

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

**Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones**

Sunday 31st March 2019

Mothering Sunday

## **Welcome to St Mary Magdalen**

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.

**Our theme today is Faith for Life:**

***Welcoming Everyone as Equally Valued***

### **Celebrating Mothering Sunday!**

We are very pleased to be celebrating Mothering Sunday at St Mary's today – a warm welcome if you are joining us especially for this special day. Did you know that Mothering Sunday has a long history? During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church for a service on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and anyone who did this was said to have gone "a-mothering".

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a date when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and family members. Children and young people "in service" would pick wild flowers along the way to place in church or give to their mothers. Eventually the religious tradition evolved into the secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers on 'Mother's Day'.

Today we give thanks for:

- our own mothers;
- the "mother church" in which we were baptised or first found faith;
- our Cathedral as mother church of the diocese.

But please also remember those who will find today difficult - those who have lost mothers or children; those who have never been able to have children of their own; those who have difficult relationships with their parents or children, and those who are single and/or don't have children either through choice or the unsought circumstances of life.

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

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 31st March</b> Mothering Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Eucharist for all - 'Welcoming Everyone'
Monday 1st April <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 2nd April	9.30am	Eucharist, St Mary's
	10.00am - 3pm	Curates Training Day
	2.15pm	MU Prayer & Fellowship
Wednesday 3rd April	10am	Lent Group (2 Shanklin Grdns)
	12noon	Piano lesson in church (AJ)
Thursday 4th April	9.30am	Eucharist, St Guthlac's
	7.45pm	Lent Group (Vicarage, 5 Church Lane)
Friday 5th April	Office open from 1.00pm	
Saturday 6th April		
<b>Sunday 7th April</b> 5th Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Worship with baptism 'Sharing our faith in Jesus with others'
	11.30am	APCM

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

**EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR EAST AFRICA** - please use the Christian Aid envelopes at the back of church to make your donation to the emergency cyclone appeal. Simply drop them into the collection plate. Thank you.

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings today are:

**1 Corinthians 13. 1-8 and Luke 13. 18-19, 34-35**

Today's theme is: **Faith for Life:**

*'Welcoming everyone as equally valued'*

## **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)

**"CONNECTING BETTER WITH OUR COMMUNITY"** - after last week's service you might like to carry on thinking about the questions from the sermon -

What have I done recently that has helped the peace and well-being of my community?

Who are the people in our community who are different to me but need help? *Adrian*

**The Annual Church Meeting (APCM)** will take place on 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! If you wish to raise anything at the Annual Meeting under 'Any other business', please let me know by Sunday 31st March. *Adrian*

**ELECTIONS OF SIDESPERSONS** Sidespersons (sometimes called 'Welcomers') will also be elected at the Annual Meeting. We are assuming that all current Sidespersons are willing to continue - but please let us know if you'd like to step back this time around. Anyone who would like to join the welcome team of Sidespersons should contact myself or Mrs Sue Ardley, the lead Sidesperson by 31st March. *Adrian*

**"Your Church needs YOU!"** - St Mary's faces an important year ahead. The Church Council (PCC) will be making key decisions about our spire repairs, how our building might need to change to help us worship well, whether our forms of worship need to evolve to be open to a new generation, whether to employ a children and families worker, a plan for an improved website, our support for mission and aid agencies, practical action in the local community, a community garden and much more. To make good decisions we need to have another Church Warden and four new PCC members who bring faith, ideas, experience and wisdom, and who represent the breadth of our congregation. Please consider standing and encourage others whom you can see would do this well. This is important!

Nomination forms and further information are available at the back of church on the long table - and please talk to me or PCC members as well.  
Adrian

**THANKS** Many thanks to members of the Mothers Union for providing our Mothering Sunday posies today.

**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!

**SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP (SLCP)** : First Friday Prayers this Friday April 5th from 8 am to 8.30 am at St Thomas More RC Church on Knighton Road. Everyone is 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.*

**THANKS** I hope you enjoyed the cake last week. Donations to the Spire Fund totalled an excellent £110! Many thanks to you all. *Beverley*

## **KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1**

It seems a long time ago now, but last November we had a very successful weekend of activities in the parish remembering the First World War and the contribution made to it by people from Knighton. We have been doing our sums, or rather our Treasurer David Hunt has, now that we have a clearer picture of our balance sheet in terms of the activities which centred on St Guthlac's church and the Memorial Hall. Thanks to the generosity of the many people who attended the events and the sales of our book, we have been able to send the Royal British Legion a donation of £500. The WW1 Working Party is grateful to all the support received before and during this busy weekend which marked the end of 4 years of remembrance.

### **And what next?**

Members of our WW1 Working Party were keen to continue researching the early years of St Guthlac's church and the growth of Knighton, with the aim of producing another book provisionally entitled Knighton between the Wars, 1919 to 1939. We've also some unfinished business researching some of the memorial graves in St Mary's churchyard and Deb Martin will be continuing to develop her excellent churchyard historic trail. If you would like to be involved in this new project, please contact Margaret Bonney or any member of what is now the KBTW Working Party (Knighton Between The Wars). In particular, we would like to record the memories of those living in Knighton during this period, or the stories passed down through families about this time.

Margaret Bonney (mmbonney@gmail.com or leave a message on 0116 2202709)

**MAGAZINES FOR LRI** Many thanks for all of the donations of magazines for the Osborne Building at the LRI. I will now be collecting them after Easter. *Kate Adams.*

**LENT LUNCH** Thank you for your support at last weeks Lent Lunch. The total to be sent to the Behala Childrens Home is **£401.**

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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**.

**ELECTORAL ROLL 2019-20:** the new Electoral Roll is now displayed on the notice board at the back of church, so that any errors may be corrected. Please let me know of any necessary amendments. N.B: no names may be added before the close of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 7th. Eileen McKellican 2700714

**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.

**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 a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.



**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 everyone affected by the devastating cyclone that hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

**Praying for the Church:** please pray that Christians and church leaders might have the courage to put forward a higher vision for the future of our country, that is founded on Christian values, respect for all and the protection of the weaker and more vulnerable members of our society.

**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for all those who live in **Balmoral Close, Carisbrook Park, Kenwood Road, Arreton Close, Carisbrook Avenue, Carisbrook Gardens.**

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