



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



**Newsletter for
Sunday 28th April 2024
5th Sunday of Easter**

Collects for this week

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



The week ahead...

Sunday 28th April	9.00am	Eucharist (trad)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs
	11.45am	Annual Meeting (APCM)
Monday 29th April	2.00pm	Interment of ashes
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 30th April	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mary's)
	2.00pm	Interment of ashes
Wednesday 1st May	10.30am	'Hymns we love' (Parish Centre)
	5.00pm	Curates' training in church
Thursday 2nd May	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 3rd May		
Saturday 4th May		
Sunday 5th May	9.00am	Eucharist
	10.30am	All Age Worship
	10.30am	Eucharist at St Guthlacs

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 Sunday 21st April are Acts 8.26-end, 1 John 4.7-end and John 15.1-8.

Our sermon is titled "Seeking God, finding faith".

Church Family News

Funeral The funeral of our friend and church member Doreen Macafee is now confirmed as 11.30am on Friday 10th May at St Mary's.

INSIDE OUT is back - for more activity, worship and fun out of doors!

Join us in the park across the road from Church on Sunday 28th April, from 3.30-5pm - if wet we'll move inside and make the best of it ☹️

All families and children with carers very welcome!
Bring your friends...Inside Out!



Inside **Out**

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).

Happy Birthday! We would like to wish Beryl Bonfield a very happy special birthday which happened this week. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

St Guthlac's Parish Church

Prayers of Love & Faith. Where are We?

Talk & Discussion led by Rev Matthew Gough

Holbrook Hall

Sunday 28th April 5.30-6.30

Matthew will talk about how we can support same-sex couples, trans individuals etc. in the Church of England as well as consider members of our congregations who might hold different views. This issue is increasingly important as we have greater contact with priests and congregations with different views through the Minster Communities.

Matthew is ideally placed to lead a discussion as he is a 'Living in Love & Faith Chaplain' and knows the Benefice well.

There will be opportunity for discussion with tea and cake provided.

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.

Join us for *"Hymns We Love"* on Wednesday mornings

Our Wednesday morning small group meets every week at 10.30am in the Welcome Space (Cottage Room) of the Parish Centre, on the corner of Brinsmead Rd and Church Lane. We enjoy discussion and Bible Study, and share friendship, drinks and cakes. Starting on 1st May we'll be starting a new series of five meetings celebrating *"Hymns We Love"*, when we'll be listening to and talking about a selection of well-known and popular hymns – exploring the stories behind the writers and the meaning behind the words.



Everyone is welcome, and this is an ideal opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours who might otherwise have no connection with the church or seldom think about the Christian faith. Publicity leaflets will be available soon and please do book the dates in your diary! *Adrian*

MEETING THIS SUNDAY, 28TH!

On Sunday 28th April we meet straight after the morning service (11.45am) for our Annual Church Meeting (APCM). This is an important time to gather and think together about the previous year, 2023. There is the opportunity to review our finances and all that we have been doing as a church, to elect Church Wardens and members of the Church Council (PCC), and of course to ask questions and give views.

Please do take a copy of the Annual Report and the meeting papers from the back of the church (or print your own if you have received them by email) and pray about who would serve us well on the PCC – there are several vacancies. Please talk to those people who come to mind and see Adrian or the Church Wardens for a nomination form.

I do hope you'll make this important meeting a priority and play your part in shaping our church's future. *Adrian*

ELECTORAL ROLL: the Electoral Roll has been revised and no more names can be added until after the APCM on 28th April. There is a copy of the Roll (showing names only) on the PCC notice board at the back of church, to enable any corrections to be made. Please let me know of any errors as soon as possible before the APCM.

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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.

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

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.

Prayers for this week

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

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the World: The UK will, at some point this year, go to the polls in arguably one of the most hotly contested elections in living memory. Pray that God will help us to encourage our friends and families to register, to have the right voter ID, and, when the day comes, to go and vote - with love and compassion for others at the forefront of our voting.

Praying for the Church: To help reach the goal of doubling the number of children and young people in our churches, Bishop Martyn chairs a national project board which aims to see 30,000 more children's and youth ministers in the Church of England. Please pray for more people to hear God's calling to walk alongside children and young people in their journey, both locally and nationally.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch 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 **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 **Doreen Macafee.**

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