



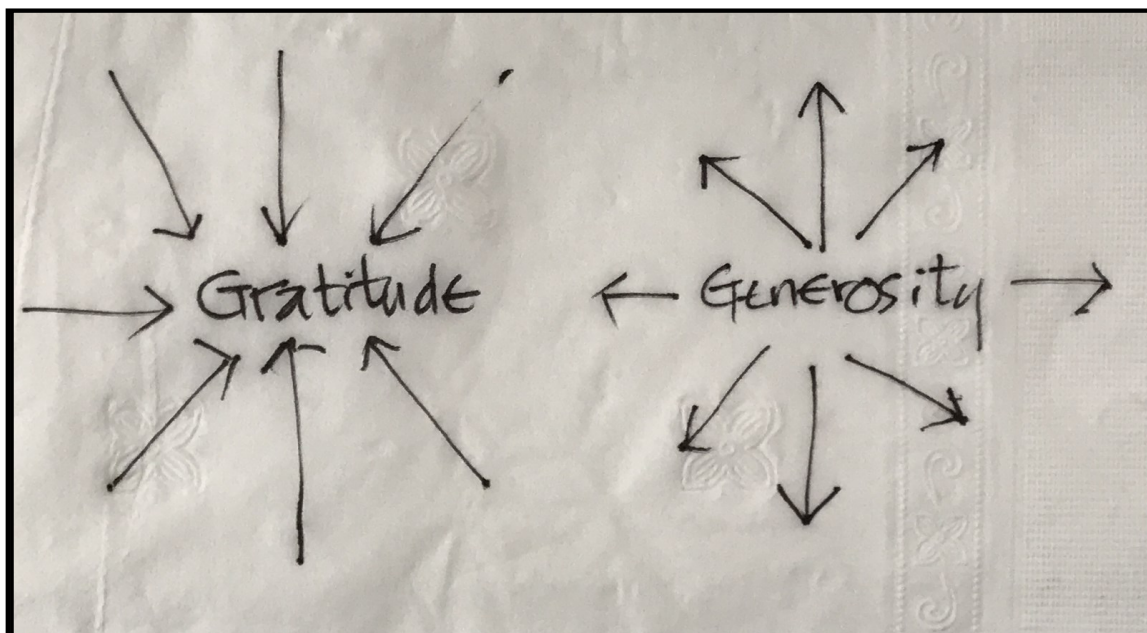
**St Mary Magdalen  
Church of England,  
Knighton**



**Newsletter for Sunday  
23rd October 2022  
Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday**

**Collect for this week**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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

<b>Sunday 23rd October</b> <i>Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs
Monday 24th October	2.00pm Interment of Ashes 7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 25th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.00pm Mothers' Union (Parish Centre)
Wednesday 26th October	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 27th October	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G)
Friday 28th October <i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	11.00am Service of Healing prayer with Holy Communion 7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 29th October	10am onwards—decorating (see notice)
<b>Sunday 30th October</b> <i>All Saints</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Joint Benefice Eucharist at St Guthlac's</b>

**Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: [www.stmarysknighton.co.uk](http://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk)**

***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?

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 23rd October** are:

**1 Chronicles 29.1-17 and John 6.1-13**

## Church Family News

**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.

### **Mothers' Union Fellowship**

Please note the change of time and venue for our next meeting which will be on **Tuesday, 25th October** at **2pm** in the lounge of the **Parish Centre**. The topic is "It happens to us all" and the speaker is Richard Ward of Mildred's Funeral Directors. The room has been booked for us from 1.15pm so if you want to arrive early for a chat, that will be fine. As always non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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

**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 glowsticks 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!

### **Diocesan Synod meeting - September 2022**

Diocesan Synod met at Christ the King, Beaumont Leys on Saturday 24 September for a meeting that was largely given over to discussion of, and reflection on, Living in Love and Faith (LLF), the Church of England's conversation and discernment process about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. As befits a very sensitive and difficult subject, the discussions took place in an atmosphere of respect and care with speakers covering various themes interspersed with prayer and small group discussion. [Read the full summary here.](#)

**Creating a 'Warm Lounge' in the Parish Centre:** The PCC have agreed that the Cottage Room in the Parish Centre (the small room just inside the front door on the left) should be adapted to become a 'softer' welcoming small lounge room, with carpet, fresh decorations and some fresh furniture. This will provide us with a space for small group meetings, pastoral conversations, a 'warm space' for the community if the winter is hard, and an attractive room of a different style for hiring out to other groups.

Step One is to clean and decorate the room, so we've put aside Saturday 29th October to do as much as we can. If you're able to drop in and join our team for any length of time from 10am onwards (until about 5pm), then we'd love to have your help. Please do let Adrian know as soon as possible: email [adrian.jones@zoho.com](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) or phone 07919 262 399. Bring your own painting clothes and a brush/roller or two if you can! Thank you.

### **Dean David appointed as new Dean of Canterbury**

Her Late Majesty The Queen approved the nomination of The Very Revd Dr David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, for election as Dean of Canterbury and his appointment was announced on 11 October. Dean David, who is also the Chair of the College of Deans of the Church of England, will be installed at Canterbury Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 17 December. He will lead his last Leicester Cathedral service as Dean of Leicester at St Martins House, Leicester, at 10.30am on Sunday 27 November and a Farewell Evensong Service will be held at St Mary de Castro Church in Leicester at 7pm on Sunday 27 November. Further details of all these services will be publicised nearer the time.

Leicester Cathedral's Canon Missioner and Sub-Dean, the Revd Canon Karen Rooms, has been announced as Acting Dean of Leicester for the interim period before a new permanent appointment is made. She will lead the Cathedral community through the current period of change whilst the building remains closed for the ongoing Leicester Cathedral Revealed work into autumn 2023.

The Bishop of Leicester has said that Dean David has had a distinguished ministry and would be greatly missed but will go with 'our love and prayers.'



## ***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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 has recently visited Uganda. She visited 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 visited with a group from Teams4U, and if you would like to see her adventures, please follow her blog at this web address <http://www.getjealous.com/Uganda22>

*Nigel Siesage*

## **Christmas Tree Festival Raffle Hamper**

Are you able to donate an item for the hamper, which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## 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](mailto: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 again for the people at the centre of the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Somalia. Pray that food aid and medical assistance will get through to all who need it, and that all sides in the civil war will turn towards peace for the sake of those suffering.

**Praying for the Church:** With others across our diocese, please pray for those taking part in the new Journey in Faith course that has just started. Pray that their faith will deepen and that they will learn more about the spiritual life, studying the Bible, the times and culture of the Old & New Testaments and about central Christian doctrines.

Pray also for the congregations and leaders of our neighbouring Anglican churches in Aylestone: St Andrew's and the Church of the Nativity.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Southland Road, Portisdown Road, Ventnor Road South, Wimbourne Road, Ring Road, Ryde Avenue.**

**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 **Ann Beams, 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. We particularly pray for **Michael and Carol Castleman, Nancy Weir, Margaret Temple** and remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. <sup>8</sup>