

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

**Vicar - Revd Adrian Jones**

Sunday 24th March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

## **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:**

***Connecting better with our community***

**CONGRATULATIONS!!** This morning it's our pleasure to welcome Trevor and Lorraine Muddimer who are with their family and friends to celebrate being married at St Mary's 50 years ago, on 22nd March 1969. Today they want to give thanks to God for their married life together and to ask his blessing on the years to come, so we will be having some special prayers as part of our service this morning. Many congratulations to them!

**"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*

## 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 24th March</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 'Connecting better with our community'
Monday 25th March <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	2.00pm Interment of ashes 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 26th March	9.30am Eucharist, St Mary's 2.30pm Interment of ashes
Wednesday 27th March	10am Lent Group (2 Shanklin Grdns) 5.00pm Centre Meeting (Narthex)
Thursday 28th March	9.30am Eucharist, St Guthlac's 2.30pm Holy Communion at South Lodge Care Home 7.45pm Lent Group (Vicarage, 5 Church Lane)
Friday 29th March	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Communion
Saturday 30th March	
<b>Sunday 31st March</b> Mothering Sunday	8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Mothering Sunday Eucharist for all - 'Welcoming Everyone'

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

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

Our Bible readings today are:

**Jeremiah 29.4-7, 11-13 and Luke 10.25-37**

Today's theme is:

**Faith for Life:**

***Connecting better with our community***

## **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)

**"FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS"** : after last week's service you might like to carry on thinking about the questions from the sermon -

When do you 'sit at the feet' of Jesus to learn from him?

How has your life changed – how have you changed as a person? – since this time last year, to make you more like Jesus?

*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*

**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 **£381.**

### **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 (mbonney@gmail.com or leave a message on 0116 2202709)

**AWAY DAY** Saturday 14th September at Launde Abbey. Further details available from Aileen Orme today.

**MOTHERS UNION** - We are holding our usual "Bring and Buy" to boost our funds at our meeting on Tuesday, 26th March, starting at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge. Friends and visitors are welcome to join us, followed by a cup of tea and biscuits. Please bring anything good as new for sale.

We also need helpers to assemble the Mothering Sunday posies, on the morning of Saturday, 30th March, starting at around 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Narthex. Donations of foliage would be most welcome.

**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

**The Crucifixion (John Stainer)**  
**St. Denys Church, Evington**  
**Palm Sunday 14th April 2019 6pm**

Mark with the people of St. Denys during Holy Week, in the church's 800th year, the most supreme sacrifice ever made for mankind. Sung by members of choirs from across the region Free entry but donations appreciated for the work of the church. All Welcome! Soloists are Revd Anthony Lees-Smith and Qyan Arnachellum.

### **Contact details:**

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(day off normally Friday)

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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**.

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**

Thank you to everyone who supported Fairtrade Fortnight so generously. Donations made for church refreshments and at the coffee morning totalled more than £150 and will go to the Fairtrade Foundation to support the work for justice in international trade. Sales of Fairtrade goods totalled nearly £300.

### **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 all Christians and churches in the UK will be ready to work for healing, peace and reconciliation during the Brexit debate.

**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for all those who live in **Kingsmead Road, Northfold Road, Eastcourt Road, Westgate Road, Lynholme Road, Deancourt Road.**

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

*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.*