



# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones  
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

26th November 2017  
Christ the King

## 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.
- During the service there are activities in the entrance area for children of all ages, at Sunday Club.
- As part of each 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.
- At 10.00am, non-alcoholic communion wine is available on request in the Lady Chapel (to the left) and gluten free wafers on request at the main Communion rail.

Please talk to the sidespersons if you have any other questions and do please stay after the service for tea or coffee and introduce yourself to some of us.

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## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 26th November</b> The Return of the King	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Sung Eucharist
Monday 27th November Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Bell Ringing
Tuesday 28th November	9.30am 2.15pm	Eucharist MU Meeting (Centre)
Wednesday 29th November Parish Office Closed	10.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm	Advent Group Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church) Choir Practice (Church)
Thursday 30th November	9.30am 10.00am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's church Thursday Club (Centre)
Friday 1st December	3.15pm	Messy Church (Stoneygate Baptist)
Saturday 2nd December	10.00am	Christmas Fayre (St Guthlac's)
<b>Sunday 3rd December</b> <i>Hurry Up and Slow Down</i> Advent Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Eucharist All Age Service Eucharist 'Come, Lord, Come' Advent Service

The next Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 26th January 2018**. Please note there is **no** service on the last Friday in December, in the week after Christmas.

### **The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 26th November 2017**

'Our Bible readings today are:

Isaiah 11.1-12 '**...a shoot from the stump of Jesse...**'

Revelation 21.1-5, 22.1-7 '**...I am making everything new ...**'

Matthew 24.1-14, 30-31 '**...what will be the sign of your coming ....**'

The sermon today is titled '**The Return of the King**'

**CHRISTMAS INVITATION** Despite the assistance of the Guides and many valued helpers a considerable number of Christmas leaflets were unallocated to distributors last year (over 900). The Standing Committee decided, therefore, this year to trial the use of a company to distribute the leaflets. It is anticipated that all homes in the parish will receive the 2017 Christmas invitation during the period 20th November to 3rd December. St Guthlac's will continue to use volunteers this year but if you live outside St Mary's or St Guthlac's parishes please feel free to collect an invitation from the back of the church.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Very many thanks to the large number of people who helped to make our Christmas Bazaar yesterday such a success. As well as being a good fundraiser and good fun, such events are an excellent way to engage with our local community and neighbours. Particular thanks to Michael Kirk and our Social and Fundraising Group. *Adrian*

**LIGHTS TO REMEMBER** Marie Curie invites you to their Lights to Remember Carol Service at Oadby Baptist Church **this evening**, 6.30pm.

**MOTHERS UNION** - We meet again on **Tuesday 28th November** at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge, and look forward to welcoming back local artist Olwen Hughes, who will bring a selection of her amazing drawings, and speak about her career. Please remember to bring along payment for your Christmas Luncheon (£16.50) if you have not already paid."

**MESSY CHURCH** The next Messy Church will be on **Friday 1st December** at Stoneygate Baptist Church from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. A hot meal will be served.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES** We are hoping to sing carols at Ashlands Residential Home on **Wednesday 13th December** at 2.30pm and at St Georges on **Friday 15th December** also at 2.30pm. Both homes are in Ratcliffe Road. Your support at these two annual events is always very much appreciated. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church. Thank you. Doreen White.

**COFFEE ARRANGEMENTS AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE:** This week the PCC discussed the trial of alternative arrangements for serving coffee after the 10am service. Taking into account everyone's feedback, we have decided to continue serving the tea and coffee directly from the kitchen hatch, and to move the milk and biscuits table into the Narthex. The Vicar and Curate are asked to stand out of the way (perhaps even outside!) when saying farewells to folk at the door, to make sure that there is space for easy movement. Thank you everyone for your patience as we have sorted this out. *Adrian*

**REAL ADVENT CALENDARS:** Thank you to everyone who has ordered one of this year's 'Real Advent Calendars'. Alison has them in church today for collection, and at the same time will gladly receive your money if you have yet to pay

**RENEWAL REPORT** Thank you again for your replies to the Vicar's letter. We have had 59 replies now (17 of these from couples). Four of these are from new donors. 29 have said that they will continue to give at their current rate. The promised annual increase, including gift aid, is **£3820.00** and donations (also with gift aid) amount to **£3380.00**. The red box is still at the back of church. LP

**Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Monday 27th November.**

## **PLANTING FOR TOMORROW : FUTURE PLANS FOR ST MARY'S**

As we shape our plans for 2018 and start 'planting for tomorrow' there are several opportunities for us to meet together before Advent and pray for God's guidance:

Tuesday mornings from 9.15-9.30am, just before the regular Communion service;

Sunday mornings from 9.30-9.45am, before the main service;

Thursday 30th November at 2pm and later at 7.30pm, both for an hour or so.

Do please join me in the Lady Chapel to pray if you can, and use our prayer cards at home. Once we are in Advent I'll be asking you to tell me what sense you have about the future priorities of the church. *Adrian*

**'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES'**.. Melton Mowbray Choral Society presents their annual Christmas concert in the newly refurbished St Mary's Church (Melton!). I will be conducting as usual and the programme includes the Christmas music from Handel's Messiah, and lots of the usual favourites. I would love to see you there! **Saturday 16th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £9 if purchased in advanced, or £10 on the door. Refreshments available and will include a free mince pie! (made by James's mum!). Tickets are available from the Parish Office. *James*

**CAROL CONCERT** in support of Menphys. **Friday 8th December**. 7.15pm at De Montfort Hall. Tickets are £9 and are available from De Montfort Hall. Always a very enjoyable evening. Please see notice on the board at the back of Church for further details.

**CINDERELLA** The pantomime at the Guildhall this year is Cinderella and will be performed by the Herrick Players. It's on **Saturday 9th December** at 6.00pm and **Sunday 10th December** at 4.00pm and 7.30pm, and **Monday 11th December** at 7.30pm. Adults £11 and 16 and under £8.50. tickets available from the Guildhall.

**MEMORY CAFÉ ST GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON** This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. The next session on 8th December 1.30 – 3.00pm will have a Christmas theme and will include singing and simple exercises. If you know someone who would be helped by this cafes please let them know. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

## CALLING MINI MUSICIANS!

If your child is between 2 and 5 years of age and you would like them to be introduced to learning music in a comfortable and relaxed learning environment...why not try "Mini Musicians"? First lesson is free and then you can sign up for half a term. Duration is 45 minutes starting on **Monday January 8th** in St. Peter's Church Hall, LE2 1DA. Time is 10AM.

Contact Ellie on 07961297228 or Paolo on 07919546320, speak to Angelica on Sunday mornings who can tell you more.

**PETER BEAMS** - it is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the death of Peter Beams. Many of you will know much better than me the great contribution that Peter has made to St Mary's over the years, and our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and their family now. *Adrian*

### **A Rough Sleeper reported in St Mary Magdalen Church!**

On the night of Wednesday 20th December Revd Neil will be 'rough sleeping' in the church, not because his wife Jackie has kicked him out, but to raise awareness of the plight of the many homeless people in our society.

This will be part of the Church Urban Fund's 'Advent Sleepout Challenge 2017'

For further details please see: <https://www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk/>

If you would like to support Neil in this endeavour, there is a sponsorship sheet at the back of church or you may even consider joining Neil and raising your own sponsorship for this very worthwhile course  
(please speak to Neil about this).

## **Advent Group 2017**

Please join us for our Advent Group meetings on Wednesday mornings

between 10.00am and 11.30am.



This year we will be looking at the Advent Antiphons - the great names of Jesus used in the hymn 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'.

Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 29th November** at the home of Doreen White. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you'd like to join us.

## Wisdom from the World Church

"Thou shalt not" is the beginning of wisdom. But the end of wisdom, the new law, is, "Thou shalt." To be Christian is to be old? Not a bit of it. To be Christian is to be reborn, and free, and unafraid, and immortally young.

Joy Davidman (1915-1960), American poet and wife of C.S.Lewis.

**ST. GUTHLAC'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**  
**10.00AM -1.00PM**



Join us if you can for festive refreshments and take time to browse the stalls including bulb bowls, Christmas food, decorations, games for children.

Everyone welcome, free admission.

**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.

**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**

We give thanks for the baptism of Jonah Muddimer last Sunday

*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 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  
Tony Rae**

**Cathy Aska-Curtis**

**David Griffin**

*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:

**Madge Whitehead  
Angela Hefford**

**Peter Beams**



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