



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

16th December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Morning Worship at St Mary Magdalen "The King is Coming!" Part Five: Life in the Waiting Room"

A warm welcome to everyone joining us at St Mary Magdalen this week, especially if you are here for the first time or visiting. On the next page of this newsletter you'll find all the essential information you might need for this morning's service.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

TODAY! Our special traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, led by the choir, begins at 6.30pm. It's not too late to invite neighbours and friends. Wine and nibbles will be served after the service.

NEXT SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER - our normal Eucharist services will take place at 8am and 10am. In the evening, at 6.30pm, for about 45 minutes, we have a quieter and reflective time called "Blue Christmas". This will provide an opportunity to those of us who find Christmas a difficult or troubling season, to escape for a while from the non-stop jollity. There will be some prayers, readings and quiet music to listen to, but no carols! Please do talk about this to friends and neighbours as well, as there are many people who might appreciate this time to pause, even if they don't feel particularly 'blue' at the moment. You are welcome whatever your mood!

Adrian

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service 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 main 10am service, Sunday Club for children meets in the Narthex as usual; the children go to their Club after 'A Word for the Children'.
- As part of the 8.00am 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.
- You are welcome to join Adrian for a short time of prayer before the main service: 9.30-9.45am at the front of the Lady Chapel (the chapel on the left).
- 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.

Listening to God's Word

Sunday 16th December 2018

Our Bible readings at today's services are:

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

The sermon title today is

"The King is Coming! Part Five: Life in the Waiting Room

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
Monday 17th December Parish Office Closed	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 18th December	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 19th December	10.00am Overdale Juniors Christmas Show
Thursday 20th December	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 10.00am Overdale Juniors Christmas Show
Friday 21st December Parish Office Closed	9.30am Overdale Infants Christmas Show 1.00pm Funeral - Marie Crowther-Green 7.00pm Crib Service Staging set-up
Saturday 22nd December	12.30pm Crib Service Rehearsal
Sunday 23rd December 3rd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm A Blue Christmas

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th January** at 11.00am.

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(The Parish Office is open **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** from 9.30am until 2.30pm, unless stated differently in the diary above.)

The office is closed on **Mondays**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

CHANGES TO OUR REGULAR MIDWEEK WORSHIP OVER THE HOLIDAY

SEASON: please note that Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's and St Mary's will now take a break until the week beginning 7th January, when it will re-start at the slightly later time of 9.30am. There will be no midweek Communion service in the benefice on Thursday 27th December or Tuesday 1st January, but there will be a service as usual at St Guthlac's on Thursday 3rd January, 9.30am.

FUTURE SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CHOIRS: Thanks to all those who have already talked to me about the possible ways we can support and develop our two benefice choirs in 2019. You'll be glad to know that the Standing Committees of both churches are holding meetings in the first half of December to discuss possibilities. Do continue to pass ideas on to PCC members or to me in the meantime - I'll keep you updated on our progress.

Adrian

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ... If you would like to send a 'shared' card to other members of the congregation a board will be provided at the back of church for this purpose. A donation in aid of the Children's Society would be very much appreciated. (Box Provided). Thank you.

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1, the book about the men on St Mary's war memorial is being reprinted, following its sell out over the commemoration weekend. The book costs £5.00 and can be ordered by emailing knightonremembersww1@gmail.com or through James at the Knighton Parish Office. Deborah Martin

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR To date, £1550 has been raised for church funds. Many thanks for all your support. *Social Group*

SAD NEWS It is with sadness that I have to tell you that Marie Crowther-Green died peacefully on Sunday 2nd December with her family around her. Marie was well known and well loved as part of St Mary's and will be sadly missed by many of us. Her funeral will take place at St Mary Magdalen on Friday 21st December at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at South Leicestershire Crematorium, Countesthorpe at 2.00pm. *Adrian.*

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS COLLECTION As usual, we will be making a special collection for Christian Aid at Christmas time. There will be special envelopes in the pews next week and you can also make a donation in any other sealed envelope, marked clearly 'Christian Aid'.

APPRECIATION FOR YOUR 'THANKS-GIVING' : On behalf of the PCC and myself I'd like to say many thanks for the generous increases to regular giving and the special donations that members of our congregation and wider church family have pledged for 2019. Your 'Thanks-Giving' has added £3576 to our income as a church next year. This will make a significant difference to what we are able to do in reaching out to others beyond the church with the message of God's kingdom. The Bible tells us repeatedly that God blesses our generosity and so I'm looking forward to seeing all that he will do through us next year!

CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT? Veronica Brown would like a lift to church on Christmas morning for the 8.00am Eucharist. If you are able to help, please call Veronica on 2889284.

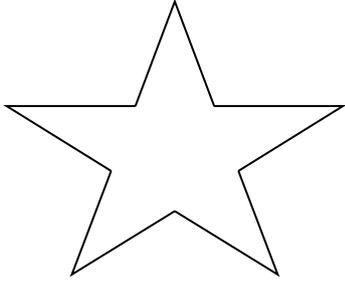
CAR PARKING On Sunday mornings, please do not park in front of the church or on the church path unless you need to do so for mobility reasons. Also, please do not block the paths.

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 standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 0116 2704272 or e mail: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com. If you are taxpayer 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

UPCOMING SERVICES / EVENTS



Blue Christmas: Sunday 23rd December, 6.30pm.

A quieter and reflective service to help all who may find Christmas a difficult time of year.

Crib Service & Carols: Monday 24th December, 5pm.

An informal service for all the family in which the Christmas story is retold in words and mime by the young people of the parish. During the Service the Crib figures are placed in the stable.

Midnight Communion: Monday 24th December, 11.30pm.

A service of Holy Communion to take us into Christmas Day.

Christmas Day: Tuesday 25th December, 8am.

A quiet start to Christmas Day with a Eucharist using traditional language.

Christmas Day All Age Worship and Communion:
Tuesday 25th December, 10am. Join us to celebrate Christmas Day with a service for everyone, including a short **Holy Communion** for those who wish to stay on.

Melton Mowbray Choral Society

Presents

*A Christmas
Celebration*

Featuring

KARL JENKINS'

**STELLA
NATALIS**

**favourite Christmas Carols
& home-made Mince Pies**

7:30 pm Saturday 22nd December

St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray

**Tickets £12 (Early bird £10 & under 11's free)
available from members, The Samworth Centre and
the website: www.meltonmowbraychoralsociety.co.uk**

Please pray.....

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5.16-18)

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those making critical decisions about Brexit, both in the UK and in Europe. Pray for wisdom and a concern to find an agreed path that reduces tension and division.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the Church and Christians in the Holy Lands, for their safety and for their witness to the Prince of Peace at this time of the year.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for all those who live in **Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch Road.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Pauline Rawlings** and all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today.

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

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Marie Crowther-Green**

Names will remain on the prayer list here for three weeks - please let us know if they should then be moved to the 'Continuing Prayer' list used for intercessions during the week.