



**St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Knighton**



**Sunday 17th April 2022  
Easter Day**

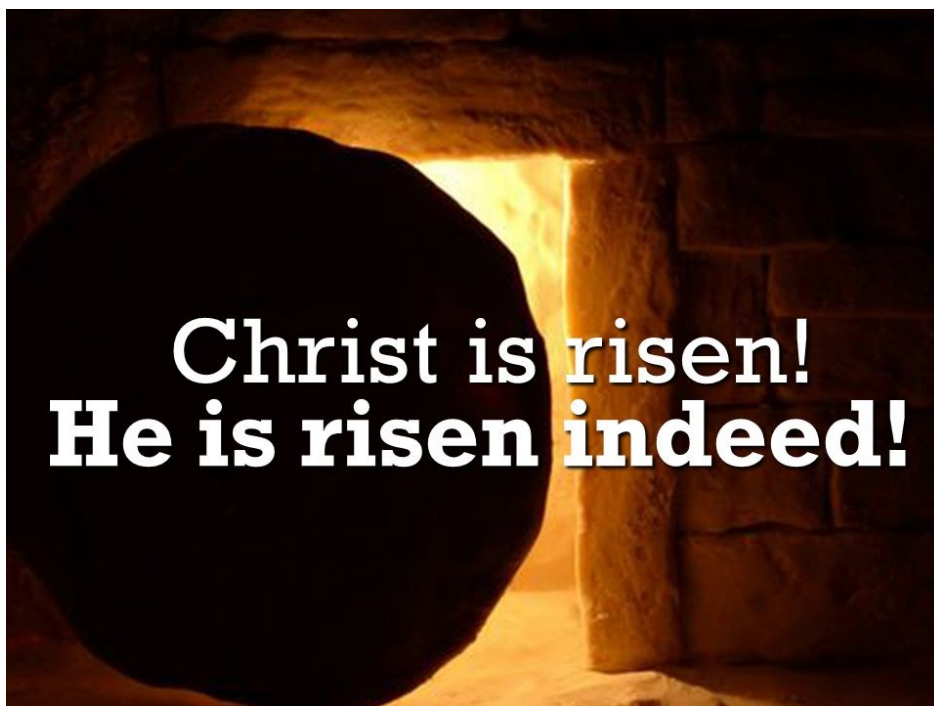


**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,  
this Sunday and through the week**

**Collect for this week**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

Amen.



## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th April <i>Easter Day</i>	5.30am 9.00am <b>10.30am</b> 10.30am	Easter Vigil Sunrise at St Guthlac's Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>Sung Eucharist</b> Sung Eucharist at St G
Monday 18th April		
Tuesday 19th April	No Communion	
Wednesday 20th April	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Choir Practice Compline on Zoom
Thursday 21st April	No Communion	
Friday 22nd April		
Saturday 23rd April		
Sunday 24th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am <b>10.30am</b> 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>Sung Eucharist</b> Morning Prayer at St G

***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?

### **Easter Flowers**

We will be decorating the church for Easter from 9.30am on Saturday morning, 16th April 2022. Anyone is welcome, no experience necessary. Please let me know if you're intending to come along.

Donations of flowers or greenery should be brought to the church that morning.

Thanks *Deborah* (0116 2707525)

## **Celebrate Easter 2022!**

This year we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus - the first Easter - across both churches in our benefice. Do join us at any of the following services:

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| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Good Friday All Age Worship at<br>St Guthlac's, 10.30am  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Good Friday Meditation at the Cross,<br>St Mary's at 2pm |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Good Friday Reflection at St Mary's,<br>7.30pm           |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Vigil Sunrise at St Guthlac's, 5.30-6.15am        |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Day Sung Eucharist at St Guthlac's,<br>10.30am    |
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**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)*



## **Easter Morning Sunrise Vigil 5.30am**

You are warmly invited to **St Guthlac's garden** at Dawn from 5.30am to witness the light of **Easter Sunday** coming into the world. It is an early start and we will finish by around 6.15am witnessing the risen sun and birdsong of a new day. A contemplative time of devotion with prayer, liturgy and reading around a firepit, then lighting the 2022 Paschal candle to take the light into the church with Taize music and communion inside. If you would like to help with any of the readings or

want any updates, please let me know, [revgough@gmail.com](mailto:revgough@gmail.com) The photo is from last year's Easter Sunrise at St Mary's when we were prohibited from worshipping inside the building. Due to covid this will be the first time we have celebrated Easter inside the churches since 2019 (before I started!). *Matthew*

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## **'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*

**Welcome to Church!** First impressions matter, don't they? Our Sidespersons (or Welcomers) play an important role in encouraging people as they arrive at St Mary's for Sunday services, and especially in making sure that visitors and guests quickly feel welcomed and at home amongst us. Our current team do a great job and deserve our appreciation for their commitment.

As the pandemic has shrunk the team somewhat, we would like to recruit some new folk to join us on the rota. If you're able to help out in this way once in a while, perhaps monthly, then please do talk to Beryl or Sian, our Church Wardens.

We also give our sincere thanks to Sue Ardley who has organised our rota of Welcomers for some years, and who has now decided to pass on the baton to the Church Wardens. Thank you Sue, for your warmth and interest shown towards others throughout your time in this important role.

*Adrian*

## **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*

**Many thanks to everyone** who has sent us all at the Vicarage good wishes during our encounters with covid-19 over the last couple of weeks, and to everyone who has sent condolences to Adrian and family following the recent death of his mother.

*Adrian & Alison*

**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 17th April** are:

### **Acts 10.34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **John 20.1-18**

#### **The empty tomb**

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did



not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

### **Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **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.

**Thank you** Sybil Rutland and family are very grateful for the cards, telephone calls, offers of help, and prayers they have received during Bobs illness. He is now at home waiting to start further treatment during April. Many thanks to you all.

*Sybil*

### **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%.

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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 continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for their leaders. Pray for an end to the war and for the relief of their suffering. Pray also that the seeds of a just and peaceful future, in which they can be reconciled with the people of Russia, may be planted and nurtured even now.

**Praying for the Church:** please pray for a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Christ across the world. Pray that we may all know what it means to live as 'Easter people' throughout the year. Pray especially for our Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith and who may be in very real danger this Eastertide.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Balmoral Close, Carisbrook Park, Kenwood Road, Arreton Close, Carisbrook Avenue, Carisbrook Gardens.**

**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 **Rex & Shirley Wills, Paul Matthews, Judi Stone, Bob Rutland 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. **Edna Manning and Jim Stevenson**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.