St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton

Newsletter for Sunday 25th October 2026 Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 this Sunday :

The readings for Sunday 25th October are
Leviticus 19.1-2 & 15-18 and **Matthew 22:34-46.**
Our theme is *"Wellness and Working Out"*

The Week Ahead..

Sunday 25th October *21st and Last Sunday after Trinity*	9.00am Eucharist (trad. language) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Matins at St Guthlac's
Monday 26th October	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 27th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 28th October	7.00pm Cecilia's licensing at St Denys 8.00pm NO online Compline today
Thursday 29th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 30th October	11am Prayer for Healing 1.00pm interment of ashes
Saturday 31st October	
Sunday 1st November *All Saints Day*	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am All Souls Eucharist at St Guthlac's 1-3pm Quarter Peal

SUNDAY CLUB for children at primary and secondary school, meets during the 10.30am service twice a month. Every child of school age is welcome! Ask the Welcome Team to point out our leaders Alison Roche or Luke Fogg for a hello and a consent form if it's your child's first time. Here's what happens during each month:

1st Sunday - Worship for the Whole Church (children stay in the service for all ages)

2nd Sunday - Sunday Club 3rd Sunday - Sunday Club

4th Sunday - no Sunday Club but all are welcome to join us at the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at 10.30am at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road. [and if there's a 5th Sunday….a variety of things happen! - check the newsletter or website]

Church Family News

Cecilia moves on: Cecilia's licensing at St Denys will be at 7pm on Wednesday 28th October. Do please sign the list at the back of church if you would like/can offer a lift on the night - refreshments will follow the service. It would be great to see her take up her new ministry with lots of Knighton supporters, so do let me know if I can help to make this happen for you! (see Cecilia's message to us all, later in the newsletter) *Adrian*

Advent is coming! It's time to let me have your orders for Fairtrade Advent Calendars. Please sign up by Sunday 8th November either with me, or on the list at the back of church. They are £4.95 - a whole pound cheaper than if bought individually - and contain no palm oil, and as little plastic as possible. They have a new activity booklet too. No need to pay until you receive them. Thank you for helping us be a Fairtrade Church.
Alison Roche



Summer is coming! Believe it or not, this could be the ideal time to organise your next summer holiday …For several years now, a group of folks from St Mary's have spent five days in the summer, together with other Christians from across the country, at *Summerfest*, a modest all-age get-together for relaxation, worship, activities, learning and enjoying the wonderful Yorkshire dales. Our hosts are the Scargill Community and we always have a wonderful time.

Bookings are now open and we are aiming to go for 'Summerfest Three', running from **Saturday 7th - Thursday 12th August 2027.** Do speak to us soon if you're interested in joining us, as places are booked very quickly! *Adrian and Alison, Skye and Derry.*

Parish Office James is now on annual leave and will return to work on Monday 2nd November. Please send your enquiries to Adrian instead.

COMING UP ……. What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in October and November 2026

Our 10.30am Sunday services at St Mary's vary, week by week – we hope that this provides different types of worship that appeal in different ways and, perhaps, are appreciated by different groups of people. Everyone is welcome every week!

- The final **Sunday** of **October, 25th**, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll focus on *"Wellness and Working Out"* .
- On the first Sunday of the new month, **1st November,** we come together in Worship for the Whole Church as we celebrate **All Saints Day**.
- On **Sunday 8th November** we worship together in a service of Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday, with the traditional two minutes silence at 11am.
- **Sunday 15th November** is the third of the month, and so we share Morning Worship marking **Safeguarding Sunday**.
- We join together for Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 22nd November**, the last Sunday of the Church's year as we remember **Christ the King**.
- This month we have a fifth Sunday as well, **29th November**, and we will be joining the congregation at St Guthlac's for a joint benefice Sung Eucharist to mark **Advent Sunday**.

As usual, **each Sunday** our quieter, **Weekly Eucharist**, takes place at 9am, with 'traditional language' on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Our weekly **Midweek Communion** is on **Tuesdays** at 9.30am, and on the last Friday of each month, at 11am, we hold a **Service of Prayer for Healing,** with Holy Communion (see Revd Janet Gasper for details).

A message from Cecilia:

Dear friends,

I find it hard to put into words how deeply you touched my heart with your send-off. The warmth, the love and the generosity of that day will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

For four years it has been my joy and privilege to be your curate. Serving among you has been a joy from beginning to end. You have supported me, encouraged me and walked with me through every season. You made room for me to learn and grow, and you were patient with me along the way. I leave richer for having known you.

Peter, Esther, David, Daniel and I are full of gratitude. You have welcomed and cherished my family as your own, and we will always carry that kindness with us.

Thank you also for your gifts. They are beautiful and thoughtful, and every time I see them, they will remind me that I am loved. I will treasure them always.

You continue to be God's loving people, serving and tending the vineyard with joy and love. Please keep going and know that the Lord sees every quiet act of faithfulness.

As Scripture says: *"I thank my God every time I remember you"* (Philippians 1:3), *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"* (Psalm 107:1) and *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:9)

And as Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us: *"In ordinary human life, gratitude is the thing that makes the heart rich."* Thank you for making my heart so rich.

Though I am moving on, you will always be in my prayers. May God bless you, keep you and make his face shine upon you.

With love and heartfelt gratitude,

Cecilia.

KNIGHTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2026

Christmas Card

A unique card, specially commissioned from local artist
Helen Newton



Packs of 10 cards (6 ins x 4 ins with envelopes) **£8**

Message inside reads

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Cards will be available from the beginning of November. There is a limited print run. To order your cards, there will be a list at the back of St Mary's; or email knightonctf24@gmail.com, saying how many packs you require. (Please put 'Christmas Cards' in the subject line of your email).

All proceeds from sales go to the Festival's local charity this year, LOROS, and St Mary's community projects.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE A reminder that the closing date for the next issue of the magazine is 29 October. Please send your copy to stmarysknighton.magazine@gmail.com.

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Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

As many of us will be attending Cecilia's Licensing Service, there will be NO Compline on Wednesday 28th October

. There will be virtual Compline services on all other Wednesdays in October and November at 8.00pm as usual.

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 donation through the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can be obtained from Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary, email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 07710 975 272. If you are a taxpayer and willing to gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Any donations by cheque should be to **Knighton PCC** please.

Praying through this week

Praying for each other this month: Now that we're in October, please pray this month for all those in our congregations whose surnames begin with M, N, O and P. Pray that as the season changes they will trust in the God who's love and faithfulness is unchanging and constant, and who has gifted us a wonderful creation to enjoy and take care of.

Praying for the World: This week please pray for all those who work in the emergency rescue services – for firefighters in the local Fire and Rescue Services, Coastguards, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), and Mountain Rescue. Give thanks for their dedication and courage, and pray for their effectiveness, well-being and safety.

Praying for the Church: In our own diocese please continue to pray for all those involved in rural churches. Pray that they would know the presence and encouragement of God's Holy Spirit in their communities, and that they would have a positive vision for the future. Pray especially for the people and leaders of the churches in Earl Shilton cum Elmesthorpe, St Mary's Hinckley, and Holy Trinity Hinckley. Pray for their contacts with local schools and young people, and that they would know how to share our faith with new generations.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Carisbrooke Road, Stockwell Road, Ashclose Avenue, Meadvale Road, Overdale Road.**

Praying for those in need this week

Please pray for all those who are in particular need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those anxious and worried. We especially pray for **Veronica Brown.**

Please remember all those who have died in recent days. Ask God to bring comfort and peace to their family and friends, even in their sadness.