

St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

Sunday 7th April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

A very warm welcome to the family and friends of Teddy Morgan who is being baptised this morning- it's a pleasure to have all of you and especially Dean and Katy, and big sister Nancy, among us again. On the next page of this newsletter you'll find all the essential information you might need for this morning's service.

Our theme today is Faith for Life: sharing our faith in Jesus with others

Why baptism? Since the time of Christ, baptism has been seen by Christians as the simple way in which we acknowledge our need of God and commit to following the way of Jesus for our lives. Baptism marks the first step on the journey that we share with other Christians as part of the church, and in which Jesus walks beside us. The service includes promises about turning away from the things that harm us and towards the things of God that will give us life. The baptism itself involves having water poured over the new Christian's head, as a symbol of being washed clean by God. In some traditions a pool is used so that the person go be completely immersed in the water.

When babies or children are baptised (in a service sometimes called 'christening'), their parents and Godparents make the promises on their behalf. The adults commit to helping their child grow in faith and explore being a Christian for themselves as they get older. When the child becomes a young person or adult, they can them make these baptismal promises their own in a service of 'Confirmation.'

So today we welcome Teddy into the family of the church, into our life together following the way of Jesus. We will pray for him and for his parents, Dean and Katy, for Nancy and for their wider family and friends as they care for him and guide him in the years to come. His journey of faith starts here!

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- Our worship follows the printed order of service and the readings and hymns are included in the booklet.
- 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.
- 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.

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 7th April 5th Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Worship with baptism 'Sharing our faith in Jesus with others'
	11.30am	Annual Church Meeting
Monday 8th April Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 9th April	9.30am	Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 10th April	10am	Lent Group (2 Shanklin Grdns)
Thursday 11th April	9.30am	Eucharist, St Guthlac's
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (Narthex)
	7.45pm	Lent Group (Vicarage, 5 Church Lane)
Friday 12th April		
Saturday 13th April		
Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 24th May** at 11.00am.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 43.16a, 18-21 and Matthew 7.24-29

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LENT 2019 THEMES: Faith for Life

10th March - **WORSHIP**:

'Worshipping God well' (John 4.19-26)

17th March - **FOLLOW**:

'Exploring and following the way of Jesus' (John 15.1-17)

24th March - **CONNECT**:

'Connecting better with our community' (Luke 10.25-37)

31st March - **WELCOME**:

'Welcoming everyone as equally valued' (Matt. 25.31-40)

7th April - **SHARE**:

'Sharing our faith in Jesus with others' (Matt. 28.19-20)

The Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will take place **today**, Sunday 7th April at 11.30am in the church. This is when we will hear reports and questions on our life together last year and have the elections for the PCC and Church Wardens. Please do make this a priority and join us for the meeting. There will be the usual refreshments to keep us going!

Adrian

FROM THE MUDDIMER FAMILY Thank you to all at St Mary's for the very warm welcome that was shown to us by everyone on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary.

'WELCOMING EVERYONE' - after last week's sermon you might like to carry on thinking about these questions: What simple word or act would show the people I meet this week that I accept and welcome them? What simple act or word from us would show the people of Knighton that they are welcome among us?

THANKS Many thanks to members of the Mothers Union and others for providing our beautiful posies of flowers at the Mothering Sunday service last week.'

MARIE CURIE LUNCH Thanking friends who attended the lunch which made over £700 profit for the Marie Curie Nurses. Shirley Wills

APRIL TEA AND TALK AT ST GUTHLAC'S TUES 16TH APRIL 7PM

You are invited to join us for.....'Approaching Easter': A programme of beautiful seasonal choral music, readings and poetry, with singers from St Guthlac's and St Mary's churches and friends. Free refreshments with the chance to socialise. All Welcome!

RAFFLE: Thank you for your support of the raffles at the pantomime last week. Your generosity enabled £311.30p to be raised. This adds to the final total that is donated to charity.

Judi & Bernard.

EASTER LILIES: Donations are welcomed for Easter Lilies. Please place in the named basket at the back of Church.

ST MARY'S FLOWER GUILD: We look forward to inviting everyone who would like to help arrange spring flowers to celebrate EASTER DAY : 21 April. We will begin on Saturday 20th April at 9.30am Flowers and foliage gratefully accepted. Further info from Deborah Martin : Tel: 2707525

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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**.

Holy Week and Easter 2019

Tuesday 16th April

"Approaching Easter" - seasonal choral music, readings and poetry with singers from St Guthlac's and St Mary's churches and friends. 7pm St Guthlac's, followed by refreshments.

Thursday 18th April

Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion for the benefice
7.30pm St Guthlac's

Friday 19th April

Good Friday - "Leicester at the Cross", a dramatic and musical retelling of the passion. Begins 10am in Cathedral Gardens, then Market Square for 10.25 and Humberstone Gate for 10.45am.

Friday 19th April

Good Friday Meditation 2pm St Mary's

Friday 19th April

Good Friday Reflective Compline 7.30pm St Mary's

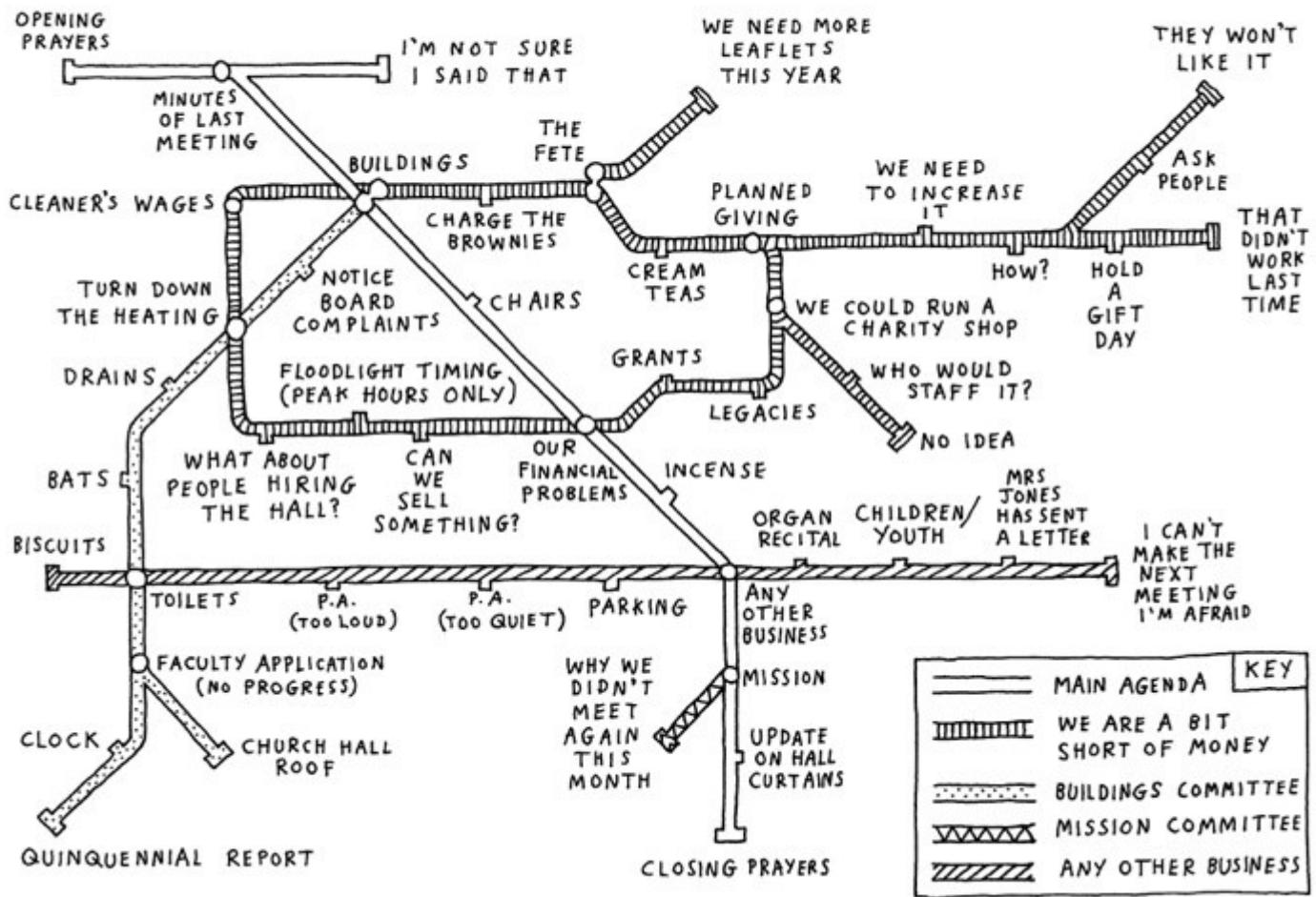
Saturday 20th April

Easter Vigil with baptisms and confirmations
6pm Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 21st April

Easter Day Celebration Eucharist 10am St Mary's

THE P.C.C. MEETING



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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 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)

Praying for the World: please pray for peace and justice in the troubled nation of Venezuela, and for peaceful elections in India, beginning on 11th April and extending for a month.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our partner Diocese of Wyoming, and for the Rev. Bobbe Fitzhugh, Missioner for Fresh Expressions of Faith, and for the 'seed pioneers' who are trying new forms of being the church: Bobbe, Mary Beth, Margaret, Mary Erickson, Randy, Tom, Al, Leslie, Candy, Mary Fabin and Kim.

Praying for the Parish : This week please pray for
Overdale Infants School, Overdale Junior School, The Lancaster Academy, Sir Jonathan North Community College, Leicester High School for Girls, Leicester Islamic Academy.

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for **Trevor Gutteridge, David and 'B'** 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.

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.