



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



**Newsletter for Sunday
6th November 2022
3rd Sunday before Advent**

Collect for this week

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday 6th November <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i> | 9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 5.30pm Evensong |
| Monday 7th November | 7.00pm Bell ringing practice |
| Tuesday 8th November | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am Christmas workshop (Narthex) |
| Wednesday 9th November | 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom |
| Thursday 10th November | 9.30 am Holy Communion (St Guthlac) |
| Friday 11th November | 7.00pm Choir Practice |
| Saturday 12th November | |
| Sunday 13th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> | 9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlacs |

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 6th November** is:
Matthew 25. 14-30

Church Family News

Sad news : It's with great sadness that I have to tell you that our friend and church member Judi Stone died peacefully last week, having been seriously ill for some time. Judi faced her illness and last days with her usual sharp perception, wry humour and faith that her God would continue to hold her safely. She made an exceptional contribution to our church life together and I will greatly miss her wisdom and kindness. Please do pray for Bernard and the family in the coming days. *Adrian*

Thank you Bernard and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and love shown to us at this very sad and difficult time. We have gained much comfort from these messages. Thank You.

News from the PCC (Church Council)

The PCC (or Church Council) meets regularly through the year to discuss and decide on the major issues of our church life together, including those that relate to our worship, outreach, buildings, and our finances. At our most recent meeting this week, we considered different Bible verses that might sum up the message that we need to take on board in these challenging times. There was unanimity in agreeing on this:

"Have I not commanded you? (says the LORD). Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1.9)

The PCC has also agreed in principle on proposals to install a more secure ramp, for wheelchair users and those who find steps difficult, up to the sanctuary in the Lady Chapel. This will provide better access to the main chancel/choir area of the church for those leading worship. There will be an opportunity for everyone in the congregation to see the plans, hear more about the proposals and give your views, in the weeks to come.

Many of you know that we have been looking at a major upgrading of the church sound system, and we have now agreed a professional quote

Report from the PCC (continued)

For a completely new system. It will, however, be up to six months before it can be installed, due to the gathering of permissions and the ordering of equipment.

The 'Place of Peace' project continues to evolve. Following our consultation with the congregation, we are now seeking a redesign of plans for the area at the end of the Garden of Remembrance.

The PCC took a long look at our financial situation, and noted that giving from the congregation and income from the Parish Centre have still not returned to their pre-pandemic levels. We have made savings where we can and have confirmed that we will benefit from Government relief on energy bills. However, we still expect to be in an operating deficit at the end of the year. Our reserves allow for this, but we are agreed that they should be used to support major church projects rather than on-going expenditure. We all need to increase our regular giving, therefore, to support the life and work of the church.

Considering the financial pressure and the other major projects currently underway, the PCC have agreed, with regret, that the employment of a Children's Pioneer Worker should be put on hold for the time being.

Please do talk to any of your PCC members for more information.

Adrian (Vicar)

Many thanks to our decorating team—we made a good start on work painting the Cottage Room (small lounge) in the Parish Centre last week. Thanks to all involved.

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.

'It's that time of year again - time to order Fairtrade Advent calendars that support cocoa producers in the developing world with a living wage while, at the same time, reminding your friends & family of the real story of Christmas beyond the tinsel and trimmings! Please sign up on the list at the back of St Mary's or with me by Sunday 13th November at the latest to ensure delivery in time for Advent. Payment of £4.50 on collection. Thanks. Alison Roche'



Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society—The 5th Northern General Hospital The story of a Leicester hospital created during WW1 for injured troops, told by Dr Sally Horrocks Associate Professor in Contemporary British History at the University of Leicester. The buildings had previously been the County Asylum and are now part of the University of Leicester. **Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm in Stoneygate Baptist Church.** Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall. Free to members, non-members a small donation (£2) is appreciated. Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION would appreciate your kind donations in the collection box which will be situated in St Mary's Church on Sundays 6th and 13th November. POPPIES and CROSSES will be available for you to select.



Benefice Magazine

Because the last magazine was issued so recently, I have put the copy deadline for the November/December issue back a little, to Monday 7 November. I shall aim to publish by 16 November. Please help to make this a bumper edition. Send your stories, reports, notifications of coming events to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com.



Free Film Night at St Guthlac's Church

Part of our monthly Tea and Talk series of events. All welcome!

GREEN BOOK

(Cert 12, 124 mins)

Tues 8th Nov 7.00pm

Set in America in 1962, Green Book tells the heart-warming true story of Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a working-class Italian-American bouncer who takes on a job as a chauffeur for Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a world-class Black pianist. The mismatched pair embark on a two-month tour of concert venues in the racially charged deep south and discover they're on the road to a meaningful and unique friendship. Free refreshments and the chance to socialise.



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.

Christmas Tree Festival Workshops

Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 16th, and Tuesday 22nd November
10.30-12.30 in the Narthex



Do come along and enjoy a morning making Christmas trees, angels and other decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival. Anyone is welcome and no artistic skills are necessary.

This year we will again need **magazines, catalogues**, newspaper supplements and the like, but also **paperback books, soft fabrics** (eg cotton, velvet) and **ribbon.** Please start saving them now. I will put a box in the porch to collect them.

For further information or to join a workshop please contact me (Tel: 0116 2707525) or sign up at the back of the church.

Thanks

Deborah Martin

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!

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. There is a list of suggestions, but it isn't exhaustive so if you feel you would like to donate something else that is "Christmassy" please do so.

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 - the Christmas Tree Festival Team

City of Leicester Singers Concert—An Evening of Mozart

Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm in St James the Greater Church, London Road. For their Autumn 2022 concert, The City of Leicester Singers will present an evening of choral music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The first half comprises the Missa Brevis in G, K140, is also known as the Pastoral Mass and the Litaniae Lauretanae, K195, is also known as the Litany of Loreto or Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The second half begins with the well-known Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, true body), K618. This is followed by Exsultate, Jubilate, K165, The concert ends with Vespere solennes de confessore, K339, (solemn vespers for a confessor). Tickets are £12, under 16s free. Available from choir members and St James the Greater.

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**

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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 the forthcoming COP27 summit of world leaders, aiming to address the Climate Crisis by making real commitments to reducing global heating. Pray that the agreements made will be followed through by speedy action, Pray too for the poorest people of the world, and others most directly affected by changes to our weather systems.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all the Anglican churches that make up our diocesan ‘family’. Especially pray for a spirit of generosity in giving to local foodbanks and charities that help the most vulnerable, and also in giving to the diocesan fund that supports ministry and mission for us all. Pray for those who will have to make tough decisions if giving is not enough to support current clergy numbers across the Diocese, and for our bishops as they lead us all in these financially challenging times.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Carisbrooke Road, Stockwell Road, Ashclose Avenue, Meadvale Road, Overdale 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 **Ann Beams, Diane Stockton, Val Stubbs, John Orme, 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 those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. We particularly pray for **Judi Stone, Michael and Carol Castleman, Nancy Weir, Margaret Temple** and remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.