



# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones

2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday

## 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. On the next page of this newsletter you'll find all the essential information you might need for this morning's service.

**ALL AGE WORSHIP FOR ADVENT SUNDAY:** It's a pleasure to welcome the family and friends of Ava and Beatrice Davis who will be baptised in our service this morning. We do hope that you feel warmly welcomed and enjoy the service.

Our All Age Worship is deliberately relaxed so that everyone feels at home. In particular we want families and children to be free from any anxiety about making noise, moving around or 'doing the right thing'. Our aim is to include something for everyone in the service - so there will be parts that focus on the children of course, but also teaching and worship at an adult level. The format of the service on this first Sunday of the month is always evolving, so please do let me have any ideas, or volunteer yourself to help. As ever, I'm grateful to the Band for leading our sung worship today.

The third Sunday of each month at St Mary's now includes 'Morning Worship' at 10am. This is a service of prayers, hymns and Bible teaching that, again, is aimed at a wide range of people and in particular those who perhaps don't come to church services that often. The children have their own Sunday Club during Morning Worship, and there is no celebration of Holy Communion on this Sunday (except our weekly 8am traditional language service).

The second and fourth Sundays of each month include our traditional Sung Eucharist with the choir at 10am, an Sunday Club for the children.

I'm convinced that God is always pleased when we worship, and that having a diversity of styles and approaches means that we create space for a wider range of people to join us. Please let others know what we do on a Sunday and invite them to come along with you! *Adrian*

## ABOUT OUR SERVICES

- 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 and 11.30am services 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.

### **Listening to God's Word**

**Sunday 2nd December 2018**

Our Bible readings at today's services are:

**8.00am & 11.30am**

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Jeremiah 33.14-16, Luke 21.25-36

**10.00am**

Bible Readings from the Books of Genesis and Exodus,  
from the Psalms and from the Prophet Isaiah

The sermon title today is

**“The King is Coming! Part Three: Light for the way”**

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 2nd December</b> Advent Sunday	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am All Age Worship & Baptism 11.30am Eucharist 6.30pm Advent Service
Monday 3rd December <b><u>Parish Office Closed</u></b>	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Guthlac's 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 4th December	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's
Wednesday 5th December	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's
Thursday 6th December	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 1.00pm-3.00pm LHS Christingle rehearsal
Friday 7th December	2.00pm LHS Christingle Service
Saturday 8th December	9.30am MU Christingle assembly 5.00pm Concert rehearsal 7.30pm Semper Singers Concert
<b>Sunday 9th December</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 3.30pm Community Carols and Christingle 5.00pm Concert rehearsal 7.30pm Grace Pepper Concert

The next monthly Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 25th January** at 11.00am.

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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 above.)

The office is closed on **Mondays**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**FUTURE SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CHOIRS:** Thanks to all those who have already talked to me about the possible ways we can support and develop our two benefice choirs in 2019. You'll be glad to know that the Standing Committees of both churches are holding meetings in the first half of December to discuss possibilities. Do continue to pass ideas on to PCC members or to me in the meantime - I'll keep you updated on our progress.

*Adrian*

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ...** If you would like to send a 'shared' card to other members of the congregation a board will be provided at the back of church for this purpose. A donation in aid of the Children's Society would be very much appreciated. (Box Provided). Thank you.

**KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1**, the book about the men on St Mary's war memorial is being reprinted, following its sell out over the commemoration weekend. The book costs £5.00 and can be ordered by emailing [knightonremembersww1@gmail.com](mailto:knightonremembersww1@gmail.com) or through James at the Knighton Parish Office. Deborah Martin

**AN OFFICIAL WELCOME TO A FAMILIAR FACE!** Many of you have told me how much you appreciate the ministry of the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster in leading and presiding at services and also in providing pastoral support. I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has agreed to give Stephen his Permission to Officiate in the diocese, with immediate effect once Stephen retires from the University Chaplaincy in February.

I'm also very pleased to report that Stephen has agreed to make our benefice the focus of his ministry after retirement. This means that he will work alongside me (and Fiona Wingate when she is licensed as a Reader in the autumn of 2019) in a Benefice Ministry Team. Stephen, like Fiona, will have a focus on St Guthlac's but will also be ready to lead worship at St Mary's, whilst my focus will be on St Mary's but also supporting St Guthlac's. Our new arrangement will give us the benefits of team ministry as well as ensuring on-going support for the life of both churches. Both our PCCs have discussed and enthusiastically supported Stephen's new role and our thinking about ministry across the benefice, which will help our partnership in mission to grow whilst still maintaining the character and independence of the two churches. *Adrian*

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** To date, £1550 has been raised for church funds. Many thanks for all your support. *Social Group*

**RENEWAL UPDATE** Replies continue to come in - 49 so far (13 of these from couples). The promised annual increase, including gift aid is **£2088.50**; donations with gift aid are **£1487.50**; 21 have said that they will continue to give at present level. Thanks also to these of you who choose to make a one-off annual payment at this time. The red box is still on the table at the back of church. LP

**READY FOR THE SUMMER?** Bookings are now open for Summerfest 2019 at Scargill House in Wharfedale, Yorkshire. Once again Adrian & Alison & family will be going to Summerfest 2 (10th-15th Aug) if anyone would like to join us. This summer there were fourteen of us all together in our group and we had a great time! See the poster at back of church or chat to us for more information. Fun for all ages! *Alison Roche*

**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.

**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](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com). If you are taxpayer 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

## UPCOMING SERVICES / EVENTS

**ADVENT EVENING SERVICE: TODAY at 6.30pm** "Come, Lord, Come"- Please do join the Benefice choir and friends as we start our journey through Advent with a service from Darkness to light . This is a service of readings, hymns, choral music and prayers in expectation of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God. Refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

**SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP (SLCP)** First Friday Prayers. Friday 7th December, 8-8.30 am at St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Road. Everyone welcome.

**AFTERNOON TEA** Father Christmas and the Pink Fairy invite you to afternoon tea on **Saturday 8th December** from 3.00pm - 5.40pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £6 each and available from Sue Ardley 2219604. Proceeds in aid of Church funds.

**SEMPER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 7.30pm** in St Marys - when our ORGAN will be Celebrating its 50th birthday. Free entry, retiring collection : supporting Leicester Street Pastors and Downs & Syndrome Group.

**CHRISTINGLE** The Children's Society celebrates a 50th milestone this year, as the very first Christingle was held in Lincoln Cathedral in 1968. The Society does some amazing work in supporting vulnerable children. We are holding our own Christingle Service in St. Mary's on **Sunday, 9th December**, at 3.30 p.m. You may spot some Christingle Candle boxes around the Church. Please pick one up and put as many pennies in it as you can - every little helps - and put the date in your diary for this very special event.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Suzie O'Neill-Turner and Grace Pepper are working with FreeVA to put on a Christmas concert on **Sunday 9th December** at 7p.m. in St Mary's Church. FreeVA is a Leicester based charity which works to support those affected by domestic violence and abuse. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3.50 for children and include refreshments. All money raised will be going straight to the charity. More information about the work that they do can be found at <http://www.freeva.org.uk/>.

**ST MARY'S FLOWER GUILD:** We look forward to welcoming all who would like to decorate the Church for Christmas starting at 2pm on **Friday 14th December** continuing from 9.30am on **Saturday 15th December**. Evergreen foliage appreciated on Friday afternoon. Further info from Deborah Martin tel: 0116 2707525.

**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CAROLS  
BY CANDLELIGHT IN SUPPORT OF CHARITY LINK**

The Rotary Club of Leicester is inviting you to join them for an evening of music and carols by candlelight at St. Mary Magdalen's on the evening of **Wednesday 12th December** to raise funds in support of the work of Charity Link, a charity which supports local families in hardship or crisis.

The Leicester South Salvation Army Band will be playing a full programme and the event is suitable for young and old.

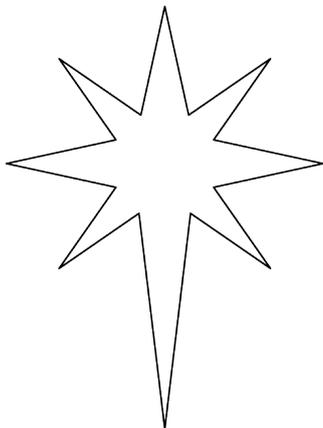
Tickets are £8.00, and will include mince pies and mulled wine.

This will be a wonderful lead into Christmas, whilst also helping to raise funds to provide essential items, including food, clothing and beds, for local people in need.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets are available by calling Charity Link on 0116 222 2212 or via Charity Link's online shop at [www.charity-link.org/shop](http://www.charity-link.org/shop)

**Melton Mowbray Choral Society presents**



**STELLA NATALIS** by Karl Jenkins

Plus favourite Christmas carols and songs.....

Conducted by James Gutteridge

**Saturday 22nd December**

7.30pm

St Mary's Parish Church, Melton Mowbray

Tickets £10 available from James in the Parish Office

Ticket includes refreshments of drinks and homemade mince pies

## **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 all those caught up in the homelessness crisis affecting our own country, as well as those who find themselves driven from their homes across the world by economic necessity, warfare, famine or oppression.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith, wherever they live across the world. Pray that they might have hope this Advent as they remember Jesus is both present with them but also coming again in glory.

**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for all those who live in **Elms Road, Knighton Drive, Knighton Road, Northcote Road, Newstead Road.**

We pray for all those who are unwell at the moment, whether in body, mind or spirit. In particular we pray for: **Pauline Rawlings** 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.

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

Give thanks for those who have been healed and restored.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Godfrey 'Gilly' Gilbert**      **Martin Ian Oliver**      **David Martin**  
**Jeffrey Chambers**

*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.*