

**St Mary Magdalen Church
Church of England, Knighton**

**Sunday 16th February 2020
Second Sunday before Lent**

The Rev'd Adrian Jones is our service leader today.

Welcome to Morning Worship on the Third Sunday

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.



Third Sunday:
TOUGH TIMES &
HARD QUESTIONS

Our next Hard Question is
*"Fake News or False Truths?
Does it matter?"*

Does the ancient Christian faith have anything to say about this very contemporary challenge? Do the Prophets challenge the President? Does Scripture support Social Media?

On Sunday 15th March, the **Third Sunday**, we will consider a range of views and responses. In particular, we will ask how the Bible, and our Christian tradition and experience, might inform and shape our thinking and our action.

Our 10am service will introduce the theme and there will be an evening opportunity for discussion and learning from each other, reflection and simple shared Night Prayer, in the Parish Centre from 7.30-9pm. You are welcome to either or both.

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.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 16th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Said Eucharist Morning Worship
Monday 17th February Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 18th February	9.30am	Eucharist (St Mary's)
Wednesday 19th February		
Thursday 20th February Parish Office Closed	9.30am	Eucharist (St Guthlacs)
Friday 21st February		
Saturday 22nd February		
Sunday 23rd February Sunday next before Lent	8.00am 10.00am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist

Adrian is having a few days break this week.

The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 28th February** at 11am.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Job 38. 1-7, 16-21, then 39. 1,19, 26-27 and 42.1-3

& Romans 8.18-21

Today's title is 'Climate Emergency!'

An apology - In the latest edition of the Magazine, we mis-spelt Katie Wills' name and used an incorrect photograph. Our sincere apologies Katie!

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

InSPIREd

The campaign to save our spire

InSpired - our appeal for the spire

InSpired – a progress report

I am delighted to report that, as at 31 December, our spire appeal had raised just over £28,000. This is a magnificent achievement in so short a time, a reflection of the love that members of the parish have for St Mary's, and an immense credit to everyone who has helped to raise funds. Of this, about £17,000 has come in donations or gift aid on those donations.

Wonderful though this progress is, we are not home yet.

- We still need to raise that last £12,000 to reach our initial target for local contributions.
- Our aim is to secure a further £60,000 from the lottery and other funding bodies. They should be impressed by what we are doing locally, but their support is not guaranteed.
- The programme of events we are organising to raise funds is also crucial to our parish's community outreach, and as the great success of events so far has demonstrated, this is having an effect.

So please continue your support for InSpired – and thank you for all you have done so far.

Nigel Siesage



How you can help

I would like to help save the spire of St Mary Magdalen, Knighton by making a gift to the InSpired fund.

I wish to give the sum of

£

I have paid online via the parish website: www.stmarysknighton.co.uk (This also provides for Gift Aid).

I am paying by BACS direct to Knighton Parochial Church Council
Sort code: 20-49-17
A/c no: 80264997
Give reference: Spire fund (Complete and return the form opposite if you want to add Gift Aid).

I enclose a cheque made payable to Knighton PCC, marked on the back 'Spire fund'. Send to address below left. (Complete and return the form opposite if you want to add Gift Aid).

Cash donations are also welcome. Please use the blue envelopes marked Spire Fund in church or collections at special events.

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You can boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you give. St Mary's is a charity (Knighton PCC, Charity no 1130923) and we can reclaim Gift Aid on the tax you pay for the current tax year. Please complete the form on the left. (If giving online, this process can be completed there).

Gift Aid Declaration

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ to Knighton PCC (Charity no. 1130923). I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Full name:

Address:

Postcode:

Signature:

Date:

Return to Administrator, Knighton Parish Office, Parish Centre, Church Lane, Leicester LE2 3WG.

TOUGH TIMES & HARD QUESTIONS

As we begin a new decade, our world faces unparalleled challenges.

How can we find a way to tackle together the major issues that are shaping our future, despite the deep disagreements that divide us?

Does the ancient Christian faith have anything to say about our contemporary challenges?

On the **Third Sunday** of each month at St Mary's, Knighton, we will take one of these hard questions and consider a range of views and responses. In particular, we will ask how the Bible, and our Christian tradition and experience, might inform and shape our thinking and our action.

Our 10am service on the **Third Sunday** will introduce the theme. Then there will be an evening opportunity for discussion and learning from each other, reflection and simple shared Night Prayer, in the Parish Centre from 7.30-9pm. You are welcome to either or both.

Sunday 19th January – *“Can we disagree well?”* (but no evening meeting)

Sunday 16th February – *“Climate Emergency? What shall we do?”*

Sunday 15th March – *“Fake News or False Truths? Does it matter?”*

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

World Day of Prayer Services, Friday 6th March here at St Mary's at 2pm and at Stoneygate Baptist Church at 7.30pm. The services for this year have been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe and will be celebrated as a wave of prayer in more than 120 countries around the world.

LIVING SPRINGS GROUP

For the last few months we have been trialling a monthly food, faith and fellowship group, Living Waters which has met on a Sunday night. I would like to expand this and offer a different night of the week-Living Springs. First we share a simple meal together in each other's homes, we praise, read a bible passage and apply it to our lives and pray for one another. If that appeals to you and you can commit once a month in an evening, please do talk to or contact Matthew revgough@gmail.com

SAD NEWS

We are sad to report that Joyce Garland passed away on Friday 31st January. Funeral details will be announced as soon as we have them.

LRI MAGAZINES Kate Adams will be collecting magazines for the chemotherapy suite at the LRI until Sunday 1st March. There's a box in the Narthex for you to put them in.

LENT 2020

The Wednesday morning Lent Course will be held at 2 Shanklin Gardens beginning at 10.00 am. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come. Thank you. Doreen White.

Free Film Night at St Guthlac's Church Tues 18th Feb 7.00pm: Tea with Mussolini (Cert PG, 117 mins)

Tea with Mussolini is a 1999 semi-autobiographical film directed by Franco Zeffirelli and scripted by John Mortimer, telling the story of a young orphaned Italian boy before and during the Second World War. He has the good fortune to come under the wing of a wise and loving widow and her circle of eccentric, ageing expatriate Englishwomen, known as the 'Scorpioni' because of their outspoken views. With well-known cast members including Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, Jean Plowright and Cher, the film tells Luca's story with a light and charming touch. Free refreshments and the chance to socialise. Part of our monthly Tea and Talk series of events. All welcome!



St Mary Magdalen Church
Brinsmead Road, Knighton



Saturday 18th April

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Raising money for the InSpired Appeal

Sponsorship forms are available from Lorna Kirk
Email: lorna.kirk@btopenworld.com
Tel: 0116 270 7843



MUSICATHON :
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
2020 10am 4pm in St
Mary's Church

We launched this Inspired fund raising event on Sunday 2 February. Flyers were distributed to participants and we hope for early responses. In 2013 we had 36 volunteers offering their SPONSORED musical and poetic skills. Further information from Lorna Kirk 0116 2707843.

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming! 24th February - 8th March. There are two specific ways that you can support the difference made by Fairtrade to some of the world's poorest workers:

Fairtrade Coffee Morning at the Vicarage (5 Church Lane) on Tues 25th Feb, 10.30am-12noon. Come and enjoy fairly-traded coffee, tea and cake, as well as other produce and gifts from the Just Shop during Fairtrade Fortnight. All welcome - bring your friends!

Also, **orders for Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs** being taken by Alison Roche until Sunday 8th March - please sign up on the list at the back of church or see Alison. £3.99 each - payment when they arrive. New 10th anniversary booklet and design - tells the real Easter story + plastic & palm oil-free.

LENT LUNCH

Saturday March 7th. at 12 noon in the Parish Centre.

Tickets at £6 each for a simple meal of homemade soup, fresh bread, cheese, pickles and biscuits are available now from Bernard & Judi Stone. All proceeds are going to the "Send a Cow" Charity this year.

MESSY CHURCH

Friday February 28th. at Stoneygate Baptist Church from 3.30pm. A hot meal will be served at about 5.15pm. Donations towards the costs are always welcome but not essential.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS

This year's production from Knighton Players is 'The Sword In The Stone' by Ian Jones. The performances are on **Friday 27th March** at 7.30pm and **Saturday 28th March** at 2.30pm & 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Tickets are priced at £7 for adults and £5 for children and are available from Tanya Willis and Jane Wright or contact knightonplayers@ntlworld.com Profits in aid of MENPHYS (supporting Leicestershire children and young people with disabilities for 50 years)

MARIE CURIE ANNUAL SPRING LUNCH

The Oadby & Wigston Fundraising Group are having their Annual Spring Lunch on Thursday 26th March 12 noon for 1.00pm, at the Taste Restaurant, Leicester College. This is a 4 course lunch and tickets are £19 per head. There will be a bar and a raffle. Please support this charity. For more information, call Shirley Wills on 0116 281 1401.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Sue Sansome would like to thank all who purchased the 2019 Christmas cards, and Nigel Seisage who kindly organised their sale. You have helped to raise the wonderful total of **£744.00** towards our InSpired fund.



**Knighton
Benefice Choir
& Friends**

CONDUCTED BY
STEPHEN FOSTER

SPRING SING

*To include music by Mozart,
Palestrina, Monteverdi, Tallis,
Rachmaninov and Handel*

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 7.30PM

ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH

Brinsmead Road, Knighton

Retiring collection to InSpired Appeal and Parkinsons UK

You are invited to join in the Grand Finale of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus

Please bring a copy of the music if you have one.

Contact details:

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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)

The office is closed on **Mondays**.

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. *If you are giving by bank standing order, yellow tokens are available at services to put on the plate, should you wish.*

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 a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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CHEQUES FOR ST MARY'S Please make cheques for St Mary's payable to **Knighton PCC**.

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)

Give thanks: Give thanks: for all those who work in medical science, helping to understanding illness better and to discover new treatments and medicines.

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those affected by the corona virus outbreak in Wuhan, China - for those who are ill, for those caring for them, and for those leaders who have to make decisions about how best to manage and control the disease.

Praying for the Church: please pray for the preparations for this year's Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops from around the world. Pray for a spirit of welcome and openness, and a willingness to listen graciously to each other, learning and valuing diversity.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for those who live on:
**Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green,
Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene Road.**

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. In particular we pray for **Edward Groves, Gary Joynes, Paul, Brian Arnold, Trevor Gutteridge, Jackie Wood, Keith Dewsbury** 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.

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.

Eileen Mason David Short Joyce Garland

Jane Mee Chris Arnold

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