

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

Sunday 21st July 2019 - St Mary Magdalene

**Service leader and Preacher: Revd Adrian Jones**

### **Welcome to Morning Worship remembering St Mary Magdalene**

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.



#### **Mary Magdalene**

**Men called you light so as to load you down,  
And burden you with their own weight of sin,  
A woman forced to cover and contain  
Those seven devils sent by Everyman.  
But one man set you free and took your part  
One man knew and loved you to the core  
The broken alabaster of your heart  
Revealed to Him alone a hidden door,  
Into a garden where the fountain sealed,  
Could flow at last for him in healing tears,  
Till, in another garden, he revealed  
The perfect Love that cast out all your fears,  
And quickened you with loves own sway and swing,  
As light and lovely as the news you bring.**

*Malcolm Guite*

## **ABOUT OUR SERVICES**

- Our worship follows the printed order of service 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 main 10am service, Sunday Club for children meets in the Narthex as usual; the children go to their Club after 'A Word for the Children'.
- As part of the 8.00am 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.
- 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**

Our Bible readings today are:

**Isaiah 40.21-25, 28-31 and Luke 7.36-50**

Today's theme is: **'More tears and more joy'**

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 21st July</b> Mary Magdalene	8.00am      Eucharist 10.00am      Morning Worship
Monday 22nd July <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	7.30pm      Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 23rd July	9.30am      Eucharist, St Mary's 10.15am      Christmas Tree Festival Team meeting (Narthex) 2.30pm      MU Patronal Service, followed by Strawberry Tea in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 24th July	
Thursday 25th July	9.30am      Eucharist, St Guthlac's 5.30pm-      Special Peal of Bells by 9.00pm      ringers from Derby Cathedral
Friday 26th July	11.00am      Prayer for Healing with Holy Communion
Saturday 27th July	
<b>Sunday 28th July</b> 6th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am      Eucharist 10.00am      Sung Eucharist

Please note that Matthew and his family are on holiday this week. The next monthly service of Prayer for Healing with Communion will be held on **Friday 30th August** at 11am.

**THANKS** As the new curate, I would like to express my extreme gratitude to the warm welcome extended to myself and my family from the Benefice. We really enjoyed getting to meet and talk with you at the picnic and were very humbled by your kind hamper gifts of wine, sweets, flowers, plants and chocolates. Please accept my apologies as I get used to new names and faces and if I haven't met you yet, I look forward to meeting very soon. Kind regards, Matthew

# InSPIREd

## The campaign to save our spire

### InSpired - our appeal for the spire

Many thanks to all of you who have placed orders for the special Christmas card. The response has exceeded expectations and will make a very valuable contribution to the appeal. We can now go ahead with our initial order. If you missed this opportunity, we'll make sure that we buy extra for purchase later.

The Spire Group is continuing to work on an exciting programme of events which we hope will attract people from all over the community. The Christmas Tree Festival in December promises to be really spectacular.

Please tell your friends and neighbours about all our events as they are announced.

One for your diaries now: there will be a curry night at Cuisine of India in Wigston at 7.00 on Monday 21 October. Tickets, for an excellent meal with a range of starters, main courses and ice cream, will be £16. There will be quizzes and a raffle. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

*We are still looking for volunteers to help us in a couple of important areas:*

- Is there anyone who could help design a logo and marketing literature for the appeal? We need something simple, not necessarily sophisticated but effective, which can be used for all events and on the web.



- Knighton Open Gardens is one of our biggest planned events, and we hope to run it next June. It offers the prospect of lots of fun and of course the potential to generate a lot of money for the appeal. But we need a small team to pull it together.

If you think you might be interested in one of these areas, please let one of the Spire Fund-raising Group know.

We are: Nigel Siesage, Adrian Jones, Sue Holligan, Sian Howard, Lorna Kirk, Michael Kirk.

### **Donations for the Spire Fund**

We have already received some very generous donations. Cheques for the Spire should be made out to Knighton PCC, but make it clear that they are for the Spire, possibly by writing 'Spire Fund' on the back of the cheque.

If you already give to the church with Gift Aid, it will be possible to claim it on spire donations. Please speak to Lorna Pollard for advice if you have any questions about this.

Also, there are **Spire Fund Appeal envelopes** available for you to use in the pews. If you are a tax payer and complete the envelope, your gift will increase by 25%.

Many thanks  
Nigel

**KNIGHTON REMEMBERS:** Knighton between the Wars, 1919 to 1939. We have a new history project underway, and we need your help! We're researching the development of Knighton between the Wars, and if you have any documents, photos, stories about our local area - its houses, businesses, people - please come along to our Drop-In at St Guthlac's Church on Saturday 27 July from 10.30am to 3pm and bring what you have. For further information, email [knightonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:knightonhistory@gmail.com)

**SUMMER READING** There are 52 new fiction titles available for you to borrow on the bookshelves. Enjoy!

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL DISPLAY TEAM.** The next meeting will be held on 23rd July at 11am in the Narthex. We hope to see you there.

**MOTHERS UNION** - our Patronal Festival Service takes place on Tuesday, 23rd July, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's, followed by a Strawberry Tea in the Parish Centre. Another date for your diary: St. Anne's are celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year, and have invited us to a service in their church on Tuesday, 10th September, at 2.30 p.m., followed by afternoon tea.

**THE DEREK LEWIN MEMORIAL LECTURE** at St Mary Magdalene Church KILBY on 21st July 2019. The Speaker is Professor David Wilson, Former Deputy Vice Chancellor at De Montfort University commences at 5.00 pm followed by refreshment and a short service of compline at 6.30 pm.

**PECKLETON CONCERT: THE ROLLING SEA** The next concert at Peckleton Church is on **Saturday 3rd August** at 4pm. It is an entertainment in words and music with a nautical theme. The words include extracts from writers such as Pepys, Defoe, Tennyson and Kipling, while the music ranges from traditional folk tunes to twentieth century ballads. We promise shipwrecks, smugglers, press gangs, Jack Tars who are really Jill Tars, and heroism on the high seas.

The performers are Eleanor Graff-Baker (voice and violin), David Whittle (keyboards), Christopher Whitby (narration) and Elizabeth Whitby (narration, voice and violin)

Tea and cakes will be served from 3.30pm (there is no interval, the concert being just over an hour long). There are no tickets – it's another of our 'give what you think it's worth' concerts.

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

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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**.

### 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%.

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**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:** As our school holidays begin, please pray for children and families ... that those enjoying a break will be able to relax together and strengthen good family relationships. Please pray for those who are prevented from taking a holiday and for all families under strain, for whatever reason - pray for the safety and protection of children, and for more concern and action on behalf of children and their families from all of us in society.

**Praying for the Church:** As we remember and celebrate St Mary Magdalene please pray for the people of our sister churches in this Diocese that share this designation with us - the Churches of St Mary Magdalene in Kilby, Cottingham, Peckleton, Sheasby and Waltham-on-the-Wolds. Pray that Mary's example of penitence, loyalty and readiness to share the good news of the resurrection will inspire us all so many centuries later.

**Praying for the Parish :** This week please pray for those who live on: Palmerstone Way, Link Road, Ryde Avenue, Shanklin Drive, Shanklin Gardens, Shanklin Avenue.

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