



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



Sunday 25th July 2021

8th Sunday after Trinity

**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,
this Sunday and through the week**

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 25th July James the Apostle	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs
Monday 26th July	12 noon Midday Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 27th July	2.30pm Mothers Union meeting
Wednesday 28th July	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 29th July	6.45pm Parish Players Rehearsal
Friday 30th July	
Saturday 31st July	12.30pm Wedding
Sunday 1st August	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs

Sunday Worship at St Mary's: *July*

It is good that we can now meet again in church for worship on Sundays, but as you'll know there are a few precautions we still need to take.

- Please remember to phone the Church Office (0116 270 2705) to book your place at any service in the next two weeks. Please note that the office closes for the weekend at 2.30pm on Friday afternoons.
- As you arrive please be ready to queue and maintain a distance of 2m from others;
- Please wear a face covering all the time you are in the church;
- You will be welcomed, asked to sanitise your hands, given a service sheet and directed to a seat;
- We are still using marked places only for sitting but friends can sit together in a group of up to six, as long as they are 2m from anyone else.

- The side chapels are reserved in the first instance for those who would prefer to maintain more distance from others;
- If it is a Communion service then stewards will direct you to receive your wafer at the right time;
- Please keep your face mask on until you have your wafer and then consume the wafer as you move away;
- Sadly the congregation are still not permitted to sing.
- After the service please keep your distance from others as you leave and do not linger in the building - sadly we can't offer refreshments yet;
- Please sanitise your hands as you leave;
- The toilets are available but please keep good hygiene standards.

If you should feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus in the two weeks following the service, as well as seeking medical advice, please leave a message at the Parish Office so that we can inform others if need be.

Thank you!

Important Update: Although the Government has said there will be no restrictions on communal worship after 19th July, there will be some strong advice in place that our PCC must take time to consider. There will also be revised guidance from the national Church of England at some point, and again we will need to talk this through in detail. The Bishop of London has urged a cautious approach to change by our churches.

Therefore, at the moment, we intend to keep our Sunday arrangements as they are, including for Sunday 25th July. As soon as we can agree on the way ahead we will, of course, let you know! Adrian

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 25th July** are:

2 Kings 4.42-end

Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' ⁴³ But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

John 6.1-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said,

'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Reflection from Revd Janet Gasper Mary Magdalene (22nd July)

I shall be preaching on the readings for Trinity 8 but I would like to share here the story of our Patron saint. Mary was one of the inner circle of women followers of Jesus. Her name suggests that she came from Magdala, a large city on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was an Administrative centre and like our large cities today, Magdala would have been an interesting and challenging place to live.

In Luke Chapter 8 v 2 it is said that Mary was healed by Jesus of seven evil spirits. We don't know what exactly is implied here. The passage refers to a list of women followers who had also been healed. There is no evidence from the Gospels that Mary was a prostitute, as she has been portrayed in popular belief and some films. There is no evidence to identify her with the woman who anoints the feet of Jesus or with Mary of Bethany.

Maybe Mary was struggling, as many of us are today, with the pressures of everyday life and finding it difficult to cope physically, emotionally and spiritually; and in this depressed state she meets Jesus, an itinerant Rabbi travelling around Galilee, preaching about God's love in a new and exciting way and he brings her to wholeness of body, mind and spirit accepting her as she is and inviting her to turn with joy and thanksgiving to serve God and neighbour.

Mary followed Jesus to the end of his earthly life- when most of the disciples had fled, Mary stays beside the cross and after Jesus's death she lingers with a couple of the other women

disciples as hasty burial arrangements are made. We can only imagine what she went through - many of us know the despair of losing someone precious to us. The pain of loss causes us doubt, remorse and regret, and to blank off all thoughts of a future.

It is in such a state early on Easter morning that Mary makes her way to the tomb to make amends for the way Jesus had been buried on Good Friday evening. When she finds the tomb empty - she has come to carry out a last act of remembrance and homage - she wonders if she has come to the wrong place. But Mary becomes the first disciple to encounter the Risen Jesus. Only when he speaks her name does she recognise him, but that is enough and Jesus is able to send her out to the other disciples with the joyful news of his Resurrection and so Mary is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles". Mary clung to Jesus by faith, believed that God's love and power in Jesus could free her and change her.

Stories of saints are good for us because they are stories of ordinary people touched by God's love in Jesus and helped by the Holy Spirit to become fuller human beings, fuller members of the communities of our world and more able to empathise with others.

Rev Janet Gasper



Victim and Survivor Invitation for Past Cases Review 2

There is still an open invitation to anyone who wants to make representations about their experience as a victim or survivor of church related abuse in this diocese to contribute to the national Past Cases Review 2 process which is ongoing in 2021. This in relation to the response they received from the Church, however long ago this may have occurred. Contact details below.

Rachael Spiers, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser:

07930 819 279 Rachael.Spiers@LeicesterCofE.org

Peter Holloway, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser:

07930 887 984 Peter.Holloway@LeicesterCofE.org

Dedicated independent phone line run by the NSPCC:

0800 80 2020

National Church of England Safeguarding Team:

safeguarding@churchofengland.org

There is also always an open invitation to come forward with information or make a new disclosure regarding church-related abuse or a request for support.

You can read more about the Past Cases Review 2 online at:

www.leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding

Our Diocese is looking back and conducting a safeguarding review.....

We have all heard from the news over recent years about the tragedy of abuse endured by some children, young people and also adults. The Diocese of Leicester, along with the rest of the Church of England, has been conducting a review of church-related cases from the past. This review aims to check that all victims have had the opportunity to speak about their abuse and be heard, and that all cases have been considered in the right way and action taken where needed. The review is nearing its conclusion, but as you'll see from this poster there is still an opportunity for anyone who feels that they suffered from abuse within a church context, to give their views on the response made by the church at the time and since.

If you have any experience of abuse that you feel may not have been reported, recognised or acted on properly, then please do contact the names on the poster. If you would prefer, then get in touch with our parish safeguarding co-ordinators first: Ann Hunt (St Guthlac's) and Cora Paul (St Mary's), or talk to me.

Adrian

Eco-Tip of the week



Flying

The 3 most impactful things we can do as individuals in the fight against the Climate Emergency are i) eat less meat ii) fly less iii) use green renewable energy for our homes. Other than that, inter-governmental policy and corporate decision making needs to happen. For these three weeks, we will consider each one and the associated mind-set as the helpful 'Eco Tip'.

Air flight produces the equivalent Co2 per passenger per mile as 3-4 passenger travelling by car. A return journey to New York produces the equivalent of 1.2 tonnes of CO2 per passenger. We all love holidays and can justify air flight for our unique set of circumstances. I wonder if the old fashioned concepts of temperance are useful here. Just because we can, should we? The consequences of climate emergency adversely affects those least contributing to global warming, the poorest communities in the Southern hemisphere, Pacific Islands. Perhaps the kinds of places one may wish to visit. Can we temper our desires? Can we fly only we really have to not because it is cheap or exotic? Who pays the price for our pleasure?

Of course, with most of our choices, we have to live with a level of hypocrisy and compromise. Thankfully as Christians, we are not to judge and we have a God who forgives. Though such characteristics of our faith, require us to be honest before God and honest with ourselves.

Like, sin, we will fail in our quest for climate justice. However, the object is not to avoid failure perceived hypocrisy, rather, it is to at least try. That starts with the question-do I need to do this? Can I wait, or ration my choice? What are the consequences on others if I do? What alternatives may be available?

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME

Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day to day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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During the current Coronavirus pandemic please put aside your weekly offerings ready to bring to church when things return to something like normal. The costs of the church are largely unchanged even though we cannot meet, so your regular giving is extremely important to our collective 'health' and the mission of God here.



Mothers' Union

A reminder that our first meeting as a Fellowship Group will be on Tuesday, 27th July at 2.30pm in St Mary's.

I am very glad to say that the Revd. Matthew will be with us for our new beginning. LP

CHANGE OF DATES! – *please note the changes below to dates following the Government's delay in relaxing pandemic restrictions.*

Post Lock down 'Teach in': An Introduction to the Gospels

Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster will be running a series of three lectures in **August** as an Introduction to the Gospels. Each session will be 50 minutes interaction/teaching, then 40 minutes tea/biscuits and further questions. The provisional titles are:

August 5th: *'What do YOU/WE know about the Gospels?'*

August 12th: *'What would YOU/WE call the Gospels?*

History?...Story?...Theology?...?

August 19th: *WE look at St Mark...the first Gospel to be written?*

All the sessions will be 2.30pm in St Guthlac's **and** then repeated at 7.30pm in St. Mary's. They will take place in the church to enable social distancing to take place if preferred. Everyone is welcome to attend any/all of the sessions for an instructive and enjoyable get together.

Please bring a notebook and your favourite Bible to each lecture. Drinks to be self provided. Biscuits provided in sealed individual packets. Wearing of face masks preferred unless you're exempt. We will maintain social distancing in seating, entry and exit.

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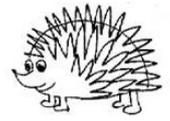
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The Parish Office is open from 9.30am until 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday. The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.



Wildlife
gardening ideas

Knighton Wild



Bug Hunts
& Moth
Traps



Go Wild on Knighton Green

Saturday 31st July 12.00 to 3.00

Stalls from

Saffron Acres

Hedgehog Rescue

St Mary's Eco church & duck race!

Pop up wildlife book library

Name that tree and flower



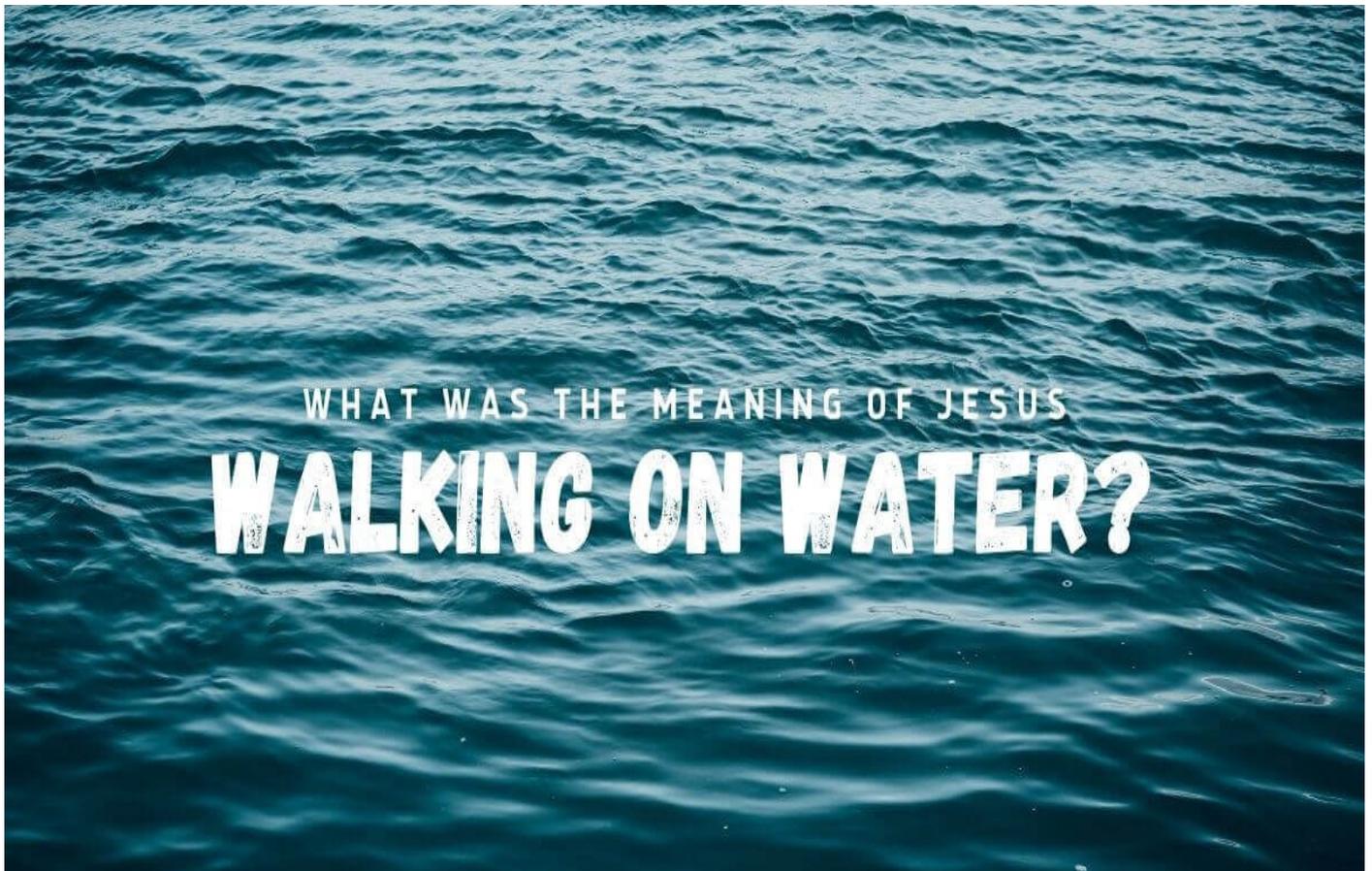
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More details on Knightonwild.org.uk and Facebook



Please pray for the following, who are starting their curacies in our diocese. They were licensed to parishes as lay workers last week and will be ordained as deacons at Michaelmas (Sunday 3 October). Those being ordained priest will also be ordained at Michaelmas (Saturday 2 October).

- Paul Betts, Wigston
- Kas Brown, St Peter Highfields and St Philip, Leicester
- Luke Dobson, Holy Trinity with St John the Divine, Leicester
- Tom Grant, Market Harborough and the Transfiguration – Little Bowden with Lubenham and Great Bowden
- Stephen March, The Hexagon Benefice
- Charles Ndigirwa, St Christopher, Leicester
- Rhianne O'Rourke, Coalville with Bardon Hill and Ravenstone
- Steve O'Rourke, Hugglescote with Donington, Ellistown and Snibston
- David Palmer, "Elderberries" Fresh Expressions in Harborough Team
- Liz Piki, Loughborough, All Saints with Holy Trinity
- Manuela Schmuki, Leicester Cathedral
- Ali Simpson-Smith, Emmaus Team (St John the Baptist), Leicester
- Steve Sweet, The Cornerstone Team
- Kate Szejnmann, Holy Apostles, Leicester
- Ben Williams, Oadby Great Glen Team

Please pray..... *"but you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. "* (Jude, 20-21)

Praying for the World: Please pray for disabled people round the world, especially where there is discrimination and prejudice, and pray that all of us may have a much deeper vision of what it means to be human, and a much greater understanding of God's power being shown through our weaknesses.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the Bishop's Leadership Team in our own Diocese as they now make a plan for our move to a fresh model of ministry across parishes and benefices. Pray for their insight, wisdom, understanding and an openness to the Spirit of God.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue, Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay Road.**

Praying for those in need:

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit, and all those with troubling investigations and diagnoses. We especially pray for all those with long-term ailments, including **Helen, Keith Dewsbury, Anne Squires, Jason Griffin and Rex Wills.** We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today.

We give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

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

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11.28.