



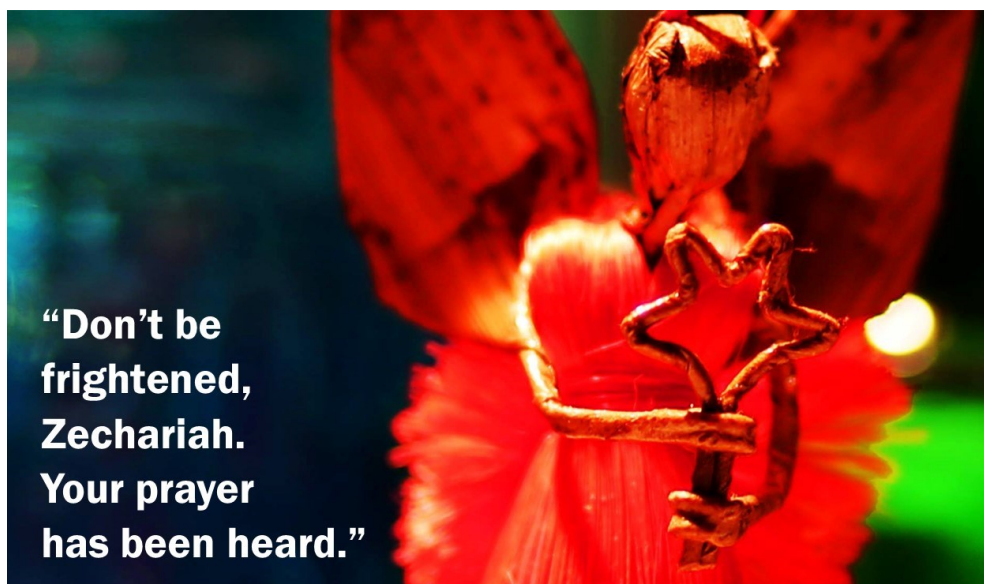
**St Mary Magdalen
Church of England,
Knighton**



**Newsletter for Sunday
27th November 2022
Advent Sunday**

Collect for this week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



**“Don’t be
frightened,
Zechariah.
Your prayer
has been heard.”**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 27th November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs 6.30pm 'Advent Pilgrimage' Service
Monday 28th November	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 29th November	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 11.00am PAT Testing in church and centre 7.30pm Advent Meditation 'Hope' - at St Guthlac's
Wednesday 30th November	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 1st December	9.30 am Holy Communion (St Guthlac)
Friday 2nd December	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 3rd December	10.00am Christmas Tree Festival - 5.00pm
Sunday 4th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 12.30pm Christmas Tree Festival - 5.00pm

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

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 27th November** is:

Isaiah 2.1-5 and Luke 1.5-25

Church Family News

Our next Curate: I'm very pleased to announce officially that next summer Cecilia Adjadje will be licensed as Assistant Curate in the benefice of Knighton. As you'll know, Cecilia is in her final year of training at the moment, and is on placement with us here. She'll be ordained at Petertide in 2023 (end of June/ start of July) and then we will welcome her into a new full-time role serving both our Knighton churches and parishes. In the meantime, please pray for Cecilia as she keeps studying, and for Peter her husband, and Esther, David and Daniel, their children as they work out the changes in life that lay ahead! *Adrian*

News of the death of John Fidoe: Our former church member and friend to many, John Fidoe, died recently, at his care home in Sheffield, aged 96. John, a former Police Officer, was for many years, a loyal and regular member of the St Mary's Choir although profoundly deaf. His son Michael lives close by with his wife Wendy, while his daughter Beth and her husband Simon live in Australia. After a private cremation in Sheffield, his ashes will be interred next year, here in Knighton, in our Garden of Remembrance, with those of his wife Kath, who died in January 2017. Please remember John's family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. *Adrian*

'Advent Pilgrimage' Service: On Sunday 27th November at 6.30pm we will mark Advent Sunday with a reflective service of readings, choral music, hymns and prayers, called 'Do not be afraid!' This is a slightly different format for our Advent evening service, and is designed to take us on a journey through Advent, looking at the message of the angels to Zechariah, Joseph, Mary and the Shepherds: *'Do not be afraid!'* Please do come and join us.

Thanks Ann Beams thanks everyone for their prayers and positive messages through her many weeks in hospital. She is convalescing very well at home now and hopes to be able to come to church again soon.

Christmas Tea Sunday 27th is the last day for ordering tickets for the Christmas Tea on the 17th December 2022. Please contact Cora or Beryl.

Your next step on the journey of faith? You may be feeling that you've grown in faith through 2022 and that it's time to recognise that in some way. In the Church of England there is a special service for teenagers and adults who want to affirm the Christian faith for themselves, called Confirmation. This service is led by the Bishop and usually draws together 'candidates' of all ages and backgrounds from different churches. In early 2023 there are two local Confirmation services taking place: 10.30am, Sunday 22 January at The Church of the Martyrs and then 2.00pm, Sunday 19 February at St Margaret's Church. If you think this might be the next step in *your* journey of faith then do have a chat with me in the next few weeks, and I can tell you all about it. *Adrian*

Thanks! £36 collected in the Wateraid (Grifaid) jar over the last six months or so has been paid to the charity.

The jar is now standing nearly empty again so please do use it as a repository for your small change, since it soon builds up again.

Many thanks for your donations.

Sian Howard

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle Hamper

Are you able to donate an item for the hamper, which will be the 1st prize in the raffle at this year's Christmas Tree Festival?

If so, could you please let us know by filling in the form on the notice board at the back of church. Please place any items you've offered in the basket on the table near the north door by Sunday 27th November.

Please bear in mind that everything in the hamper must have a sell/use by date some time later than Christmas. Thank you.

Office closure Please note that James is taking some annual leave over the next three weeks. Generally the office will be open on Thursdays and Fridays. **This week the office is closed Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th but will be open Thursday and Friday.**

Calendars! Your Fairtrade Advent calendars are now ready to collect from church on Sunday with your payment - £4.50 per calendar. I have 3 spare in case anyone forgot to order any'?

Thanks for supporting the Fairtrade Foundation.

Alison Roche



Knighton Christmas Tree Festival

If you have a few hours to spare over the weekend of Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December we would love to have some extra help. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church, just put your name and contact number in the time you would be available slots and we will give you a ring nearer the time. Thank you.



Baking hats on please.....

Once again, we'd love to have some of your lovely baking for the Christmas Tree Festival on 3rd/4th December.



Please sign up on the noticeboard at the back of church.

As well as cakes & biscuits, we would appreciate some meat-free savoury items such as cheese scones, cheese straws etc.

If at all possible, please use Fairtrade ingredients (sugar, chocolate, etc), and please add a note if you include nuts, sesame seeds etc.

We can collect from you if that helps. Thanks! Alison Roche



The Amos Trust will be holding one of its Christmas events at Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Rd, Oadby LE2 5AF on Mon 28th November at 7pm.

I have travelled to the Holy Land with the Amos Trust twice, and this event will feature partners from Gaza, a host of local performers, poetry, music, and special guests. Proceeds from the evening will go towards Amos Trust's Christmas appeal supporting our work in Gaza.

Refreshments will be served and Christmas merchandise sold after the event.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance via their website [Christmas Tour page] but ask me if you'd like me to get them for you.

Alison Roche.



You are invited to a

Christmas Tea

On Saturday 17th December 2022

From 3 pm - 5 pm

In St. Mary's Church,

Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WD

Seasonal Music

Raffle

FREE ENTRY BUT TICKETS REQUIRED

Tickets can be obtained from

The Parish Office, Church Lane, LE2 3WG

0116 2702705 (Tuesday - Friday mornings)

or

Cora Paul 07933 318153



Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival is only a few weeks away. Once again the team would be very grateful if you could spare a few hours over the weekend to help to make this such a joyous occasion.

There is a sign up sheet on the church notice board for you to leave your details when you would be available to help. Don't be shy, sign up and come and join us.



**Knighton
Christmas Tree Festival**

**Saturday 3rd December 10 am – 5 pm
& Sunday 4th December 12.30 pm – 5 pm**

St Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road, LE2 3WD
Admission £2 - children free. All profit going to LAMP
and the church community garden project

Light refreshments, raffle & children's activities
Event supported by Knighton Ward Fund



Have you ever been to a Christmas Tree Festival?

Many people have said that the Knighton Christmas Tree Festival marks the start of the Christmas season.

You are warmly invited to visit this beautiful, local 700-year-old church to see the Christmas trees which have been decorated by local groups, schools, organisations, charities, businesses, individuals and families.

Enjoy seasonal refreshments and music while helping to raise money for this year's local charity - LAMP (Leicestershire Action for Mental Health Project) - and for our community garden project.

Musical entertainment this year will include:
on Saturday - a choir and a ukulele band;
on Sunday - a brass band.
(For times, see St Mary's website.)

For children there will be free squash and biscuits,
as well as seasonal activities.

Join us for Carols among the Trees to round off
the festival on Sunday 4th December at 5 pm.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Let the magic of Christmas begin!

The poster features a red background with a festive border of green pine branches, red and white candy canes, and red and white Christmas ornaments. The text is centered and uses a mix of purple and white colors. The logo for 'The Cecilian Singers' is in the top right corner.

The
Cecilian Singers
Music Director - Benjamin Kirk
Assistant Music Director - Guy Turner

‘TIS THE SEASON
A CONCERT of CHRISTMAS MUSIC
with Andrew King (organ/piano)

Friday 9th December 2022 7.30pm
St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton
off Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WB

Tickets £12
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/manage/events/456142994977/tickets>
Or from Jane Cotton 0115 937 2993
jane.cotton2@ntlworld.com
Visit www.ceciliansingers.co.uk

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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**

There is currently a property available for purchase at Muston Gardens, which is a site of residential dwellings and intended for Christians aged 55 and over. The property is a spacious 2 bed semi-detached bungalow. Viewing is strongly recommended. For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Joel Pither on 07983 603 763.

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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: Please pray for all those, at home and abroad, who are fearful of a cold winter. Pray that help and support will be available for them. Pray for all those who are providing 'warm spaces' in the UK and that there will be the funds needed to keep them open for as long as is necessary. Pray too for the volunteers and users of foodbanks and community pantries.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our Christian sisters and brothers in the Dioceses of Wyoming (USA), Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Trichy (India) and Kiteto (Tanzania). Pray that they will be able to adapt to the impacts of climate change in their home districts and for a sense of unity as we all seek solutions to the global emergency.

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 **Doreen Macafee, Ann Beams, Diane Stockton, Keith Gutteridge, John Orme and Peter Relph.**

Pray as well for all those on our parish *'Continuing Prayer'* list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of all those who have died recently, and in particular **Audrey (Kate) Page** and **Judi Stone**. Remember too, all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.