



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



**Newsletter for
Sunday 10th May 2026
6th Sunday of Easter**

Collects for this week

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command and draw the nations
to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 10th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 11th May	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 12th May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am Craft Workshop
Wednesday 13th May	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 14th May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 15th May	
Saturday 16th May	11.30am Service of Thanksgiving for Robert Hattersley
Sunday 17th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's

SUNDAY CLUB for children at primary and secondary school, meets during the 10.30am service twice a month. Every child of school age is welcome! Ask the Welcome Team to point out our leaders Alison Roche or Luke Fogg for a hello and a consent form if it's your child's first time. Here's what happens during each month:

1st Sunday - Worship for the Whole Church (children stay in the service for all ages)

2nd Sunday - Sunday Club 3rd Sunday - Sunday Club

4th Sunday - no Sunday Club but all are welcome to join us at the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at 10.30am at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road. [and if there's a 5th Sunday - a variety of things happen - check the newsletter or website]

Church Family News

Ascension Day: Forty days after Easter, Christians remember and celebrate the bodily ascension of Jesus back into heaven - a human being at the heart of God's presence. Many of us fail to notice Ascension Day altogether though! This year our special service of Communion marking Ascension Day is at St Guthlac's on Thursday 14th May at 9.30am - everyone is welcome.

Saturday 16th May - please note that the Church will be being used for a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bob Hattersley, on Saturday 16th May, from 11am to 1pm, with the service beginning at 11.30am. *Adrian*

Annual Church meeting - thank you to everyone who stayed after church last Sunday for the Annual Meeting (APCM). We elected Sian Howard once again as Church Warden, together with Mick Gasper - but only for the next month! Mick would like to pass on the duties to someone new and is happy to 'train' and help out a new Warden. If you could take this important role in our church life together do please talk to Mick, Sian or myself.

I'm very pleased to say that three members of the PCC who were coming to the end of their term of office - Tabz Fogg, David Palmer and Amanda Beck - all agreed to stand again and were subsequently re-elected. Kate Adams stood down from the PCC and was thanked for all her contributions to help the church thrive. *Adrian*

Listening to God's Word:

The readings on **Sunday 10th April** are:

Acts 17.22-31 and **John 14.15-21.**

Our sermon at 10.30am is titled "Your delivery is expected..."

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in May 2026

Our 10.30am 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 every week!

- **Sunday 10th May**, is the first second Sunday and our service today is a Sung Eucharist.
- Our Morning Worship on **Sunday 17th May** is a service without Communion, that gives space for doing things slightly differently.
- The fourth **Sunday** of **May is 24th**, and we come together for a service of Sung Eucharist as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at **Pentecost**.
- There is also a fifth Sunday in May – we join together for a joint Benefice Eucharist on **Trinity Sunday, 31st May** – this time we are hosted at St Guthlac's at 10.30am.

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 (see Revd Janet Gasper for details).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY

Since we are no longer able to conduct a house-to-house collection, envelopes will be available in church for your donation. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider taking an extra couple of minutes to complete the Gift Aid declaration and enclose it in the envelope: this will increase the value of your gift by 25%, at no extra cost to yourself.

What is Christian Aid Week?

Christian Aid Week is a powerful expression of what can happen when compassion leads to action.

It's our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world.

For one week each year, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. Together, those actions make change possible.

Our joint service with other local churches, marking the launch of Christian Aid Week, is at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road on Sunday 10th May at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.



BENEFICE MAGAZINE

The next issue of the magazine will appear in mid-June. The closing date for copy will be Friday 5 June. Please make sure I have information about any forthcoming church events which could helpfully be advertised in this edition. And of course I continue to welcome any articles, thoughts, reminiscences which may be of interest to our readership. The email address is stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. (Readers from St Guthlac's shouldn't be discouraged by this address).

Editor Nigel

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 9th May 2026

From 10 am - 12 noon

***In St Mary Magdalen Church,
Brinsmead Road, Knighton,
Leicester LE2 3WG***

Stalls to include

Plants, Cakes,

Books, Jigsaws,

Gifts & a Raffle

Just come along

Everyone welcome

Parking on Brinsmead Road - Sunday mornings on Brinsmead Road are very busy! Both ourselves and Knighton Free Church have two services and many people arrive by car. We would all like to be good neighbours to those who actually live here I'm sure, and we've had a request to be more thoughtful about parking. Sometimes our neighbour's drives are partially obstructed or blocked by casual parking, and sight around corners can also be obstructed. If you do drive to church on Sundays, please check that your car is parked well, before you come in to join us. Thank you. *Adrian*



FREE

WELCOME TO ALL

**ORGAN RECITAL
BY
GEOFFREY HAMES**

FROM CLASSICAL AND ROMANTIC, TO POP,
AND A DASH OF LADY GAGA

TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2026 7PM
ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH, HOLBROOK
ROAD, KNIGHTON, LE2 3LF



ST. GUTHLAC'S CHURCH MAY FAYRE
Saturday 16th May 2026

11:00am – 2:00pm

Holbrook Road, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

PLANTS & GARDENING

Summer Bedding Plants
Vegetables & Herbs
Annuals & Perennials

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Coffee, Tea & Cakes
Lunches
Popcorn & Soft Drinks

STALLS & ACTIVITIES

Cakes & Preserves
Knitted Goods
Jigsaws & Games
Jewellery
Tombola
Craft
Leicestershire Family History Society

FREE ADMISSION – ALL WELCOME!

JOIN US FOR A

QUIZ NIGHT

FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Friday 8 May
Stoneygate Baptist Church
7pm for 7.30pm start

SUGGESTED DONATION
£3 PER PERSON

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

COME AS A TEAM
OR JOIN ONE ON THE NIGHT



Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

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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Did you know that we're registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us in 2026 when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to St Mary Magdalen - Knighton PCC on your behalf when you shop with them. We have raised over £500 so far - Please sign up today. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, sign up today and we could win a £500 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-mary-magdalen-knighton-pcc/h2y5ev/c2s/ahT9IaEN/CE945/facebook/>

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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 donation through the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can be obtained from Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary, email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 07710 975 272. If you are a taxpayer and willing to gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Any donations by cheque should be to **Knighton PCC** please.



Praying through this week

Praying for each other this month: In the month of May please do pray for all those within our congregation and our wider church community whose surnames begin with the letters Q, R, S and T. Pray that they will know the Holy Spirit as their guide in all of life, inspiring them to the love and service of others.

Praying for the World: As concerns rise in the UK about anti-semitism, please pray that across the world there will be greater welcome and acceptance of people of all ethnic groups, faiths, cultures and identities. Pray for deeper understanding and commitment to the way of peace in the lives of our nations and Governments, and for the safety of all those who feel attacked and threatened.

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the Whatborough Group of churches, churches in the Coplow Benefice, and also in Hallaton & Allexton with Horninghold, Tugby, East Norton & Slawston, the Langtons & Shangton, and Welham, Glooston & Cranhoe & Stonton Wyville. Pray for a sense of companionship and partnership between these Minster Community churches spread over a large area.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Kingsmead Road, Northfold Road, Eastcourt Road, Westgate Road, Lynholme Road, Deancourt Road.**

Praying for those in need this week

Please pray for all those who are in particular need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those anxious and worried. We especially pray for **John Matthews and Neill Addison-Gutteridge.**

Please remember all those who have died in recent days. Ask God to bring comfort and peace to their family and friends, even in their sadness. We especially pray for the family and friends of **Robert (Bob) Hattersley** and **Frank Wheatcroft.**