



**St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Knighton**

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**Sunday 24th April 2022  
2nd Sunday of Easter**

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

**Collect for this week**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 24th April<br><i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> | 9.00am<br><b>10.30am</b><br>10.30am | Weekly Eucharist (trad)<br><b>Sung Eucharist</b><br>Morning Prayer at St G |
| Monday 25th April                                |                                     |  |
| Tuesday 26th April                               | 9.30am<br>2.30pm                    | Holy Communion (St Mary's)<br>Mothers' Union Fellowship                    |
| Wednesday 27th April                             | 7.00 pm<br>8.00 pm                  | Choir Practice<br>Compline on Zoom   |
| Thursday 28th April                              | 9.30 am                             | Holy Communion (St G)  |
| Friday 29th April                                | 11.00 am                            | Healing Prayer with<br>Holy Communion                                      |
| Saturday 30th April                              |                                     |  |
| Sunday 1st May<br><i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>    | 9.00am<br><b>10.30am</b><br>10.30am | Weekly Eucharist<br><b>All Age Worship</b><br>Eucharist at St Guthlac's    |

**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](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL:** this will take place between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We have been pleased to welcome new people to our congregations in the last couple of years and we invite them to apply to be entered on the Roll.

Application forms, with further details, are available from me (in church or Tel. 2700714) or from the Parish Office and should be returned by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. No new names can be added after that until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note:** if you were on the Roll this time last year, you don't need to do anything - but please ask if you have any queries.

*Eileen McKellican (Electoral Roll Officer)*

**Sad news from our Church Family** - I'm sorry to have to tell you that our friend and long-serving member of the Knighton churches, Bob Rutland, died in the early hours of Good Friday. Since a diagnosis in late January, Bob had been very seriously ill and recently had moved to LOROS. Please do pray for Sybil and their children, Philip and Charlotte, in the face of this sad loss. Bob was a supportive and encouraging man of deep faith, and we will miss his wisdom and humour so much. Bob's funeral will be on **Thursday 5th May** at 3pm in St Mary's. *Adrian*

### **Mothers' Union Fellowship**

A reminder of our meeting on Tuesday 26th April at 2.30pm in St Mary's. The speaker this month is Bev Hart, whom we met briefly at the Pets' Service last year. Bev's subject is "Hedgehogs and how to help them. Do's and don'ts". As always, visitors are welcome to join us and learn more about our prickly friends. LP

**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

## **Looking ahead – *Adrian's Sabbatical Study Leave***

I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has given me his permission for a period of Extended Study Leave (or 'Sabbatical' as it used to be called) in 2022, between 25th April and 25th July.

This will give me a break from normal parish responsibilities for a while, and the opportunity to reflect, read, research and come back renewed! Please don't imagine that it's a sign I'm leaving... quite the opposite in fact! - I'm hoping that this time will give me lots of ideas and material to use back in our churches to refresh our worshipping life for a long time to come.

During my extended study leave I'll be looking at ways in which spirituality and discipleship 'on the margins' can nurture and support the life of Christian communities in more 'mainstream' urban and suburban areas. There should be lots for me to tell you about, and plenty of ideas to try.

On a practical note, although I'll still be at home with the family in the vicarage most of the time, the aim is to break from normal parish responsibilities such as visiting, taking services, administration, emails and meetings. Thankfully, Matthew will be able to pick up the reins, with assistance from the other members of the Ministry Team, during this time.

I've discussed my Study Leave with both PCCs in the benefice and I'm grateful for their support. As you would imagine, we have planned carefully to ensure that all aspects of church life are maintained while I'm on my sabbatical.

Best wishes,  
*Adrian*

## '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](mailto: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*



**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**

## **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*

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Outdoor /Indoor Activities**  
**Food, fun and a safe space to be**  
**yourself & make friends**  
**Thursdays 7.30-9pm**  
**May 5, 19, June 9 & 23**  
**St Guthlacs Church**  
**To reserve a place or find out more**  
**revgough@gmail.com 07754961997**  
**Experienced leaders with DBS**

Knighton Youth Group Ages 11-17 (Free!)

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

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 24th April** are:

### **Acts 5.27-32**

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.'

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

### **John 20.19-end**

#### **Jesus appears to his disciples**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

#### **Jesus appears to Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'



But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

### **The purpose of John's gospel**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### **Bluebell Walk, Sunday 1st May, Outwoods**

Margaret Young and Rev Matthew would like to invite you to join us as we appreciate the wonder of God's creation: the shortlived bluebells in woodlands this



spring. After church Sunday 1st May, meet either for lunch at the Outwoods cafe 1pm or just for walk from 2pm in the car park

Outwoods Car Park, Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse Eaves, LE11 3YG contact Margaret 2707842 [jmaryou@gmail.com](mailto:jmaryou@gmail.com) or Matthew

## **Social and Fundraising group**

As church life begins to look more "normal" the S + F group would like to know what events and activities YOU would like us to arrange, and more importantly, what you would come to.

Everything does not have to be fundraising, although it is always welcomed. Maybe you would like to see social events or regular groups who meet in/outside church.

There will be an ideas envelope on the notice board for you to use. Or speak to a committee member. Their names are on the notice board. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Thank you**

Shirley and Rex Wills celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60yrs) on Thursday 24th March 2022. Shirley was in the L.R.I. with a minor stroke and Rex was in the General Hospital in the Urology Department.

All celebrations were postponed until he returns home.

Thank you to everyone enquiring after their health.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022**

Neither Ida Stanyer nor Ros Astles is able to continue organising Christian Aid Week. However, we would very much like someone else or a group of people to take over this very important charitable outreach and we would, of course be able to offer as much help and advice as was wanted.

This year Christian Aid Week is from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May.

If you are able to help, please speak to Adrian, Matthew, Ida (0753 269 1913) [ida.stanyer49@gmail.com](mailto:ida.stanyer49@gmail.com) or (Ros 07961884496)

[rastles@icloud.com](mailto:rastles@icloud.com)

Thank you.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## ***"Pray Continually ...."***

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for the leaders of the world's nations - for integrity, wisdom, compassion and a willingness to search relentlessly for justice and peace. Pray for the suffering people of Ukraine.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for our own Diocese of Leicester and especially for the first pilot Minster Communities being formed under the Shaped by God Together project. Pray for the wisdom and 'togetherness' of everyone involved in setting up these pilots.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue, Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay 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 **David Stanyer, Rex & 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. **Bob Rutland, Edna Manning and Jim Stevenson**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.