



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



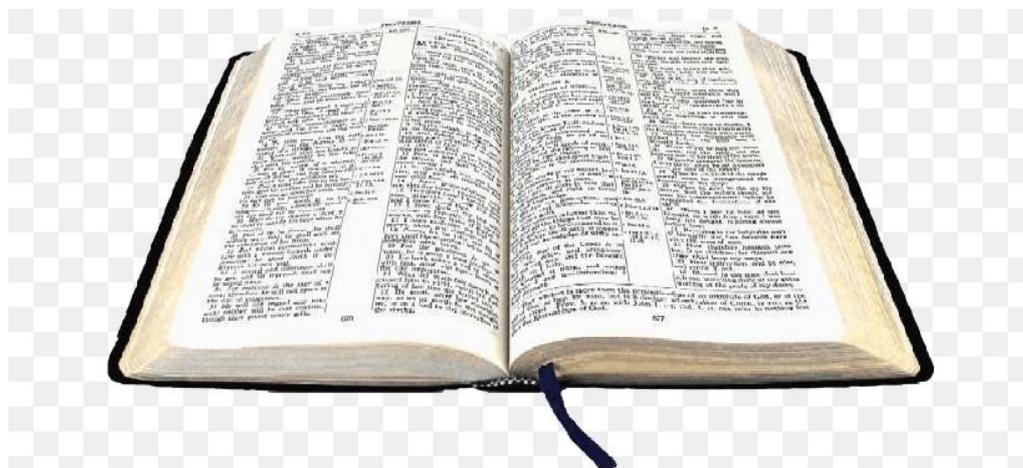
**Sunday 24th October 2021
Bible Sunday**

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

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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 24th October <i>Bible Sunday</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Matins at St Guthlacs
Monday 25th October	7.30pm Gordon Campbell Lecture
Tuesday 26th October	2.30pm MU Fellowship
Wednesday 27th October Parish Office Closed	7.15pm Choir Practice in church 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 28th October <i>Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	
Friday 29th October	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 30th October	
Sunday 31st October <i>All Saints</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am Joint Benefice Service

Our October **Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion** will be on Friday 29th at 11am.

Sunday Club, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road?

Looking out for each other - continuing Corona Virus precautions at St Mary's

Whilst pandemic restrictions have been relaxed, we are continuing with precautions when we worship together on Sundays at St Mary's so that we can play our part in protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. Please do continue to act with courtesy and kindness towards others who may prefer to be more or less cautious than yourself.

The key precautions for our worship together are:

- we will keep the side chapels available as spaces for those who would prefer to continue sitting 2m apart;
- we ask that you wear a face covering when moving around in church and whilst singing, but please feel able to take it off when sitting down.
- please continue using hand sanitiser as you enter and leave;
- we will continue to offer communion as wafers only and from the chancel step.

Our fellowship together as Christians is an important part of our spiritual health – please help us to encourage and support each other by following these simple points.

Revd Adrian Jones

Our weekly Newsletter: Currently the Newsletter is emailed out every Friday and sent by post to those who have requested this or have no email account. We will now also resume the printing of some copies that will be available on Sundays at church. If you no longer need a copy sending in the post then do please let us know at the Parish Office so that we can save the postage.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 24th October** are:

Isaiah 55.1-11

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me;
hear me, that your soul may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of the peoples.
Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations that do not know you will hasten to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour."
Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way
and the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,

and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

John 5.36b-47

Jesus said: "The very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

"I do not accept praise from men, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?

"But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

Advance Notice: *Bishop Martyn's visit to Knighton*

I'm very pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has accepted an invitation to join us in Knighton and to preside at a joint service for the Benefice, at St Mary's on **Sunday 31st October** at 10.30am. We will mark All Saints, give thanks for the successful completion of the St Mary's InSpired Appeal, and the Bishop will celebrate the Eucharist with us. I do hope that you will join us for this special occasion - as this is a benefice service for both parishes, there won't be another service at St Guthlac's on this Sunday. *Adrian*

Spire Appeal Auction Sale: I'd like to send my personal thanks to all those who were involved in arranging the Auction Sale in aid of the In-Spired Appeal last Saturday. I would like to mark all the hard work over very many months that made the Auction possible. Very many thanks.



Adrian



Order **Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendars** for your friends & family from Alison Roche or sign up on the list at the back of church by Sunday 7th November. New design & booklet; price £4.50. The only chocolate Advent Calendar that tells the real story of Christmas!

Michaelmas Ordinations in Leicester – many congratulations to all those ordained as deacon or priest recently in our diocese. Our particular good wishes go to Ali Simpson-Smith, one-time youth worker with the Edge Project which was part of our Mission Partnership. Ali was based at St Christopher's, Saffron Lane and worked with our own Alison Roche. Ali is serving her curacy at St John the Baptist in Clarendon Park.



Final Ride and Stride total raised by Flick is **£250**.

Thank you all. (Half comes back to St Mary's)

The World's Favourite Bible

The remarkable story of the
King James Version

A special lecture by

Professor Gordon Campbell

FBA, DPhil, DLitt

7.30pm Monday 25 October 2021

St Mary Magdalen Church,
Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WG

Tickets £5 – book via Eventbrite at
kingjamesbible.eventbrite.co.uk

(Contact Nigel (nigel.siesage@gmail.com) if this method isn't
convenient).

Supporting the InSpired campaign

A complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice will be served
after the lecture

Gordon Campbell, Emeritus Professor and Fellow in Renaissance Studies at the University of Leicester, is an entertaining speaker and an exceptionally distinguished scholar with wide-ranging interests. For the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible in 2011 he published a monograph on the Bible and an edition of the 1611 text. His other extensive publications have included the works of John Milton, a history of gardens, classical art and architecture, and the alleged foundation of America by the Vikings.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? - Dust and cobwebs are building up in church., The Church needs your help on a regular basis. All willing hands please contact Sian or Beryl, Churchwardens. Contact details are at the back of this newsletter. Thank you.



Also.....

Attention - Can you attend St. Mary's once a month at 10a.m. to stand or sit to count the congregation entering the Church. Sian and I need extra help getting back to normal. Contact Beryl or Sian churchwardens.

**St Guthlac's Virtual
Christmas Fayre
Home-made Christmas
Gifts**



St Guthlac's are holding another virtual Fayre this year and we are pleased to be able to offer some of our popular makes and bakes. We will also be having a raffle in aid of Malawi.

The catalogue will be available soon with orders being taken from November 1st.

Methods of payment and receipt of goods are detailed on the catalogue. Completed orders will be available from December 11th.

Benefice Magazine

Please consider contributing to the November/December issue of the Benefice Magazine. The copy deadline is **Sunday 31st October**. I aim to publish in mid November.

I would like to start a regular feature - **My favourite hymn**.

We all have our favourites: tell our readers which means most to you, and why. Where there is a choice, which tune do you prefer?

If you have an article in you on this subject or any other, please send it to me at stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com.

Nigel Siesage

Auction

The long awaited AUCTION SALE took place in the Parish Centre on Saturday 16th October 2021. Michael Kirk auctioned 175 items for £2,023.25 plus Gold previously sold £7,303.78 totalling **£9,327.03**. Grateful thanks to all who assisted in any way and the many generous people who donated items. A wonderful team effort. Michael & Lorna Kirk

Prayer for Healing with Holy Communion

There will be a Midweek Eucharist with Prayer for Healing at St Mary's on Friday October 29th at 11am. This is a gentle service providing the opportunity to pray for healing for ourselves, for those the church's Prayer List, for situations in the world.

Everyone is welcome - if you would like us to pray for someone please contact Rev Janet 0116 2889646 or Rev Adrian (Vicar) 0116 2704288

SHAPED BY GOD TOGETHER



Church is changing: join in the Shaped By God Together process which is seeking better ways to support our churches and worshipping communities as we grow the Kingdom of God and live out our everyday faith in the Diocese of Leicester.

The changing face of parish ministry: *Leicester Diocesan Synod votes in favour of a Minster Communities framework*

Following widespread discussions and the Shaped by God Together consultation, the Diocesan Synod has now voted in favour of a “**Minster Communities**” framework as the future shape of parish ministry across Leicester and Leicestershire. A Minster Community will be a group of parishes who work together in mission without losing their individual identity, and who work alongside their church schools, fresh expressions of Church, and chaplaincies.

It is envisaged that there will be up to 25 Minster Communities within the diocese, made up of a number of parishes, each with a leadership team of at least four paid positions. Each team will be led by an ordained Oversight Minister, and will include a ‘Growing Faith’ focussed minister (lay or ordained) whose role will be to increase the number of children and young people within the life of our churches.

The framework was overwhelmingly supported (72%) by Synod members and it is intended that it will gradually be brought into place by 2026, after careful and detailed local conversations between parishes, schools and fresh expressions. These discussions will be supported by a diocesan staff Transition Team, and agreement will be sought across all parties about finance, buildings, and leadership.

The Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow said that the comments made by Synod members during the debate, and concerns raised, would all be addressed and taken into account as the framework is worked out over the next few years.

Bishop Martyn said: "Nothing is going to change overnight and everything will be done in discussion with parishes. Every PCC, school governing body and fresh expression will be involved. Each will decide for itself how they engage with this." A special video message about Minster Communities has been recorded by the Bishop and can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Au-gOAYPK9Y&t=6s>

Adrian's observation : Thank you for all your prayers about this important decision. Here in Knighton, we will not know for some months, at least, any details about how this shift to Minster Communities will change things for us. Undoubtedly though, our benefice will be joining other parishes in a wider team, and working together is always a good thing! In the meantime, our worshipping life, all we do to build up and encourage each other in following the way of Jesus, and all our efforts to share our faith with our neighbours, will continue!





***Knighton
Christmas Tree Festival***

**St Mary Magdalen Church
Brinsmead Road
Leicester
LE2 3WG**

**Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th December 2021
(setting up on 2nd & 3rd December)**

A community event Free to enter a tree

***To raise money for a local charity
and church funds***

**To reserve a place please email
smctf@outlook.com**



Can you Help? The Christmas Tree Festival team will once again be running a raffle.

Two of the prizes are A Festive Hamper and a Chocolate Delights basket.

If you able to donate any items to either of these prizes we would be delighted to receive them.

Please place in the baskets at the back of the church. Thank you.



Christmas Tree Festival Workshops
Wednesday 10th November and Tuesday 16th November
10.00-12.00 in the Narthex

Do come along and enjoy a morning making Christmas Trees for the Festival. Anyone is welcome and no artistic skills are necessary.

This year we will need **stapled** magazines, catalogues, newspaper supplements and the like, glossy or matt, black and white or colour. Please start saving them now. I will put a box in the porch to collect them.

For further information or to join a workshop please contact me. (Tel: 0116 2707525)

Thanks *Deborah Martin*



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 Fellowship Our next meeting, arranged by Margaret (M), is on Tuesday, 26th October at 2.30 in St Mary's when Adrian, our Vicar, will be the speaker. All are welcome, not just MU members.

Jeremy Macafee; Doreen and family warmly thank their friends in St. Mary's and St. Guthlac's for the love and support they have received over the past difficult few weeks.

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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 the children and young people of the world - that they will keep their hope and idealism, and be empowered to work for positive change across the world. Pray for older generations - that we will remember our responsibility towards young people and their future, and make the changes needed to our own lives now.

Praying for the Church: please pray for Bishop Martyn and our diocesan staff, who have faced unprecedented publicity and pressure over the last week, following the Diocesan Synod meeting that agreed to go ahead with a structure of Minster Communities. Pray for grace under pressure and the assurance of God's presence and help.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive, Heddington Close, Baldwin 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 **Jason Griffin, Rod Bowditch and Jenny C.**

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. **Elizabeth Birtles**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.