



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



Newsletter for Sunday 23rd November 2025 Christ the King

Collects for this week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of
Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, one glory.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 23rd November <i>Christ the King</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's 2.00pm Thanksgiving for John Orme
Monday 24th November	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 25th November	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th November	All day - CTF set up 11.00am Church cleaning 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 27th November	All day - CTF set up 9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 28th November	All day - CTF set up 10.30am Interment of Ashes 11.00am Healing Prayer with Communion
Saturday 29th November	10.00am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 30th November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	10.30am Joint Benefice Eucharist at St Guthlac's (no service at St Mary's) 12.30pm-5pm Christmas Tree Festival

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:

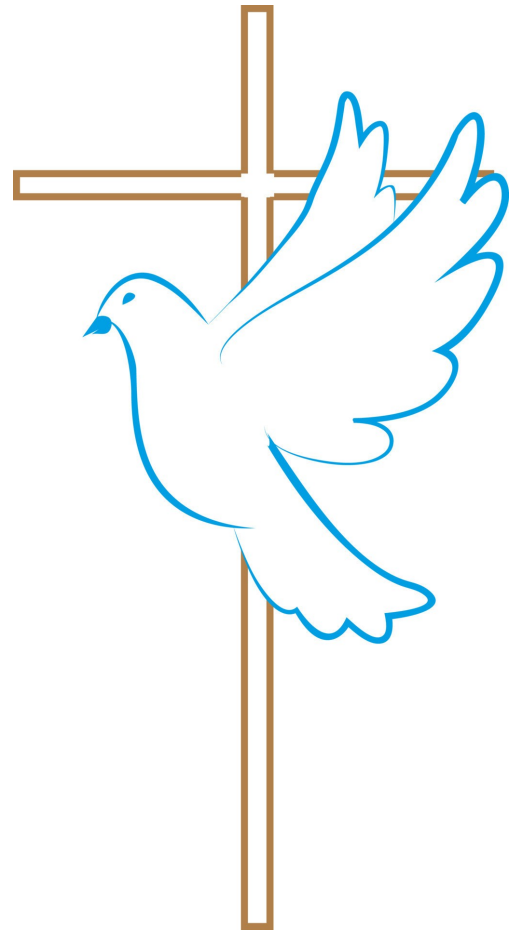
1st Sunday - Worship for the Whole Church (children stay in the service for all ages)

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

Church Family News

A special Service to remember John Orme: Everyone is invited to a special Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate and show appreciation for the life of our dear friend John Orme, who died in October. John himself wanted to keep everything simple and straightforward, so the service will be at St Mary Magdalen at 2pm on Sunday 23rd November, followed by some refreshments served from the Narthex. Aileen would like to thank everyone for all their cards and kind words at this time, and hopes you'll join us for this time of remembering and giving thanks for John. *Adrian*



Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 23rd November** are
Jeremiah 23.1-6 and Luke 23.33-43.

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in November and December 2025

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!

- Our service on **Sunday 23rd November** is a Sung Eucharist to mark Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church's year.
- This month there is a fifth **Sunday, 30th November**, and our joint benefice Service at 10.30am will be at St Guthlac's this time – a Communion service that aims to include us all, of whatever age! Our theme is the first of the four special Advent words: *'Hope'*.
- There'll be no service at St Mary's this morning (9am or 10.30am) – but do remember the **Carol Service** to mark the end of the Christmas Tree Festival, at **5pm**.
- At St Mary's we begin every month with a service of Worship for the Whole Church (formerly known as 'All Age Worship'). On **Sunday 7th December** we will focus on the Advent theme of *'Peace'*.
- **Sunday 14th December** will be the third Sunday of Advent (but the second Sunday of the month), and our Sung Eucharist will pick up the Advent theme of *'Joy'*.
- On the last Sunday before Christmas, Sunday 20th December, our Morning Worship will focus on the last of the four Advent themes, *'Love'*.

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.

Christmas Tree Festival cakes!

We would very much value your contributions of cakes and mince-pies (home-made or shop-bought) for this year's festival which we can pick up from you if necessary.

Please avoid nuts, and please ask Alison or Eileen for a simple slip to list the ingredients on. There will be a sign-up list at the back of church.

And if you are kindly volunteering to help at the festival, please come to a brief meeting after the morning service on Sunday 16th Nov or a repeat on 23rd Nov.

Thank you. *Alison & Eileen & Sue*



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Raffle

As usual there will be a number of luxury hampers as prizes at the Festival. Members of the congregation have been very generous in the past in donating, so please consider contributing this year. There will be a list at the back of church, and a basket for your contributions, from Sunday 26 October. Please make sure that all contributions match the 'luxury' definition and have sell-by dates in 2026.

Thank you.

The St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival Team



St Mary Magdalen: Christmas Services and Events

Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 29th November (10am-5pm) & Sunday 30th November (12.30pm—5pm).

Festival Carol Service: Sunday 30th November, 5pm.

Carols & Christingles: Sunday 14th December, 4pm.

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm.

Carols & Crib Service : Wednesday 24th December, 4pm.

Midnight Communion: Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm.

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December, 9am.

Christmas Day Celebration : Thursday 25th December, 10.30am.

Please note: there will be no morning services on Sunday 28th December, but on Sunday 4th January they run as usual, at 9am and 10.30am.

St Guthlac's Church: Christmas Services and Events

St Guthlac's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 6th Dec. 9.45am–
1pm

Christmas Gift Service: Sunday 14th December 10.30 am

Traditional Carols and Readings: Wednesday 17th Dec.
7.30 pm

Crib Service: Wednesday 24th December, 4.00 pm

First Communion of Christmas: Wednesday 24th December,
at 8.00 pm

Christmas Morning Communion: Thursday 25th December ,
at 10.30 am

Please Note: On Sunday 28th December there will be no service at St Guthlac's.

Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Cards and Notelets

These exclusive cards with designs by members of our congregations will be available from mid-November. To order, sign on the list in St Mary's or email knightonctf24@gmail.com, stating the number of packs required. Please distinguish between cards and notelets.

Christmas Card Angel of the Annunciation by Sue Sansome (*after William Morris*)



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

Message inside reads

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Notelets by Deborah Martin



Packs of 5 different designs (5ins x 5ins with envelopes)
£4

Blank inside

Proceeds go to the Christmas Tree Festival's two charitable objectives this year: the Bridge, Homelessness to Hope, and the Place of Peace in St Mary's churchyard.

You are invited to a
Christmas Tea

On Saturday 20th December 2025

From 3 pm - 5 pm

*In Knighton Parish Centre
Church Lane, Leicester LE2 3WG*

Seasonal Music

Raffle

FREE ENTRY BUT TICKETS REQUIRED

Tickets can be obtained from

Beryl Bonfield

0116 2702202



12 days, 120 charities
£1,000 each, £120,000 total

**Nominate
now!**



We're giving away £120,000 in December

12 Days of Giving is the festive final phase of the Benefact Group Movement for Good. In December, we'll be giving 120 charities £1,000 each over 12 days.

The first draw takes place on **December 1st** and the last on **December 16th** with 10 charities drawn every weekday.

Every charity you've nominated in our £1,000 draws this year is already in. But there's still time to spread more festive cheer - **feel free to nominate as many other charities as you like.**

Need inspiration? Visit our **Giving Map** to discover charities near you.

Nominations are open now and close at 23:59 on December 15th 2025.

To nominate us, please click this link [12 Days Christmas Draw - Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.](#)

Our charity number: 1130923

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **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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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 for each other this month Now that it's November we move on in our prayers for all the members of our church family, to remember those whose surnames begin with Q, R, S and T. Please pray for continued strength to live faithful lives whatever our circumstances, for cheerfulness and kindness towards others, and for practical ways in which to demonstrate God's love for everyone.

Praying for the World: Please pray again for a lasting peace with justice in the war between Russia and Ukraine. Pray that civilians will be protected and that all those who suffer may find relief and comfort. Pray for all leaders involved in the conflict - that their hearts might be turned towards the path of peace rather than violence.

Praying for the Church: As we remember St Cecilia's day on 22nd November, please pray for all those who lead and support our worship so beautifully through the gift of music. Give thanks for them and ask God to bless them in the enjoyment and sharing of their gifts and hard work. *O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants on earth who seek through art and music to perfect the praises of your people. Grant them even now, true glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive, Heddington Close, Baldwin 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 **Sue Holligan, Ann Beams, Neill Addison-Gutteridge,** and **Kate Adams.**

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 **John Orme.**