



St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

24th September 2017
15th Sunday after Trinity

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

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| Sunday 24th September 15th Sunday after Trinity Rebellion in the Kingdom | 8.00am 10.00am 1.00pm 4.00pm | Eucharist Sung Eucharist Baptism Knighton Players Social (Holbrook) |
| Monday 25th September | 7.30pm | Bell Ringing |
| Tuesday 26th September | 9.30am 7.30pm | Eucharist Service of Prayer |
| Wednesday 27th September Parish Office Closed | 10.30am 1.00pm 7.30pm | Funeral - Richard Nicholson Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church) Choir Practice (Church) |
| Thursday 28th September | 9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm | Eucharist at St Guthlac's church Thursday Club (Centre) Standing Committee (Narthex) |
| Friday 29th September | 11.00am | Service for Healing, with Communion |
| Saturday 30th September | 4.30pm | Harvest Tea (Centre) |
| Sunday 1st October 16th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival | 8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm | Eucharist All Age Service for Harvest Harvest Praise |

The first Sunday in October (1st) will be our All Age Harvest Service "All Good Gifts Around Us". We hope the whole Church family will gather for the Harvest Festival - please note there will be no 11.30am Eucharist that morning. Please bring your harvest gifts as tins of food that we can collect and pass on to the Community of Grace.

The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 24th September 2017

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

Our Bible readings are:

Genesis 3.1-24 'Because you have done this....'

Romans 3.10-12 '...not even one.....'

Matthew 13.24-30 '...Let both of them grow together...'

The sermon is titled: '**Rebellion in the Kingdom**'

The next Service for Healing, with Communion will be at 11.00 am on **Friday 29th September**.

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

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO: yet again we have seen a major natural disaster being played out on our television screens, this time an earthquake in Mexico - meanwhile storms and hurricanes continue to batter the Caribbean and the effect of floods in South Asia will be felt for a long time. There are no easy answers to our questions about 'why?' and 'where is God in such disasters?'.

In our services on Sunday morning we will be pausing to reflect and pray, for all those suffering in different parts of the world and also for ourselves as we wrestle with the questions and how to respond to the emergencies. In addition there will be a short and simple service of prayer in Church at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 26th September** - this will be a time to stand alongside those suffering, as we pray and lament together. Please also consider how you might help financially through giving to one of the many charity appeals. Thank you. Adrian

HARVEST TEA: Saturday 30th September 4.30pm for 5.00pm: Today is the last chance to get your ticket. Please see either Cora Paul or Judi Stone.

OPENING THE CHURCH: thanks again to our faithful volunteers who kept the church open for visitors last Tuesday. If you can help this Tuesday, 26th September, please check the sign-up list on the blue notice board. Adrian

REF: OLD £1 COINS Please note that old £1 coins will not be accepted in the collection after **Sunday 6th October 2017**.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL - this year our Harvest Festival falls on **Sunday 1st October**, and I hope that everyone from our church family will join us for our All Age Worship on that day and so make it a memorable community and church occasion. This is an ideal opportunity to invite others who may not normally come to church, so there will be leaflets to give away to neighbours and friends at the back of church next week - please do take as many as you can use! Our Harvest Appeal is on behalf of the Community of Grace, a local charity supporting once homeless people. Your gifts of tinned food presented at our Harvest Festival will be passed onto them, so please be as generous as you can. Many thanks.

Later that same afternoon, at **5pm** we will be hosting a joint Harvest Songs of Praise with the choir and congregation members of St Guthlac's. This service will be followed by refreshments and would be an ideal time to offer a lift to members or friends of the church who find getting here regularly rather too difficult. Again, please take a leaflet and invite them to our special day of celebration and thanks to God. Adrian

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

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE A member of the Council's Environment Volunteers scheme has offered to attend to the Garden of Remembrance. However, stones surrounding memorial tablets present a mowing hazard and can become dangerous projectiles when strimming and prevent trimming up to the tablets. We are sympathetic to concerns that may have arisen during the period when the grass was being mown less frequently by the council and understand that relatives may have wanted to preserve memorial tablets from the surrounding longer grass. The Environment Volunteer's participation will remedy the difficulty and there should no longer be a problem keeping memorial tablets neat and tidy. We would be grateful if stones can be removed by the end of October on the understanding that any remaining stones will be removed after that time. This is in compliance with regulations regarding the care of churchyards revised by the Diocese of Leicester in 2014.

Patrick Holligan, Churchwarden

HARVEST FESTIVAL at St Marys: The Flower Guild look forward to welcoming many pairs of enthusiastic hands and feet, starting at 2pm on **Friday 29th September** and continuing from 9.30am on **Saturday 30th**. On Friday afternoon we will be pleased to receive gifts of autumnal foliage, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Further info from Deborah Martin Tel: 0116 2707525

HARVEST SUPPER and entertainment, **Saturday 30th September** 7pm at St. Guthlac's. Tickets adults £6, under16's £3 are available from Ann Swanson (2810037) Or Wendy Bramley (2708492).

RIDE & STRIDE Sophie and Flick thank their very generous sponsors. They had a good morning and visited 10 churches. Total raised so far is **£145**. Still time to sponsor them if you would like to.

M.U. Mothers Union starts their Autumn programme with Ros Matthew, Churchwarden at St. Mary's, who will speak to us about Antigua and other things. We know that Ros has many talents, so we look forward very much to welcoming her. We meet in the Parish Centre Lounge at 2.15 p.m. on **Tuesday 26th September**.

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.

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.

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.

Concert at St Thomas' Church, South Wigston

Thursday 28th September - 7.30pm

A concert of organ and piano music from the Edwardian Era.

Given by **Ian Orr**, Organist Emeritus of St Thomas'

Programme to include works by: Stanford, Parry and Ireland.

Tickets: £10, concessions £6, under 16s free. In aid of the Music Fund.

"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 approx 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

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 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 or 0116 2702705. Knighton Parish Office, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3WG



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Autumn 2017

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.

10th September

Opening up **The Greatest Story Ever Told**

17th September

Chapter 1: The King of Creation

24th September

Chapter 2: Rebellion in the Kingdom

1st October

All Good Gifts Around Us: All Age Harvest Festival

8th October

Seeds for Tomorrow: Our Annual Renewal of Giving

15th October

Chapter 3: The King chooses a People

22nd October

Chapter 4: A Land for the King's People

29th October

Chapter 5: The Coming of the King

5th November

Saints and Sparklers: All Age Worship

12th November

Remembrance Sunday

19th November

Chapter 6: Building the Kingdom

26th November

Chapter 7: The Return of the King

“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 Palmerstone Way, Link Road, Ryde Avenue, Shanklin Drive, Shanklin Gardens, and Shanklin Avenue

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
Richard Nicholson**

**Neil Denham
Roy Newton**

Rita Allen



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