



St Mary Magdalen Church Knighton

Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones
Curate - Revd Neil Bullen

21st May 2017
6th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 21st May	8.00am	Eucharist
6th Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Monday 22nd May	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 23rd May	9.30am	Eucharist
	2.30pm	MU Tour of Long Close Gardens
Wednesday 24th May	1.00pm	Tiny Tots (Narthex & Church)
Parish Office Closed	7.30pm	Choir Practice (St Guthlacs)
Thursday 25th May	10.00am	Thursday Club (Centre)
Ascension Day	7.30pm	Ascension Day Eucharist
Friday 26th May	11.00am	Requiem Eucharist
Saturday 27th May		
Sunday 28th May	8.00am	Eucharist
7th Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 21st May 2017

The Bible readings set for today are:

Genesis 8.20-9.17 **'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth....'**

Acts 17.22-31 **'In Him we live.....'**

John 14.15-21 **'If you love me, you will keep my commandments..'**

The sermon is titled: **'Who is the Unknown God??'**

Kingdom Questions

Over six Sundays, leading up to Pentecost, our sermons will pick up the theme of *'Kingdom Questions'*, taken from our readings in the Acts of the Apostles. You might like to look at the readings in advance.

30th April	Acts 2.14a, 36-41	What shall we do?
7th May	Acts 2.42-end	Will the Lord add to our number?
14th May	Acts 6.8-10, 7.48-60	What kind of house will you build?
21st May	Acts 17.22-31	Who is the Unknown God?
28th May	Acts 1.6-14	Will you restore the Kingdom?
4th June	Acts 2.1-21	What does this mean?

EVENTS / DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KNIGHTON MOTHERS UNION: Our tour of the Long Close Gardens in Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, followed by afternoon tea, is this **Tuesday 23rd May**, meeting there at 2.30 p.m. If you require any further details of the arrangements please telephone Helen Long on 270 7781 or Anne Squires on 210 2504. We hope for a sunny day!

BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY **Friday 9th June** at 2.00pm. Taste Restaurant, Leicester College. Super sandwiches and canapes, sublime scones, delicious cakes, tea and coffee. A bargain at only £15 per head. Help to raise funds for home-based nursing care. Early reservations recommended. Raffle and bar available. Contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Saturday June 10th "A Right Royal Occasion" This will be our Summer Lunch for 2017. Tickets available soon. Put this date in your diary please.

WISTOW - MUSIC IN THE PARK - SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2017 Gates open at 5.30 and entertainment begins at 7.30 pm. Advanced tickets £15. Featuring Double Yellers and The Ratby Co-operative Brass Band, with a spectacular firework finale. Make a day of it; having had a lovely lunch at the Right Royal Occasion in the Parish Centre, why not bring a picnic tea to Wistow and enjoy the beautiful countryside and some fabulous music. All proceeds going to LOROS and to Young Leicestershire.

BUSY BEES 2017 Busy Bees will take place on 2nd, 3rd and 4th August from 9.30am to 3.00pm. The theme is Cops & Robbers - the story of Joseph. Registration forms are now available and places are limited to 40 so book early! Any offers of help during these three days will be gratefully received. For further details contact Judi Stone on 2881306, or email judiandbernard@talktalk.net

NOTICES

MANY THANKS to all those who supported the Annual Archdeacon's Visitation Service for Church Wardens, which was hosted by us at St Mary's last Tuesday. There were many comments of appreciation for our team and much admiration for the church building from the 120 or so guests from across the City Deanery.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND A bid was submitted from the PCC to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 15th May in respect of repairs to the church steeple. The bid has been received and acknowledged but we will not know the outcome until later this year.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS have raised **£800** from their recent production of Beauty & the Beast. This has been given to Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe), whose work provides disadvantaged children across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, with a free seaside holiday. This is the Lord Mayor of Leicester's charity for 2016/17. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported or helped at the coffee morning in the Narthex on Saturday 6th May. We raised just over **£240** for Church funds.

CHRISTIAN AID EAST AFRICA EMERGENCY APPEAL: collections in church amounted to **£480.65**, which will be enhanced by **£111** through Gift Aid. Many thanks for your generosity. The latest news from Christian Aid is that £50 million was raised in the first three weeks.

PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE

There will be **no access** to the Parish Centre on Tuesday 30th May and Wednesday 31st May (Half term).

This is to allow for a deep clean of the toilet facilities and for repolishing of the hallway floor.

"What should we do?"

Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ....." Three weeks ago we looked at the first of our 'Kingdom Questions' from the Acts of the Apostles. We were reminded that after the resurrection St Peter called on all those who believed in Jesus as Lord and Saviour to begin a new way of life, and to publically affirm their Christian faith. If you've already been baptised then you may be wondering how you can demonstrate your commitment as a Christian in response to this call. In the Church of England one way to do this is to be 'confirmed'. This happens in a church service when the Bishop prays for each confirmation candidate, that your faith be confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit. If you would be interested in exploring the possibility of confirmation for yourself, then please talk to either Adrian or Neil, our clergy. There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service at St Andrew's, Aylestone on **Sunday 17th September**.

Southern Edge Mission Partnership
Prayer for the Month

Prayer for May 2017 from St James'

Our loving, Heavenly Father, we thank you that in a world of uncertainty, you are our rock, our foundation and our refuge which never changes. Keep us looking to you, trusting in you, listening to you and following where you lead. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit which sustains, guides, inspires and enables us. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live, serve and work to your praise and glory, that the world may see Jesus and come to know him as Saviour and Lord. Amen

THY KINGDOM COME: Join in and change the world one prayer at a time. Between **25th May and 4th June**, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families, neighbours and people within their local communities come to know Jesus Christ. Here in the Benefice of Knighton we will be joining together in this life of prayer. Over the course of the 10 days we will be focussing our prayers and services on this theme. There is something planned for each day from Ascension to Pentecost. This will include our regular weekend and Sunday services, some additional events to allow people a chance to join in and finally an opportunity for each to respond in our own surroundings. We encourage all members of our church communities to join in as much as you are able whether it be coming to a service or focussing your private prayers on the Lord's Kingdom coming on earth. Prayer cards will be available in both churches to help and guide your days of private prayers.

The following services and events will take place across the Benefice:

Thursday 25 th May	Ascension Day Service (Combined service)	7:30 PM	St Mary's
Friday 26 th May	Communion Service	11:00 AM	St Mary's
Saturday 27 th May	Day of private prayer		
Sunday 28 th May	Regular Service	10:00 AM	St Mary's
Sunday 28 th May	Regular Service	10:30 AM	St Guthlac's
Monday 29 th May	Day of private prayer		
Tuesday 30 th May	Communion Service	9:30 AM	St Mary's
Tuesday 30 th May	Prayer service	7:30 PM	St Guthlac's
Wednesday 31 st May	Day of private prayer		
Thursday 1 st June	Communion Service	9:30 AM	St Guthlac's
Thursday 1 st June	Prayer Service	7:30 PM	St Mary's
Friday 2 nd June	Communion Service	11:00 AM	St Mary's
Saturday 3 rd June	Prayer service	10:30 AM	St Guthlac's

We encourage everyone to get involved and join in this life of prayer. If you would like more information www.thykingdomcome.global and keep an eye on the newsletter. Fiona Wingate and Adrian Jones.



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.

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: stewardship@knightonparish.co.uk 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

Please pray.....

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people..." 1 Timothy 2.1

We pray for those who are unwell at the moment:

Revd Richard Bonney Julie Everitt

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:

Joyce Garner Beryl Dakin
Victor Bonfield Betty Ivy Nelson

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

