



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



**Newsletter for
Sunday 19th May 2024
Pentecost**

Collects for this week

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The week ahead...

Sunday 19th May <i>Pentecost</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am "Pentecost Praise" 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs
Monday 20th May	7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 21st May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 22nd May	10.30am 'Hymns we love' (Parish Centre)
Thursday 23rd May	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 24th May	
Saturday 25th May	
Sunday 26th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 3.30pm Inside Out

Sunday Club, for children at primary and secondary 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 set readings for Pentecost Sunday are: Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.22-27 and John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

In our main 10.30am service of Pentecost Praise the readings are:
 Acts 2. 1-4, 38-39 and John 20.19-23

Church Family News

THANK YOU The Social Committee thank all who supported the Coffee Morning on the 13th April. This was a very successful event and raised £545.01. I personally thank my helpers without them this event could not happen. We do still need people to join the Social Committee as a member (say bringing new ideas to fundraising).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2024: As we are not able to organise a street collection, there are Church Collection envelopes in the pews today, which can be returned via the collection plate on the next two / three Sundays. (There is also a helpful devotional booklet for use during the Week.) If you can, please use Gift Aid to enhance your donation. Many thanks for your continuing generosity. *Eileen*

Gift Aid Tax Letters For those members of the congregation who have given a gift aided donation, please collect your donations summary letter for the 2023-24 tax year from the box at the rear of church as soon as possible. Thank you, *Simon Britton*



PLANT SALE

SUNDAY 26TH 2024

at ELMS COTTAGE, 46 SHIRLEY ROAD
Leicester LE2 3LJ

2.00pm until 4.00pm

Regal Pelargoniums and garden plants
Light Refreshments

Proceeds in aid of the SPAFFORD TRUST
CHILDREN'S CENTRE in JERUSALEM who
help Palestinian Refugees

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in April and May 2024

Sunday services at St Mary's vary, week by week – we hope that this provides different types of worship that appeal in different ways and, perhaps, are appreciated by different groups of people. Everyone is welcome at 10.30am, any and every Sunday!

- The month ends with Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 28th April**, again looking at the resurrection appearances of Jesus. This service will be followed by our Annual Church Meeting (APCM) at 11.45am.
- Our All Age Worship begins the new month on **Sunday 5th May** and our theme will be "On the Edge!"
- On **Sunday 12th May** we celebrate a Sung Eucharist, including, at its heart, Holy Communion, and marking the start of *Christian Aid Week*. In the evening that day we welcome friends from other local churches to a special ecumenical service for *Christian Aid Week*, starting at 6.30pm.
- The third Sunday of the month, **19th May**, is also **Pentecost**, the 'birthday of the Church'. Our Morning Worship together takes the theme of "*Pentecost Praise*".
- On **Sunday 26th May, Trinity Sunday**, we again celebrate a Sung Eucharist and look ahead to the long weeks of 'Ordinary Time' through the summer.
- As usual, **each Sunday** our quieter, **Weekly Eucharist**, takes place at 9am, with 'traditional language' on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Our weekly midweek Communion is on Tuesdays at 9.30am, and on the last Friday of each month, at 11am, we hold a Service of Prayer for Healing, with Holy Communion.

Can you help to share *"Hymns We Love"* ?

Our Wednesday morning small group has been hearing all about a selection of *'Hymns We Love'* over the last few weeks. Each week we begin with coffee and biscuits, and then watch a short video, listen to the hymn sung and hear about its origins, the Christian ideas behind it and how it remains relevant to our modern lives and faith. We end with some lively discussion about the questions the hymn poses to us today.

These conversations and videos about *'Hymns We Love'* are a gentle and thoughtful way to introduce the Christian faith to friends and neighbours, or perhaps help them reconnect with the church. Now we want to share them beyond Wednesday mornings!



Ideally, we'd like to run the discussions once more, but this time in a home, with invitations spread more widely to include more people. Could you be the person to commit yourself as host for 90 minutes on five mornings, afternoons or evenings for *'Hymns We Love'*? All the organisation, publicity and leading can be

done by Cecilia or me, once we have our venue established.

Please reflect on how much *you* have gained through your Christian faith over the years, and how your help in this way might mean that other people too, could come to share our faith. Do talk to us if you'd like to know more. Thank you! *Adrian*

Save the date

After the success of last years Evening Dinner for the Leicester Samaritans, I have now booked and am arranging another evening on Wednesday 13th November at Leicester College. Details to follow later.

Thank you to everyone for their support last year.

Molly Clarke 0116 270 3749

We're registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 brands will make a donation to St Mary Magdalen - Knighton PCC on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat, Booking.com and more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you.

Plus, join today and we could win a £50 bonus! Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-mary-magdalen-knighton-pcc/>

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by noon next Thursday to office@knightonparish.co.uk

A different way of giving towards the work of our church.....

Please scan the QR code to support the life and work of St Mary's.



If you are a UK tax payer, you may like to gift aid your donation.

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **all are welcome**. You can also join using a phone. You can join the meeting from 7.50 pm.

On the computer click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

On the phone dial: 0203 481 5240 and follow the instructions.

You will be asked for a meeting ID. Put **811 1818 3080** followed by #

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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 Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 07710 975272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighton PCC** please.



Come and join us at

St Mary's for

Pentecost Praise

10.30am on Sunday 19th

May.

Lively songs and worship to
celebrate the coming of the
Holy Spirit and the birthday of
the Church.

Everyone of all ages

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 11th September

Josh Smalley of Great British Bake Off fame and Leicester University's Chemistry Department will give a talk on baking and his many other interests.

7pm in St Mary's. This is a fundraising event organised by the Christmas Tree Festival team and will support the Place of Peace project at St Mary's and the Wishes for Kids charity.

Look out for details of ticket prices and how to book, to be announced soon.

Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival 2024

St Mary's. Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm. Sunday 12:30pm-5:00pm.

Admission £2.50 (children free).

This year's local external charity is the Laura Centre.



COFFEE MORNING

ON SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

10 AM – 12 NOON

ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH

BRINSMEAD ROAD, KNIGHTON

STALLS TO INCLUDE

PLANTS, CAKES, BOOKS,

JIGSAWS, GIFTS

RAFFLE

JUST COME ALONG

EVERYONE WELCOME

Eco Tip for May:

Say no to the mow. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals. Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space - sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/.

Tea and Talk meeting for June...

My 25 Years at the BBC

Dave Andrews

Tuesday 11th June at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF

Dave will talk about his 21 years at BBC Radio Leicester. He presented almost every programme on the Station and reported and commentated on many notable events including the Richard III story and the late Queen's visits.



Dave is a local resident of Knighton. He began his teaching career in Leicestershire before joining the BBC in 2000. He chaired the long running and record-breaking gardening programme 'Down to Earth' for many years and spearheaded the Station's 40th birthday Ruby Rainbow Appeal which raised over £600 000 for Rainbows Children's Hospice. He was made a Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire in 2015.

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!

St. Guthlac's Church May Fayre

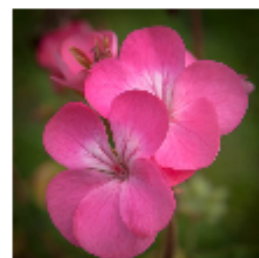
Saturday 18th May

11:00am-2:00pm



Holbrook Road

LE2 3LF



Summer Bedding Plants

Vegetable and Herbs



Annuals and Perennials

Coffee, tea and refreshments

Ploughmans Lunches and Hot Dogs

Popcorn Soft drinks

Cakes and Preserves



Jumpers and knitted goods

Games Jewellery Tombola

Free Admission

Prayers for this week

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the World: please pray this week for all those who find themselves alone or lonely, when they would like friendship and company. Pray too for those who find themselves so busy and caught up in life that they have no time to be still and quiet with just themselves and God. Pray for balance, self-care and love for others in all of us.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the church representatives attending meetings about Minster Communities in Leicester. Pray that they will understand clearly and report back to PCCs accurately and thoughtfully.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene 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 **Sandra Winter, Brian Arnold, Rosemary Herbert, Irvine Byer, David Holland, Neill, and 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.

Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of all those who have died recently. We especially remember **Eileen Boswell.**

Remember too, all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.