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Knighton**

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**Newsletter for  
Sunday 3rd May 2026  
5th Sunday of Easter**

**Collects for this week**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten  
Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened  
to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going  
before us you put into our minds  
good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for  
the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



## The Week Ahead..

Sunday 3rd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Worship for the Whole Church</b> 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 4th May	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 5th May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 6th May	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 7th May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 8th May	
Saturday 9th May	10.00am Coffee Morning
Sunday 10th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's

**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]

Image on front cover = "**In my Father's house**" by J. Kirk Richards

## Church Family News

**Saturday 16th May** - please note that the Church will be being used for a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bob Hattersley, on Saturday 16th May, from 11am to 1pm, with the service beginning at 11.30am. *Adrian*

**Annual Church meeting** - thank you to everyone who stayed after church last Sunday for the Annual Meeting (APCM). We elected Sian Howard once again as Church Warden, together with Mick Gasper - but only for the next month! Mick would like to pass on the duties to someone new and is happy to 'train' and help out a new Warden. If you could take this important role in our church life together do please talk to Mick, Sian or myself.

I'm very pleased to say that three members of the PCC who were coming to the end of their term of office - Tabz Fogg, David Palmer and Amanda Beck - all agreed to stand again and were subsequently re-elected. Kate Adams stood down from the PCC and was thanked for all her contributions to help the church thrive. *Adrian*

### **Sad news—Brian Arnold**

"Easter Weekend I had a phone call from my nephew to say my brother had died. Although this was expected I was still very upset. Brian was a true Christian. We were good friends and I loved him. For all friends at St Mary's who remember Brian, his funeral service is on Thursday 7th May, 11.30am, in Stoneygate Baptist Church. Everyone is warmly invited."

*Molly Clarke*

### **Listening to God's Word:**

The readings on **Sunday 3rd April** are:

**Acts 7.55-end** and **John 14.1-14.**

## **COMING UP ..... What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in May 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!

- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** begins a new month with Worship for the Whole Church (our new name for All Age Worship – expressing the value we give to everyone and their participation in worship).
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, is the first second Sunday and our service today is a Sung Eucharist.
- Our Morning Worship on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** is a service without Communion, that gives space for doing things slightly differently.
- The fourth **Sunday** of **May is 24<sup>th</sup>**, and we come together for a service of Sung Eucharist as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at **Pentecost**.
- There is also a fifth Sunday in May – we join together for a joint Benefice Eucharist on **Trinity Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May** – this time we are hosted at St Guthlac's at 10.30am.

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).

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY**

Since we are no longer able to conduct a house-to-house collection, envelopes will be available in church for your donation. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider taking an extra couple of minutes to complete the Gift Aid declaration and enclose it in the envelope: this will increase the value of your gift by 25%, at no extra cost to yourself.

### **What is Christian Aid Week?**

Christian Aid Week is a powerful expression of what can happen when compassion leads to action.

It's our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world.

For one week each year, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. Together, those actions make change possible.



**Parking on Brinsmead Road** - Sunday mornings on Brinsmead Road are very busy! Both ourselves and Knighton Free Church have two services and many people arrive by car. We would all like to be good neighbours to those who actually live here I'm sure, and we've had a request to be more thoughtful about parking. Sometimes our neighbour's drives are partially obstructed or blocked by casual parking, and sight around corners can also be obstructed. If you do drive to church on Sundays, please check that your car is parked well, before you come in to join us. Thank you. *Adrian*



**FREE**

**WELCOME TO ALL**

**ORGAN RECITAL  
BY  
GEOFFREY HAMES**

FROM CLASSICAL AND ROMANTIC, TO POP,  
AND A DASH OF LADY GAGA

**TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2026 7PM**  
**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH, HOLBROOK  
ROAD, KNIGHTON, LE2 3LF**

## **COFFEE MORNING**

*On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

*From 10 am - 12 noon*

*In St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Brinsmead Road, Knighton,  
Leicester LE2 3WG*

*Stalls to include*

*Plants, Cakes,*

*Books, Jigsaws,*

*Gifts & a Raffle*

*Just come along*

*Everyone welcome*



**ST. GUTHLAC'S CHURCH MAY FAYRE**  
**Saturday 16th May 2026**

**11:00am – 2:00pm**

**Holbrook Road, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF**

**PLANTS & GARDENING**

Summer Bedding Plants  
Vegetables & Herbs  
Annuals & Perennials

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS**

Coffee, Tea & Cakes  
Lunches  
Popcorn & Soft Drinks

**STALLS & ACTIVITIES**

Cakes & Preserves  
Knitted Goods  
Jigsaws & Games  
Jewellery  
Tombola  
Craft  
Leicestershire Family History Society

**FREE ADMISSION – ALL WELCOME!**

# Knighton Wild



## Walk in Knighton Park, 2nd May 2026

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Nature Recovery Strategy has produced a list of 100 indicator species that they want people to record to help provide a baseline of what is in the area now, so that they will be able to measure the effects of the strategy in the future.

Join us for the first of three walks that we are planning this year to look for some of these indicator species and record them in Knighton. The first walk will be in Knighton Park on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 2.00pm. The walk will take no more than two hours. We shall meet in the Park next to the main car park on Palmerston Way. For safety, please don't stand waiting in the car park, but move into the park.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Knighton Wild by clicking [here](#) or emailing [info@knightonwild.org.uk](mailto:info@knightonwild.org.uk), giving us your name, how many people are coming, and contact details such as a mobile number so that we can contact you if we need to cancel due to bad weather.

JOIN US FOR A

# QUIZ NIGHT

FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**Friday 8 May**  
**Stoneygate Baptist Church**  
**7pm for 7.30pm start**

**SUGGESTED DONATION**  
**£3 PER PERSON**

**REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE**

**COME AS A TEAM**  
**OR JOIN ONE ON THE NIGHT**



**Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings**

**All are welcome.** You can also join using a phone.

You can join the meeting from 7.50 pm.

On the computer click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

**On the phone dial:** 0203 481 5240 and follow the instructions.

You will be asked for a meeting ID. Put **811 1818 3080** followed by #

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## Easy Fundraising

Did you know that we're registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us in 2026 when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to St Mary Magdalen - Knighton PCC on your behalf when you shop with them. We have raised over £500 so far - Please sign up today. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, sign up today and we could win a £500 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-mary-magdalen-knighton-pcc/h2y5ev/c2s/ahT9IaEN/CE945/facebook/>

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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 donation through the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can be obtained from Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary, email: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto: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:** In the month of May please do pray for all those within our congregation and our wider church community whose surnames begin with the letters Q, R, S and T. Pray that they will know the Holy Spirit as their guide in all of life, inspiring them to the love and service of others.

**Praying for the World:** As we approach Christian Aid Week (beginning on 10th May), please pray for all those charities and aid agencies working around the world for the relief of suffering and to help vulnerable communities build a better and more sustainable life. Pray that those of us who are well off and comfortable will be moved to change our lives so that others may have all they need.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray, in our own Diocese, for the Launde Minister Community. They ask for our prayers *"to support our work with the four church schools, and to nurture mission and ministry across the Minster Community, strengthening our churches while equipping and enabling new leaders. As we seek to discern where God is at work in fresh and emerging ways, we pray that new gifts will be recognised and brought into the light, helping to grow communities shaped by hope."*

**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 **John Matthews and Neill Addison-Gutteridge.** 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. We especially pray for the family and friends of **Robert (Bob) Hattersley, Andrew Willis (Snr) and Brian Arnold.**