



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



**Newsletter for Sunday
9th October 2022
17th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect for this week

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th October <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlacs 6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Guthlacs
Monday 10th October	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 11th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 12th October	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 13th October	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G)
Friday 14th October	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 15th October	
Sunday 16th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs

Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

Office opening hours James is having some annual leave this week, therefore the office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but will reopen on Friday 14th October.

Sunday Club, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road?

Church Family News

Harvest Gifts - many thanks to everyone who made last week's Harvest Festival service so memorable, and who helped to decorate the church for our worship. As a result of your kind donations, we were able to take 95kg of tins and packets to the South Leicester Food Bank where they were very gratefully received.

Social Committee 'Friends' We really need people to offer to help with social events. We don't need new committee members, we just need people to be prepared to do things with us. Please speak to Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to be a 'friend' of the Social Committee.

Children's Society Box Opening Please bring your box to church on Sunday 9th October or give me a call on 0116 2700814 to arrange collection. Thank you. *Linda Billam*

Marie Curie Autumn Lunch Thursday 27th October 12.30pm for 1pm start at Leicester College. £20 per person. Tickets from Shirley Wills 0116 2811401.

'Leicester Cathedral Together' Leicester Cathedral Choir will be singing Choral Harvest Evensong at St Guthlacs Church on **Sunday 9th October** at 6.00 pm. Further information available from Fiona Wingate.

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 9th October** are:

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c & and Luke 17.11-19

Warm Space 2022 - many of us are concerned at the impact rising energy costs will have this winter, particularly on those who have low or fixed incomes and tight budgets, and who may be vulnerable for other reasons. Our local churches in the South Leicester Christian Partnership are discussing the possibility that we might open 'Warm Spaces' in our church buildings on a rota basis covering as much of each week as possible, so as to offer a warm and friendly place for anyone who needs it this winter. If you might be able to volunteer to help with a St Mary's 'warm space' then do please contact Adrian for a conversation and more information. Thank you! Adrian 0116 2704268 or 07919 262 399

Appeal to assist with furnishing of accommodation for overseas priest shortly arriving on placement - a message from Archdeacon Richard:

St. Peter's Highfields has agreed to receive an overseas priest on placement for a year, following on from a request coming out of the Lambeth Conference received by Bishop Martyn. Whilst the national church will be helping with a stipend and the diocese will be providing a diocesan house for the priest and his family along with some resettlement grants, there is a need to assist the family with furnishing the property as they will not be bringing any furniture of their own. We should therefore like to appeal for offers of any good quality furniture or furnishings that may not be required for use over the next 12 months. Offers of the following types of furniture and furnishings would be very much appreciated: Beds (one double and 2 single), wardrobes (x 4), chest of drawers (x 4), bedside tables and lights (x5), curtains, kitchen table and chairs, lounge armchairs, sofa, coffee table.

Offers of furniture or assistance can be made to the administrator at St. Peter's, Cathryn Parsons cathryn@stpetershighfields.co.uk . It is hoped that the parish will be able to arrange collection of large items of furniture that cannot be transported by car. Many thanks.



Growing Gratitude and Generosity

As October began, we celebrated our Harvest Festival, remembering God's goodness to us in creation, and the call to treasure and protect the natural world. At this time of year, we consider all that we have received from God and from others, much of it undeserved and without our

asking. There is then a natural bridge from *gratitude* for the kindness of others, to being impelled towards *generosity* ourselves; from looking inwards we know we must now look outwards.

Over the main Sunday services in October, we will therefore be looking at ***Gratitude and Generosity*** in our own lives. In times of economic challenge, like this autumn and winter, it's tempting to hold on tightly to what we have – but God calls us to keep looking out for the needs of others, and promises to keep blessing us as we do so. To help us, we need reminding of this essential link between gratitude and generosity, and encouragement to keep on giving. On 30th October (the fifth Sunday) we will join with our friends at St Guthlac's for a combined service that will look at being ***'Generous Together'***. "

"Be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share."

(1 Timothy 6.18)

Adrian

AFRICA INSPIRES - UGANDA 2022 As many of you might have read in the Benefice Magazine, my wife Sue is visiting Uganda shortly. From Sunday 25th she will be visiting three schools in Kampala to see the development of the 'Develop with Dignity' programme and to see how the money raised by three Leicester/Leicestershire schools has been used. She is visiting with a group from Teams4U. If you would like to see her adventures, please follow her blog from Sunday 25th September at this web address <http://www.getjealous.com/Uganda22> *Nigel Siesage*



St Guthlac's Church

Holbrook Rd, South Knighton
Choral Harvest Evensong



Sunday 9th October
6pm

Our monthly Tea and Talk meetings are back and you are invited to join us for...

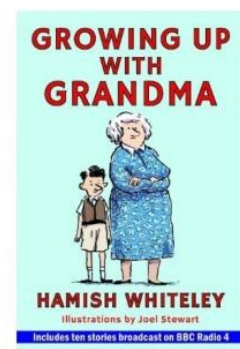
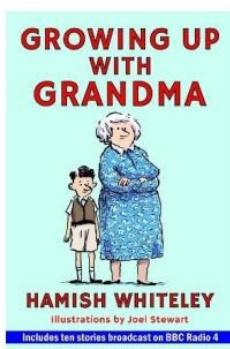
GROWING UP WITH GRANDMA

Tuesday 11th October at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF

Lots of us have a dream of writing a book, but what is it really like to be a writer?

Local writer Hamish Whiteley will read some stories from his BBC Radio 4 series 'Growing up with Grandma' and talk a little about the joys and travails of writing for the BBC and writing the Harry Knuckles detective stories for The Leicester Mercury. There might also be a poem or two, as well as time for questions.



Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle Hamper

Are you able to donate an item for the hamper, which will be the 1st prize in the raffle at this year's Christmas Tree Festival?

If so, could you please let us know by filling in the form on the notice board at the back of church. There is a list of suggestions, but it isn't exhaustive so if you feel you would like to donate something else that is "Christmassy" please do so.

Please place any items you've offered in the basket on the table near the north door by Sunday 27th November. Please bear in mind that everything in the hamper must have a sell/use by date some time later than Christmas.

Thank you - the Christmas Tree Festival Team

Yes, it's back..... St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

will take place on **Saturday 10th December 9:45 am to 1:00pm.** Join us for refreshments, live music, good company and the chance to buy lots of Christmas Goodies!

For those who would like to order in advance - and this does help our stock control - we are offering our **Virtual On-line catalogue** show-casing some of our more popular items.

You will have received your catalogue with this newsletter if you receive your newsletter by email. Hard copies will be available in church very soon.

*** Ordering in advance does not stop you joining us on the big day ***

Online Compline on Wednesdays—8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location **0203 481 5240**



2022/3 Season

It's only human to talk of God...

Oct 14th **"I will give you all this land": Exploring the Biblical Land Promise**
(Montgomery Trust Lecture)

Dr Meg Warner *Tutor in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at
Northern College teaching in Manchester's Luther King Centre*

Nov 11th **Reading the Janam Sakhis as a Christian**

The Revd Dr Tom Wilson

Director, The St Philip's Centre, Leicester

Dec 9th **Even the dogs.... reading scripture from a place of exclusion**

James Blackhall

President of the Society

Jan 13th **Made Perfect through Suffering:
the Sacrifice of Christ the High Priest** (Newman Ecumenical Lecture)

Fr Richard Ounsworth OP *Dominican Friar and Tutor in Scripture at
Blackfriars, Oxford*

Feb 10th **The Moravian Church: past and present challenges**

The Rt Revd Joachim Kreusel *Minister for Ockbrook and Leicester
Moravian Church*

Mar 10th **Mapping theology in the 21st century**

Prof Rachael Muers

Chair of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Fridays at 7.30pm

The Frassati Centre
(Holy Cross Priory)
Wellington St., LE1 6HW
and/or Zoom.

Followed by discussion

Annual subscription £15, One lecture £5, Students free

www.leicestertheologicalsociety.org.uk

Please see website for updates on venue/medium and to register
your interest



This Halloween, take some time out and **Light up the Night...**

At St Mary's Church, Brinsmead Rd, we'll be giving out free hot chocolate, biscuits and glo-sticks from 5.30-7.30pm, and there'll be exciting stories about ***Heroes of the Light!*** for 15 minutes, beginning at 6pm, 6.30pm and 7pm.

Most suitable for Primary-aged children and their carers, everyone is welcome!

Light up the Night! This year we're putting on a special Halloween event for children and parents, to give them an opportunity to do something positive and light-focused amongst all the trick-or-treating. '**Light up the night**' involves free hot chocolate, biscuits and glosticks and lots of stories about *Heroes of the Light*. If you're able to help with serving, chatting and being friendly then do please see Adrian or Alison as soon as possible. Thank you!

Contact details:

Vicar: Adrian Jones 0116 270 4268 or 07919 262399
Email: adrian.jones@zoho.com (rest day normally Friday)

Ordinand: Cecilia Adjadje 07425 705221
cadjadje@yahoo.com (Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun)

Revd Aphro McCullough 0116 283 7887
aphro.mccullough@btinternet.com

Revd Janet Gasper 0116 288 9646
jgasper925@gmail.com

Lay Reader: Fiona Wingate 07515 752954
fiona.wingate@talktalk.net

Churchwarden: Sian Howard 07932 557646
sian.howard@tiscali.co.uk

Churchwarden: Beryl Bonfield 0116 2702202
berylbonfield1945@gmail.com

Parish Administrator: James Gutteridge 0116 270 2705
office@knightonparish.co.uk

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 monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 01162704272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighthon PCC** please.

Prayers for this week

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the world: Please pray for the people of Somalia, facing the worst drought and famine in a generation. Pray that conflict between Government and rebel forces will pause so that relief supplies can be provided.

Praying for the Church: Please join with others across the diocese and the country in praying for Prisons Week. Pray for all those who work with prisoners and with victims of crime, prisoners who find new beginnings while in custody, and for Chaplaincy teams around the country, including Helen Stokes, Lay Anglican Chaplain, HMP Leicester.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive, Heddington Close, Baldwin Road.**

Praying for those in need: Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried. In particular please pray this week for **Diane Stockton, Flick Titley, Val Stubbs, John Orme, Peter Relph, and Judi Stone**

Pray as well for all those on our parish *‘Continuing Prayer’* list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Iain Davidson**. We particularly remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.