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Knighton**

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Newsletter for Sunday 12th January 2025 Baptism of Christ

Collect for this week

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.



The Week Ahead.....

Sunday 12th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's 1pm Peal of Bells
Monday 13th January	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 14th January	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th January	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 16th January	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 17th January	
Saturday 18th January	10.00am Coffee Morning
Sunday 19th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's

Sunday Club for children at primary and secondary 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?

Happy New Year!

Adrian and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts this Christmas, and to wish all of our Church family a very happy and peaceful New Year, 2025.

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings for 12th January are
 Isaiah 43.1-7 and Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22 and the theme is "**All is revealed!**
The beloved Son of God"

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Every year Christians from all denominations are invited to pray together for the greater unity of the whole church - unity in action, outreach, worship, commitment and organisational structures. This year the week begins on 18th January and the theme is "Do you believe this?"

A joint service for the South Leicester Christian Partnership is being held at Christchurch on Clarendon Park Road on Sunday 19th, starting at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome. Details of the annual 'pilgrimage' visits to our SLCP churches will be available soon, but I can confirm that the pilgrims 'stop' at St Mary's will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 21st January - everyone is welcome to this short and informal service of prayers with our friends from neighbouring churches. *Adrian*

Prayer Pilgrimage (half hour services)

Monday 20 January, 12 noon, St Thomas More

Tuesday 21 January, 12 noon, St Mary's

Wednesday 22 January, 12.30pm, Friends Meeting House

Thursday 23 January, 12 noon, Congregational

Friday 24 January, 12 noon, Stoneygate Baptist

Wednesday Small Group - please note that our Wednesday morning small group, that meets in the Parish Centre, is having a short break. We'll start again for Lent - beginning on Wednesday 5th March. *Adrian*

Green Christmas

When placing flowers and tributes on an ashes plot, please avoid using plastic, wire, and other non-natural materials wherever possible - this makes it easier to compost or recycle, and reduces waste going to landfill.

New Year tidy-up

At the end of January, we will be giving the Garden of Remembrance a New Year tidy. Please remove any precious items before then.

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in January 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!

In January this year, our Sunday sermons follow the theme ***"All is revealed!"***

- Sunday **12th January** will see our usual Sung Eucharist at 10.30am, and we'll remember the baptism of Jesus, when he was **revealed as the beloved Son of God**.
- On Sunday **19th January** we will share Morning Worship at 10.30am. We'll be thinking about the wedding in Cana - ***"Glory Revealed and Grace Rediscovered"***
- Our final Sunday in **January, 26th**, will again be a service of Sung Eucharist. Today we remember Jesus's own **revelation that he is the promised Messiah**.
- 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.

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 7,500 brands will donate to St Mary Magdalen - Knighton PCC at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! Please sign up and help us raise more. #MakeItCount <https://>

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-mary-magdalen-knighton-pcc/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=christmas-fb1

Let me know if you need any other information. Many thanks , Amanda

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 Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 07710 975272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighton PCC** please.

Church calendar for 2025

'All Things Bright and Beautiful' now available from church at £6.00 each - Cash or contactless preferred - No cheques please!

See Amanda Beck or the Church Wardens.



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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 #

Praying for each other in 2025

The writers of the New Testament were very keen that we should pray for each other, and gave us good models of how we should do it:

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6.18)

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.” (Colossians 1.9)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5.16)

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5.44)

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” (Romans 8.26)

And there is much more wisdom about prayer for us, if we look! This year, 2025, I would like to invite you to join with me in giving a little more attention to prayer ... starting with a commitment to pray for others within our church family.

Each month I’ll be praying regularly for a specific group of our congregation and church friends, hoping to ensure that across the year everyone is named, remembered and placed in God’s loving care.

This means you will be prayed for! But it also means that you have the opportunity to bring blessing to others in our church by joining in with these prayers.

In **January**, I'll be praying for all those whose surnames begin with **A, B, C and D** – as drawn from our Electoral Roll, contact list and other connections. In February, I'll move on to E,F,G and H, and so on through the year. Every month I'll remind you about who we're praying for, so do please join me in this special way of supporting and helping each other within our Christian family! *Adrian*

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us your own.
We pray for all who are part of our Church family:
make our hearts respond to your love;
make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world;
make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal;
make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth;
Lord, receive our praise and hear our prayer.
Amen.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people." (1 Timothy 2.1)

Continuing Prayers Please....

Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially:
Irving Byer, Marian Seaman, David Holland and John Orme.

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.

In particular this week please pray for **June Simmons and Aphro and Dale McCullough.**

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially remember **Geoffrey Jewell.**

We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.