers. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated them. All monies raised go towards church funds. S.H.

READY, TEDDY.....

Do you have a teddy bear looking for a new home and occasional employment? I would like to recruit a small team of teddies to help me with All Age Worship - they need to be in good condition and between 20 and 30 cm sitting height (8-12 inches). Colour is not important but any jumpers or coats would be welcome too! Please attach a name label to your teddy and let me have it on or before Sunday 25th February. Many thanks. *Adrian*

LENT LUNCH A simple meal of soup, bread, cheese, biscuits and pickle, followed by tea or coffee. **Saturday 24th February 2018** 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Tickets £6 - Available from Bernard and Judi.

THANKS to all who have given their "loose change" into the plastic bottle at the back of the church which is labelled "Grifaid". The contents, plus a couple of generous donations in plastic bags, has resulted in a cheque for **£117.40**, via the treasurer, being sent to the Safe Water Trust ("Grifaid").

Jeremy M.

THE EUCHARIST EXPLAINED

Why do we have a 'Gospel Procession'?

It would be a very unusual act of Christian worship that did not have readings from the Bible, and usually there is a specific reading from one of the four Gospels. Within the Church of England there is a good deal of variety in the way the 'Gospel' is read at the Eucharist however and no 'right way'.

In some churches it is read simply from the lectern by a lay person, which reminds us that it is God's word to us all and needs no additions. In some churches the reading desk, or 'ambo', is in the middle of the nave aisle, which reminds us that we all share this gift and should be able to hear it easily. In some traditions there is a 'Gospel Procession' in which the Gospel Book is carried into the congregation, accompanied by a cross and candles, before the passage is read by a deacon. The ritual around the reading then emphasises that these words carry a uniquely special significance and come from God to his people. In more Catholic services the deacon performs a ritual of blessing the forehead, lips and book with small crosses before reading, and then elevating the book while declaring "The Gospel of the Lord." Incense is sometimes used as well.

Whatever tradition is followed, the actions should help us pay attention to the Gospel reading itself, rather than becoming a complicated distraction. At St Mary's the tradition of a Gospel procession began about ten years ago I understand.

Adrian

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).

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD CHURCH

'The Gospel must be properly preached, properly led and properly resourced to support the engine of the church, and it is children who are the engine, the strength of the church. We are just tyres; nearly worn out. Our children need knowledge; if we have children who have the Word of God the Anglican church will go far" – **Bishop Hilkiyah Omindo Deya** (Mara, Tanzania)

LENT GROUP

Our Lent Group this year begins on **Wednesday 21st February**, in the morning 10-11.30am at the home of Doreen White, 2 Shanklin Gardens, and in the evening 7.30-9pm at the Vicarage, 5 Church Lane. Our theme is 'Singing the Faith' and we'll be exploring five great hymns and how they help us understand the events leading to Easter. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church if you'd like to come.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH!

We each have a part to play in the life of our local church and you may be wondering how, in this new year, you can do your bit to support our life and worship together. There are four particular roles where we could do with extra help at the moment -

- if you can give some time before and after the 10am Sunday service, once every few weeks, then have a word with Cora Paul about helping on the *coffee rota*, or talk to Ros and Patrick the Church Wardens about helping with our welcome, as a *sidesperson* ;
- if you have an hour or two to give once a month, at a time convenient for you, then please talk to David Ardley about helping with the *cleaning of the Communion silver*;
- if you have good IT and communication skills then you can help us manage our *church website* so please talk to Adrian.

We are always looking to add to the members of the Flower Guild and to the rotas for readers and those leading prayers on Sunday morning, so again please talk to Adrian if this is something that you can offer to support our worship together.

Many thanks.



Have you got a bright idea to raise funds for St. Mary's Church and Parish?
The Social & Fundraising Group would like suggestions for new and innovative ways of raising money. Can you help us to involve as many parishioners as possible in supporting our Church and its work? Please speak to the Chair (Michael Kirk) or Secretary (Cora Paul).
They are waiting to hear from you.



The next Messy Church will be on **Friday 2nd March**

Stoneygate Baptist Church

3.15pm until 5.45pm.

A hot meal will be served.

THANKS Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated to my New York trip. Your kind donations have meant that I have been able to go, and as you read this, I'll be in Manhattan, probably at the Sung Eucharist in the awe inspiring St John the Divine Cathedral. I cannot thank you enough for you kind gifts. I am so proud of my choir for having this opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall. The big performance is on Monday 19th at 7.00pm. My choir (with other choirs) are singing Mozart's Requiem in the first half and the other choirs are singing Durufle's Requiem in the second half. Please think of us all on Monday evening. I'll take lots of photos!

With much love and grateful thanks, James :)





"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 be 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.

THANK YOU Ann and Virginia Beams send heartfelt thanks for all the support and sympathy they have received since Peter's death in November. Every message, card, letter, kindness and thoughtful remembrance has been a great comfort to them and will continue to be so in the months yet to come.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS You may like to look on the Church website, where a new page called 'Previous Newsletters' has been created. Several months of newsletters have already been added. The plan is to hold a year's worth. It's very interesting to look back and see what we did. You'll find these by clicking on 'Resources', and then clicking 'Previous Newsletters' on the drop down menu.

Bishop Martyn's School of Prayer 2018

All Christians know that prayer is a vitally important aspect of discipleship, and that is both a discipline and a joy. In prayer we open ourselves to God, and are drawn into relationship with Him, into peace and joy. But despite knowing all that, prayer sometimes seems difficult.

Bishop Martyn will be leading a School of Prayer at Launde Abbey, from **9th-13th May**, with worship, teaching, conversation, and workshops around the themes of Prayer and Scripture, Prayer and Silence, and Prayer and Social Action. He will be assisted by a team that includes David Newman (Warden, Launde Abbey), Helen Newman (Chaplain, Launde Abbey), Chris Webb (Spirituality Advisor to the Diocese and author, as well as a resident artist and a resident musician).

Bishop Martyn, who describes prayer as 'a foretaste of heaven' says: "I hope this School of Prayer will help people grow and develop in their own prayer lives. This is an open invitation for anyone at all, whether you're experienced in prayer or feel yourself to be a complete novice: come and join us."

Although anyone can book for all five days and stay residentially at Launde, we are hoping to organise a group of day visitors from St Mary's and St Guthlac's to attend together, probably on **Thursday 10th May**. The cost of £37.50 includes coffee, lunch and tea, but if this feels beyond your pocket then please do mention this to me. As we'll need to book well in advance, please let me know if you'd like to come as part of our group by Sunday **25th February**. I'll collect money closer to the time.

Adrian



Monthly Tea and Talk Meetings at St Guthlac's Church:

Tuesday 27th February 7.00 pm Film: Housewife 49 (Cert PG, 92 mins)

Come and join us for the next of our monthly social meetings where we can share a talk, film, book or music over tea, coffee and cake. Admission is free.

Housewife 49 was written by and stars Victoria Wood. It is set in Northern England and based on a true story about Nella Last's 'Mass Observation' diary. Trapped in a difficult marriage and dreading the departure of her beloved son who leaves to fight in the Second World War, Nella (Victoria Wood) draws strength from the diary, writing down all the things she cannot say to her controlling husband (David Threlfall). Meanwhile, the support and companionship she finds at the Women's Voluntary Service - in particular from the formidable Mrs Waite (Stephanie Cole) - brings her joy and liberation during the difficult years of the war.

There will be the chance to discuss the film informally after the showing.



130 year Celebration!!

Our insurer, Ecclesiastical, are celebrating 130 years of providing insurance by offering **to donate to our Church £130 for each new house insurance policy** taken up in 2018 under this scheme.

If you want to consider this, **please visit** www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call **0800 783 0130** and quote **TRUST130**

There are notices also at back of Church and in the Centre.

Lunchtime Concert at Leicester Cathedral

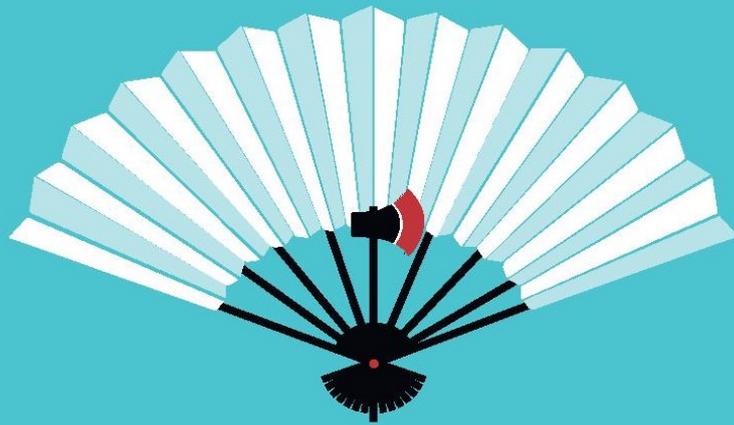
Loughborough Endowed Schools Chamber Choir

1.00pm

Monday 19th February

All welcome!

Free Admission!



LEICESTER GILBERT AND SULLIVAN
MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

THE MIKADO

Tuesday 6 – Saturday 10 March 2018

Evening 7.30pm | Matinee 2.30pm
Tickets: Evening £15.00, Sat Matinee £14.00

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If you fancy a really good night out, then why not get tickets for this performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Mikado'?

Dates: Tuesday 6th March until Saturday 10th March.

This promises to be an excellent performance with **The Mikado played by none other than our very own Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster!**

It would be great to support Stephen. A party of 11+ from church are already booked to go on the Friday night.

Please call the box office on 0116 255 1302.

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

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



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.

REF: £10 NOTES

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

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 greater understanding of what we all need to do in order to protect the natural world, and for a greater willingness to work together across all nations to make it happen.

Praying for the Church: pray for **Bishop Stanley Hotay** and the people of our link Diocese of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Please also pray for our own Launde Abbey, it's clergy team headed by Warden the **Rev David Newman**, and the House Staff; pray for all those who will come on retreat this spring and summer, and for the Bishop's Staff Team who meet at Launde this week.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Kingsmead Road, Northfold Road, Eastcourt Road, Westgate Road, Lynholme Road, Deancourt 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**

**Audrey Simons
Laurie Jarvis**

Audrey Griffiths

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:

Janet Wayne

Doug Ardington



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