



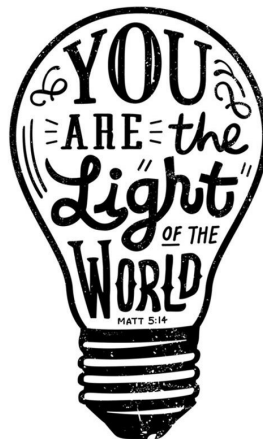
**St Mary Magdalen
Church of England,
Knighton**



**Newsletter for
Sunday 5th February
3rd Sunday before Lent**

Collect for this week

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.
Amen.



DIARY

Sunday 5th February <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 6th February	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 7th February	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 8th February	10.30m Wednesday Small Group (Centre) 8.00pm Compline (Zoom)
Thursday 9th February	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlacs) 1.00pm Funeral - Iona Maynard
Friday 10th February	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 11th February	10.00am Bell ringing practice
Sunday 12th February <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age worship at St Guthlac's

Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: 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

The lectionary Bible readings for the Third Sunday before Lent are:

Isaiah 58.1-9 and Matthew 5.13-20

The Bible reading for our All Age Worship this Sunday is: **Luke 15:11-32**

Church Family News

Vic Ironmonger - We now have details of Vic's funeral, which will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 28th February at 11am and then at Great Glen Crematorium. Everyone is welcome to come and pay their respects of course. Please do continue to support Margaret and Lesley, and remember them in your prayers.

Maurice Allen - following Maurice's recent death, we can confirm that his funeral will be at South Leicestershire Crematorium, Countesthorpe, on Thursday 16th February at 12 noon. Please pray for his cousin Amanda and their family.

Advance notice about Evensong: The revival of a monthly Evensong service last year, beginning with the week of celebrations for HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, got off to a good start. However, as autumn and winter progressed, we saw how difficult it was for many people, including some choir members, to make a late afternoon/evening service at church. Therefore, after discussion with the choir, Michael Relph (Choir Director) and I have agreed that instead of a regular monthly Evensong, we should instead have a number of special services across the year. These can be tied to the Church seasons or to other special occasions, and so are likely to attract more people. We will advertise these services in the newsletter of course so that everyone can plan ahead. Thank you for your understanding, and apologies to those who feel disappointed by this news.. *Adrian*

Join us as we explore

'the Art of Living'



Our new Wednesday morning small group continues to meet weekly in the Cottage Room of the Parish Centre at 10.30am for coffee, prayer, support and a closer look at the wisdom of the Bible. For the next few weeks we'll be discussing 'The Art of Living' as described in the Book of Proverbs, so why not join us when you can, and nurture your Christian faith as the new year unfolds? *Adrian & Cecilia*

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**

Christians Against Poverty: Last Sunday we were pleased to welcome Susan Littlemore from Christians Against Poverty to speak in our joint benefice service. Susan reminded us of the immense challenges facing so many people in the UK today, as the cost-of-living crisis bites ever deeper. Can I suggest that although we may be feeling the pinch ourselves in some respects, on the whole we are relatively well off? And as Christians, called to love our neighbours, we have to think deeply about how we respond to those around us who are in need.

If you would like to support others through the work of CAP, you can make a donation through their website <https://capuk.org/get-involved/donate>

Alternatively, you can make a cash donation by using one of our church blue envelopes, marked clearly CAP (no cheques please) - please also consider gift aid. There is more information about Christians Against Poverty at the back of the Church. Thank you, in anticipation. *Adrian*

You are invited to come along to our Tea and Talk evening for February.....

KNIGHTON HOUSES AND STREETS IN TIME

Tuesday 14th February at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



A meander through late 19th century to mid-20th century Knighton

Presented by Margaret Bonney and Anne Hunt



Free talk and refreshments

Do join us!

EVERYDAY FAITH

All of us need to keep growing in our faith and looking out for ways in which we can help others and make a difference. When we do this we are moving from a 'Sunday faith' that's restricted to church on a single day of the week, to an 'Everyday Faith' that shapes our whole lives and all our relationships.

One simple way to support our Everyday Faith is to ensure that we start and end each day with a simple prayer. Sometimes busy-ness and tiredness can make this seem hard, or a waste of precious time, or perhaps we just forget. But even when we are distracted, God is pleased when we offer a prayer and, over time, we are changed by this regular practice.

The following prayers, one for use in the morning and one for the evening, might be helpful. You'll also find them on some small cards at the back of the church. Do please take one home with you, and pass them on to friends and family. *Adrian*

A prayer in the morning.

*Thank you Lord, for the gift of this new day.
Help me to walk closely and in step with you.
May I act with kindness and concern today,
help those in need, and notice the forgotten.
May I follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Amen.*

A prayer in the evening

*Thank you Lord, for the gift of this day past,
and for all you have done for me.
Bless those I have met or remembered;
heal and restore any I have hurt.
Forgive me for selfishness and lack of love,
and may I forgive any hurt to me.
Hold me in the peace of Jesus tonight.
Amen.*

A date for your diary: Friday 3rd March the World Day of Prayer. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan with the theme "I have heard about your faith". Our afternoon service will be held at St Thomas More church and the evening service at Clarendon Park Congregational church.

QUIZ EVENING FRIDAY 17th MARCH at 7pm AT ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH Please join us for our relaxed quiz evening with a 2 course buffet supper. Do invite family and friends to come along and make up a team with you, but couples and people on their own can team up on the evening (maximum team size 4) Tickets £8 Tickets from Lesley Meakin

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Bring your own alcoholic drinks. Tea and coffee on sale. Raffle.
Proceeds to church funds

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

LENT LUNCH

SOUP, BREAD ROLL, CHEESE AND BISCUITS
TEA AND COFFEE



ON SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2023
FROM 12 NOON TO 2 PM
IN THE LOUNGE ROOM AT THE PARISH CENTRE
TICKETS £5
AVAILABLE FROM
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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 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: As we look ahead to Racial Justice Sunday on 12th February, please pray for both justice and healing, between people of different ethnic groups, identities, nationalities and cultures. Pray for greater willingness to listen to the experience of others, and a deep readiness to put right past and current wrongs - especially from those who hold the power and privilege. Pray that our governments will help and support these critical changes in our society.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the General Synod of the Church of England, meeting this week from 6th-9th in London. Pray that all those meeting will have the grace to listen to each other respectfully and to seek understanding. Pray that, together, our representatives might find the wisdom needed to agree a way ahead on the issue of blessings for same-sex couples.

Praying for the Parish: 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: 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 this week, please pray for **Michael Gasper, John Orme**. Pray also for those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today - and give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

NB: a note of explanation - Our prayer focus in the newsletter is on those people in immediate and pressing need, and so you will notice that names are taken off when an illness or condition stabilises. Please continue to pray for these friends, even when they are 'moved' to our 'Continuing Prayer' list. If you would like to be one of those people using this Continuing Prayer list, then please have a conversation with Revd Janet Gasper.

Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of all those who have died recently. We especially remember **Brian Martin, Vic Ironmonger, Maurice Allen, Iona Maynard**. Remember too, all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.