



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



**Newsletter for Sunday
4th December 2022
Advent**

Collect for this week

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 5th December	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 6th December	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 7.30pm Advent Meditation 'Peace' - at St Guthlac's
Wednesday 7th December	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 8th December	9.30 am Holy Communion (St Guthlac)
Friday 9th December (office closed)	11.45am Funeral 4.00pm Rehearsal 7.30pm Cecilian Singers Concert
Saturday 10th December	
Sunday 11th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlacs 4.00pm Christingle and Carols

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 4th December** is:
The Prophet Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 1-3

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*

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.

Office closure Please note that James is taking some annual leave over the next few weeks. This week the office is closed on **Friday 9th December**. The following week the office is closed on **Tuesday 13th December** and **Thursday 15th December**, but will be open on the Wednesday and Friday as usual.

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 Gifts that help a Good Cause: if you are searching for a special Christmas gift that doesn't add to the mountains of 'stuff' that we already have, and that helps other people at the same time, then you might like to consider the 'alternative' or 'virtual' gifts that are available from a range of charities and good causes.

Ripple Effect is the new name for 'Send a Cow', a charity that St Mary's has previously supported through a Lent Lunch. This year they are offering an imaginative garden twinning plan, that links a UK garden with a family and their plot on Africa:

https://rippleeffect.org/get-involved/individual/garden-twinning/?utm_source=sendinblue&utm_campaign=garden_twinning_22&utm_medium=email

Advent and Christmas 2022 at St Mary's

Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 3rd December (10am-5pm) & Sunday 4th December (12.30pm-5pm) The return of our Christmas Tree Festival, in the Church, promises once again to be a treat for all. Supporting LAMP and the St Mary's community garden project, with trees from many local groups, as well as refreshments, we finish with a special **Festival Carol Service** for all, at **5pm on Sunday 4th** .

Carols & Christingle: Sunday 11th December, 4pm.

The highlight of this service, supporting the Children's Society, is the lighting of Christingle candles; a moment filled with wonder for both children and adults.

Traditional *Nine Lessons and Carols*: Sunday 18th December 6.30pm.

A traditional service celebrating the birth of Jesus - Bible readings interspersed with Christmas carols and choral music, led by the St Mary's choir.

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

An informal service for all the family in which we place the crib figures in the stable as the Christmas story is retold in words and mime by children and young people – come dressed as your favourite nativity character and join in!

Midnight Communion: Saturday 24th December, 11.30pm. A service of Holy Communion and Carols to take us into Christmas Day.

Christmas Day: Sunday 25th December, 9am.

A quiet start to Christmas Day with Holy Communion using traditional language.

Christmas Day All Age Worship and Communion:

Sunday 25th December, 10.30am. Join us to celebrate Christmas Day with a service for everyone, including a short **Holy Communion** for those who wish to stay on.



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

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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

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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 those who find themselves homeless this Advent or in housing that is insecure, unsuitable or risky. Pray that there will be a resolve amongst the rest of us to end this problem and to see everyone in good, health-promoting accommodation.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that in all the hustle and bustle of preparations for Christmas, the Church will have a clear and distinctive voice, and that the message of hope and rescue will be heard by many.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Elms Road, Knighton Drive, Knighton Road, Northcote Road, Newstead 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 **Joan Lumb.** Remember too, all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.