



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

**Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones**  
**Curate - Revd Neil Bullen**

**1st October 2017**  
**Harvest Festival**

## **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. As the main 10am service is for all ages, there is no Sunday Club for the children this week.
- 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.

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.

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## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 1st October</b> 16th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival	8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm	Eucharist All Age Service for Harvest Harvest Praise
Monday 2nd October	7.30pm	Bell Ringing
Tuesday 3rd October	9.30am 2.30pm	Eucharist MU Prayer & Fellowship (Narthex)
Wednesday 4th October Parish Office Closed	1.00pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church) SEMP Meeting (Narthex)
Thursday 5th October	9.30am 10.00am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's church Thursday Club (Centre)
Friday 6th October	8.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SLCP First Friday Prayers Funeral - Rita Allen Messy Church (Stoneygate Baptist)
Saturday 7th October		
<b>Sunday 8th October</b> 17th Sunday after Trinity Renewal of Giving Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist

The next Service for Healing, with Communion will be at 11.00 am on **Friday 27th October**.

### **The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 1st October 2017**

Our sermon series for the autumn is The Greatest Story Ever Told.

Our Bible readings are:

Psalm 67 '**...our God, has blessed us.....**'

John 6. 28-40 '**...I am the bread of life...**'

The sermon is titled: '**All Good Gifts Around Us**'

**OLD £1 COINS** Please note that old £1 coins will not be accepted in the collection after **Sunday 8th October 2017**.

## **EVENTS**

**SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP:** First Friday Prayers **HERE** at St. Mary's on **Friday 6th October** 8 am - 8.30 am. Please support this very friendly ecumenical gathering - and, for those who have time, there is coffee served afterwards in the Narthex. Flick

**MESSY CHURCH** The next Messy Church will be on **Friday 6th October** at Stoneygate Baptist Church from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. A hot meal will be served. All welcome. Just come along.

**FREE FILM NIGHT AT ST GUTHLAC'S** : Philomena (Cert 12, 98 mins) **Tuesday 10th October** at 7pm Free refreshments and the chance to socialise . All welcome

Based on a true story, Philomena (Judi Dench) became pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952. She was sent to the convent of Roscrea to be looked after as a "fallen woman". When her baby was only a toddler, he was taken away by the nuns for adoption in America. Philomena spent the next fifty years searching for him but with no success. Then she met Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan), a world-weary political journalist who happened to be intrigued by her story. Together they set off to America to try to find him...

**HOPE WALK 2017** - everyone is invited to join supporters of Papyrus: prevention of young suicide for this year's Leicester Hope Walk, in memory of Stephen Farmilo, grandson of Margot Comer. The walk aims to raise awareness and smash the stigma of young suicide. It begins from the War Memorial in Victoria Park on **Saturday 14th October**, at 2.30pm, and you are asked to wear something purple. Walking together is the important thing, but there will also be a collection to support Papyrus. More information is available from [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/liz-farmilo](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/liz-farmilo) and from Liz on 07986 759289.

**BISHOP'S LAY CONGRESS** This year's major gathering for all lay people in the Diocese of Leicester is on **Saturday 11th November** at St Martin's House near the Cathedral. In the past many people have found this a source of real encouragement and inspiration so please do read the leaflets at the back of church to see if it is for you.

**THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY IS COMING** ...to Leicester. Archbishop Justin Welby is coming to Leicester for a three day visit as part of his 'Big Conversation'. There will be a variety of events across 14th-16th November, but the major one is an evening of prayer and worship at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 14th November**, at the Leicester Riders Arena on Charter Street, near Abbey Park. Tickets are free so if you would like to join me at this significant gathering for Christians in Leicester, please do let me know and I will put in an order for us. See the posters at the back of church for more information. Adrian

## NOTICES

### **“It’s good to be back.....I’m off again now”**

It is really good to be back in the parish after a wonderful holiday in Iceland followed by the Diocesan Conference at Swanwick. However, on Oct 1st I’m off again, starting my placement at Peterborough Cathedral, which will be full time for aprox 5 weeks. Leicester Diocese requires that all curates undertake a placement during their 3rd year (yes, it’s almost unbelievable that this is my 3rd year at St Mary’s). The placement should be in a context that is different from any of my previous experience, so I have agreed with Adrian and the diocese that this will be a great opportunity for me. I am also deeply grateful to the Diocese of Peterborough for making this possible and particularly to The Revd Canon Tim Alban Jones. Acting Precentor, Acting Dean and Chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough, who will be my supervisor.

During my time in Peterborough I will be involved in many aspects of cathedral life, leading worship, working on the various teams (vergers, welcoming, cathedral chaplaincy) as well as various staff and management team and meetings. It is also hoped that I will have some involvement with the city church of St John the Baptist in the cathedral square. This church works closely with the cathedral and is involved in social action within the city.

Directly after this placement I have an IME training day followed by a short retreat at Walsingham before re-joining St Mary’s on Sat 11th Nov.  
In His service, Neil

### **HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) BID FOR STEEPLE REPAIRS**

As you may know, the Buildings Group submitted a bid to the HLF (East Midlands) under the 'Grants for Places of Worship' programme in May of this year in respect of repairs to the church steeple estimated to cost in the region of £186,000. We heard on Thursday last week that sadly our bid was **unsuccessful**. The current national programme is ending shortly and the HLF Committee had to take decisions on more projects than the available budget would allow. Since our application was not as urgent compared to other applications that had been received our bid was rejected due to insufficient funds. However, the HLF noted in their letter that 'there was clearly work that would be grant-eligible' under the HLF's 'Our Heritage' programme and that if we wished to submit a project enquiry they would be willing to offer comments and feedback. This course of action will be followed up by the Buildings Group.

*Patrick Holligan, Convener, Buildings Group*

**TRYING OUT DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COFFEE:** Recently the PCC decided that we would begin to think about ways in which the space at the back of the church and in the Narthex could be best used, particularly after the 10am service when the flow of people collecting coffee and later leaving needs to be carefully managed. As part of this process we are trialling some different arrangements for coffee and the distribution/collection of service booklets- which will be announced each week in church. Please let PCC members and clergy have your views about the different arrangements, as no doubt not all will work! Many thanks. Adrian

**RIDE AND STRIDE:** Sophie and Flick have raised **£200**, half of which comes back to St Mary's .It would be helpful if any outstanding money or further donations could be given to Flick in the next few days. Thank you all.

**THE RED CROSS IRMA HURRICAN BUCKET COLLECTION:**

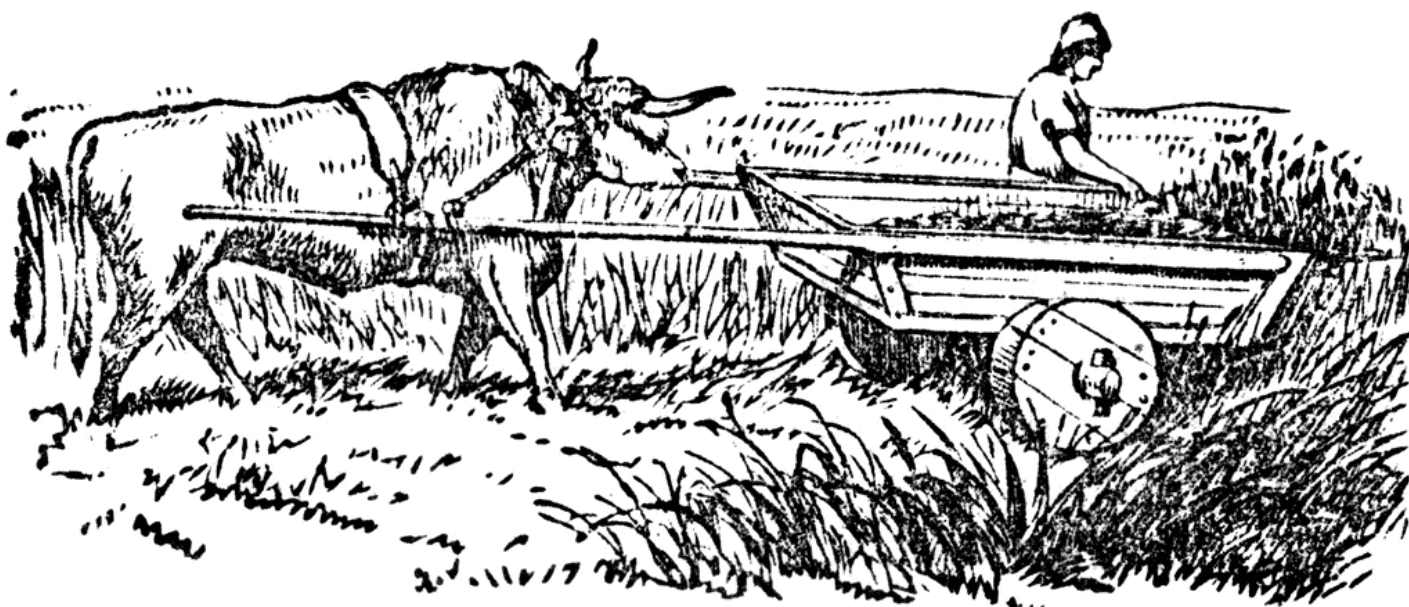
Lorna Kirk wishes to extend grateful thanks to all who so generously donated on Sunday 17th September. **£255.00** has been paid into the appropriate Red Cross account.

**POPPIES** As I have moved house I am unfortunately no longer able to sell Remembrance Day poppies at St Mary's. I would therefore be very grateful if someone would volunteer to take over the role which involves selling poppies after the 10am Sunday services on **October 29th and November 5th** and shortly before the Remembrance Service on **12th November**. Arrangements can be made for the poppies to be delivered and collected. I can be contacted on 01572-717792. Thank you. Cherry Rae-Smith.

**THANKS** The Coffee morning held on **16th September** and sale of goods in church raised **£230.71** for church funds. Many thanks to all those who supported this event. The Social Group.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES** If you would like to get involved with this, please speak to Bet. She will be able to tell you how you can help provide a Christmas gift for children in Eastern Europe.

**OPENING THE CHURCH:** thanks to everyone who volunteered over three weeks to open the church on Tuesdays. This seemed like a good trial run and we'll be having more Open Days on special occasions and then in the Spring.



**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.

**OFFICE HOURS** Please note that the office is open from 9.30am until 2.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**MEMORY CAFÉ** If you or a member of your family have issues with dementia, the Alzheimer's Society run Memory Cafes. They happen at St Thomas More Community Rooms every 4th Wednesday from 1.30pm - 3.30pm and at St Guthlac's Church on every 2nd Friday also from 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@knightonparish.co.uk) or 0116 2702705. Knighton Parish Office, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG



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## **The Greatest Story Ever Told**

discovering the story of God's purpose,  
through the whole Bible.

You are invited to join us at our Sunday morning services (8am and 10am) this autumn as we explore the big picture of the Bible, and consider together how God's good purpose for us has been revealed in The Greatest Story Ever Told.

10 <sup>th</sup> September	Opening up <b>The Greatest Story Ever Told</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Chapter 1: <b>The King of Creation</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Chapter 2: <b>Rebellion in the Kingdom</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	All Good Gifts Around Us: All Age Harvest Festival
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Seeds for Tomorrow: Our Annual Renewal of Giving
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Chapter 3: <b>The King chooses a People</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Chapter 4: <b>A Land for the King's People</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Chapter 5: <b>The Coming of the King</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Saints and Sparklers: All Age Worship
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Chapter 6: <b>Building the Kingdom</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Chapter 7: <b>The Return of the King</b>

"The whole point of Christianity is that it offers a story  
which is the story of the whole world."  
Bishop Tom Wright



**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 Parish* : This week please pray for all those who live in **Carisbrooke Road, Stockwell Road, Ashclose Avenue, Meadvale Road, Overdale 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*

**Alison Prior      Judy Maynard**

*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:

**John Dales  
Martin Nicholson  
Rita Allen**

**Neil Denham  
Roy Newton  
Peter James Routen**



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