



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



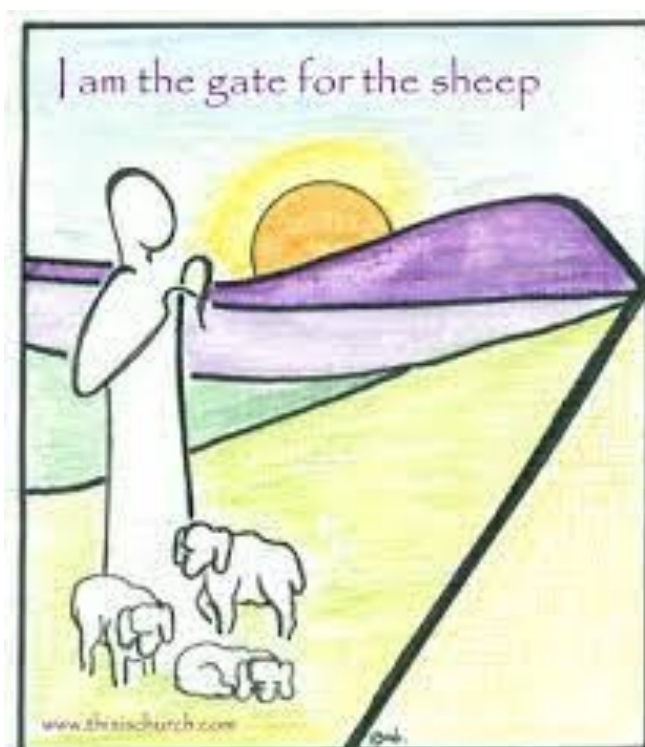
**Sunday 8th May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter**



**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,
this Sunday and through the week**

Collect for this week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist (trad) Sung Eucharist All Age Worship at St G
Monday 9th May		
Tuesday 10th May	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 11th May	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Choir Practice Compline on Zoom
Thursday 12th May	9.30 am 2.30pm	Holy Communion (St G) Queens Jubilee planning Meeting (Narthex)
Friday 13th May		
Saturday 14th May	1.00pm	Wedding
Sunday 15th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 11.45am	Weekly Eucharist 'Fresh' Worship Eucharist at St Guthlacs St Mary's APCM

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?

Benefice Magazine

It's already time to start putting together the May/June edition of the Benefice Magazine. Please let me have your contributions by 1 May 2022, for publication in mid-May. All contributions are appreciated. Please send them, preferably in Word, to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com

ELECTORAL ROLL: the Roll has now been revised and a copy is posted for inspection on the church notice board, with names only (no addresses) until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Changes can be made only in order to correct an error and no new names can be added until after the APCM. Eileen McKellican (Electoral Roll Officer)

Annual Planned Giving Statements are available at the back of St Mary's. If I have inadvertently missed anyone or if you would like to know more, please tell me. I shall loiter at the back of church after the service but my contact details are in the newsletter. Lorna Pollard

Thanks! Ida and David Stanyer would like to thank everyone for all their kind thoughts and prayers during David's recent illness. He is making excellent progress.

Sad news from our Church Family

We are sad to have to let you know that **Rex Wills** sadly died last week. Please do pray for Shirley and the family at this sad time.

Obituary Ben Andrew Jefferson

20.07 00. - 20.04.22.

My lovely grandson, Ben, sustained traumatic head injuries from a fall in Salcombe where he was on holiday and died peacefully after his life support machine was turned off. His organs have been donated. He was always happy at St Mary's. Please remember him like that.

Flick Titley

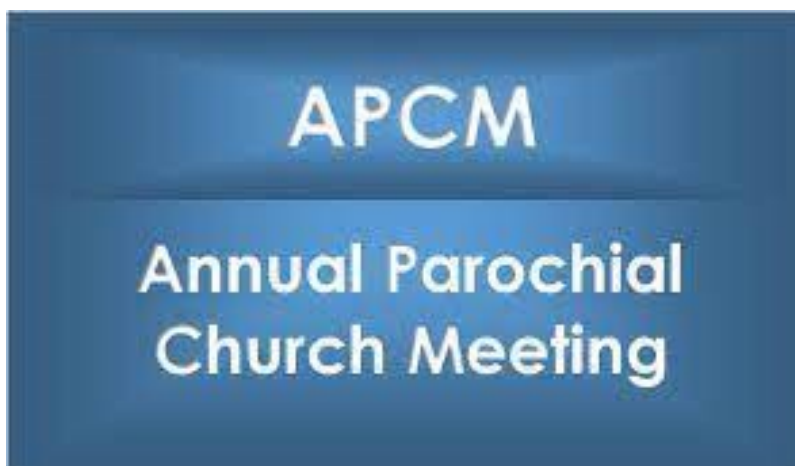
No 'phone calls' please.

APCM

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is Sunday 15th May at midday in the church. The report is available by email and on our website www.stmarysknighton.co.uk Please request from the Parish Office if you have not received it. A limited number of hardcopies are available in the Narthex for those unable to receive emails. If you have any questions for the annual meeting based on the report please send them in advance by midday Saturday 14th May to either apcmmeeting@gmail.com, or in writing via the parish office.

Looking back to 2021 - a year of challenges for all of us. Our Annual Church Meeting (or APCM) this year will take place on Sunday 15th May, in the church, beginning at 11.45am with the Vestry meeting to elect Church Wardens. During the Annual Meeting we will review our church life together through the year and our annual financial accounts, and we will elect several new members of the PCC.

The Church Council (or PCC) makes decisions throughout the year about our worship, outreach, finance, buildings and a whole host of other areas – and so it is important that the PCC reflects the breadth of experience, background and views within our congregation. Please do prayerfully consider standing for election, or supporting someone else in standing, if you would like to take up the responsibilities of this vital role in our church life and influence these decisions for the next few years. More details from Adrian, Matthew or Sian and Beryl, the Church Wardens.



'A Place of Peace' – Consultation period

Dear Friends,

After the last two 10:30 Sunday services, in small groups we have 'walked the designs' provided by Tanya Willis; and images of these draft designs have been available on the church noticeboard for nearly two weeks now. At the PCC meeting last night, it was agreed we should have a six-week consultation period to gather suggestions and views on the designs from not only our congregation but, as far as possible, from the wider Knighton community. Adrian and the PCC have asked me to coordinate this. We will also be putting the designs and a short project synopsis on the St Mary's Facebook page and webpages. So if you have any views and/or suggestions about the project, could you please email me (sian.howard@tiscali.co.uk) and we will do our best to ensure that all viable ideas are taken into account when we ask Tanya to move to the second stage of producing firm technical plans.

Sian Howard

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: there will not be a street collection in our area this year but there will be envelopes available in church on 15th and 22nd May, for your donations. Please Gift Aid them if you can – it adds a significant 25% to your gift.

The focus this year is on how the combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and drought have robbed Jessica and her family in Zimbabwe of the power to provide for her children.

"And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. **But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.** With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe."

(Christian Aid)

Caring for each other at church during infectious times

Although we are no longer subject to Government regulations and restrictions relating to Corona virus, I do hope that when we come to church we will continue to have the highest regard for the safety and wellbeing of other people as well as our own comfort.

- On Sundays, can I please ask you therefore to continue sanitising your hands on the way into church;
- to be understanding of those people who would like to continue wearing a face covering;
- to reserve the side chapels for those who would like rather more space around themselves;
- to avoid crowding together after church and to give people a little more space than usual;
- **not** to come to church if you have any symptoms of covid-19 or a positive lateral flow test in the last 24 hours.

Following our recent discussion, the PCC and I have agreed that when we celebrate Holy Communion together we will continue to administer from the chancel step, but that now **we will offer the cup of wine once more, for those who wish to receive it.** If you would like to have wine after receiving the bread/wafer then simply move towards the side of the priest where you will see a Eucharistic Assistant holding the chalice. They will lift it for you so that you can take a sip of wine.

I must ask you though, **please do not** take a wafer and then dip it in the wine – we have been advised that this practice (called 'intinction') carries a significantly high risk of passing on any infection.

We do understand that not everyone feels ready to take wine again in this way yet, and that is perfectly fine. After receiving the bread please just head back to your place as you have done previously. Your Communion is just as acceptable if you take only bread.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these precautions and changes – this way we can remain both safe and welcoming!

Adrian

ST MARY'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION



All welcome free community event, live music, cakes, refreshments, plantstall, prize duck race, children's jubilee crafts and finishing with Pentecost Evensong

Sunday 5 June 2022

2pm-5pm





South Leicestershire Christian Partnership

Christian Aid Week Launch Service

at St Mary Magdalen Parish Church, Brinsmead Road Knighton

Sunday 15th May 6.30pm

Christian Aid Speaker national church lead, John Plant

All welcome - Refreshments available after the service

**A collection will be taken for Christian Aid's work tackling hunger
and the impact of climate injustice**





Fresh Service

15th May

Signs & Seasons

(image is Pondering Angels on the Road to Emmaus by Daniel Bonnell)
**with Fiona Wingate preaching and Rev Matthew Gough leading
with a time for communion as a reflective response.**

St Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk

Wednesday 1 June 2022

Start: 9.15am at St Wistan's Church,
Kibworth Road, Wistow. LE8 0QF

Finish: Bell Street Monument,
Wigston, LE18 1AD

Free,
Family
Event!

- Four-mile leisurely walk
- Learn about the legend of the Leicestershire saint
- Local cafés serving refreshments
- Event for all the family
- Please dress suitably



For more information search St Wistan Pilgrimage on Facebook, contact Reverend Matthew Gough 07754961997 or email revgough@gmail.com



Oadby & Wigston
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Property for sale There are currently 2 properties available for purchase at Muston Gardens. Muston Gardens is a site of residential dwellings and intended for Christians aged 55 and over. Both of the properties are spacious 2 bed semi-detached bungalows with open aspects. Viewing is strongly recommended. For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Joel Pither on 07983 603 763.

Prayer

Almighty God,

from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
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.



Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 8th May** are:

Acts 9.36-end

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10.22-30

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

Royal Memorabilia Display

Friday 3rd June - Monday 6th June

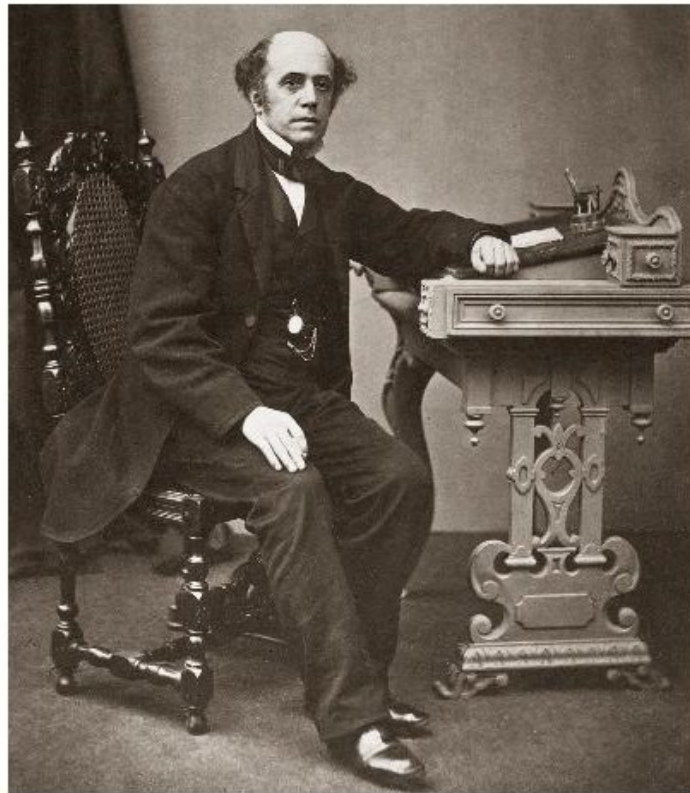
During the weekend of celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will decorate seven windows within St Mary's Church with flowers and special items signifying those 70 years.

If you are able to help provide such named treasures, please let Lorna Kirk (2707843) or Deborah Martin (2707525) know asap. Thank you





LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Thomas Cook and the Temperance Movement

Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm

An illustrated talk by the local historian Neil Crutchley

Venue: Stoneygate Baptist Church, London Road,
Leicester LE2 3ND (opposite the Regency Hotel)

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall
Free to members, non-members a small donation (£2) is appreciated
Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 518870

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

Contact details:

Vicar: Adrian Jones Adrian is currently on sabbatical study leave, so please contact Matthew, others in the Ministry Team, or the Church Wardens as appropriate. He'll be back at the end of July.

Curate: Revd Matthew Gough 07754 961997
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“Pray Continually”

Lord give us love and common sense and standards that are high. Give us calm and confidence. And please, a twinkle in the eye. Christian Workers' Prayer.

Praying for the World: We pray for a ceasing of war and brutality in Ukraine. We pray for the Patriarch of Russia to hear the word on God upon his heart. We pray for his courage, insight and truth to prevail in his counsel to the Russian leadership. We pray for peace to come upon the region, for the homelessness faced by tens of 1000s of families to be remedied. We pray for our country to be bold in offering help. We pray for renewed integrity in public life, for those who set policy and the moral tone of the nation, to repent of self indulgence and greed, instead to hear the voice of the poorest affected by current hardships.

Praying for the Church: We pray for the new season in our Church's life post-Covid. With churches and all people of good will may we seek to work for hope amongst all facing the despair of poverty, seeking refuge, hunger, fear of rising costs. May divisions be lessened and hurts healed and forgotten to be one, building community and kingdom. We pray for the Anglican Churches in Leicester to forge ahead with God's blessing seeking God's will for the design of the new systems and structures. We pray against the diminishing fear of scarcity instead seeking a bold hope, confident in the power of new life and resurrection in our churches.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Ratcliffe Road, Sackville Gardens, College Court, Queens Road, Eton Close, Harrow Place.**

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 **David Stanyer, Dale McCullough, Shirley Wills, Paul Matthews, Judi Stone, and Rod Bowditch**

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. We give thanks for those who have recovered or who are recovering.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.
Rex Wills, Ben Jefferson, Sheila Wyatt and Bob Rutland

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.