



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



## **Newsletter for Sunday 18th May 2025 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

<b>Sunday 18th May</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Morning Worship</b> 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 19th May	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 20th May	9.30am Holy Communion 2.00pm Interment of ashes
Wednesday 21st May	10.30am Wednesday Small Group 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 22nd May	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 23rd May	
Saturday 24th May	
<b>Sunday 25th May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am Matins 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 Jenny Worsfold 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**

**COFFEE MORNING 3rd MAY.** Congratulations to all who made this event a wonderful morning. We made £528.94 plus £90.25 on Sunday morning. A grand total of £619.19.

The next Coffee Morning will Saturday 30th August 10 am to 12 noon. Lets see if we can beat this total. Come enjoy the tea, coffee, cakes, raffle, gift stalls and the music by our resident musicians. *Beryl*

**Annual Giving Letters** In recent years regular donors have received a 'thank you' letter at the end of the tax year setting out the amount donated during the past year and the Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. The cost of the paper, envelopes and, in some cases, postage, is not inconsiderable and, therefore, for this year I will only produce a letter on request and, preferably, send it by email. Please let me know, with the appropriate contact details, if you require a letter and whether printed or electronic. Simon Britton [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07710 975 272.

**THE FOND FAREWELL THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN!** Andrew and Carolyn Oldershaw were very disappointed not to be able to attend the All Age Worship last Sunday. It was to have been their last service at St. Mary's before leaving for pastures new but, unfortunately, Andrew was taken ill, so they couldn't attend. They want to thank you for your kind understanding and hope to see you once more in the not too distant future!

**WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP** Our regular small group that meets on Wednesday mornings for discussion of Bible passages and Christian ideas, has begun again after an Easter break. We begin with coffee/tea at 10.30am, and finish before noon - everyone is welcome to join us, whenever you can. Our theme for the next few weeks is "Staying strong in a hostile world".

### **Listening to God's Word:**

Our readings for 18th May are Acts 11.1-18 and John 13.31-55.

Our theme at 10.30am is "God's extravagant gift of  
life and love is for all"

## COMING UP ..... What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in May and June 2025

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 18<sup>th</sup> May** is the third of the month and so we meet for Morning Worship.
- We finish the month on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May** with a Sung Eucharist, reflecting on the conversion of the 'outsider' Lydia.
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June** is the first of the new month and so we celebrate with **Worship for the Whole Church**, our new name for 'All Age Worship', emphasising that there is a place for everyone. This is the Sunday after the Ascension, so we remember Jesus's commission to his disciples as he returned to heaven.
- On **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, we meet for a Sung Eucharist celebrating Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit to Christians through the ages.
- The third Sunday of the month is **15<sup>th</sup> June**, and our Morning Worship will take us into the mystery of the Three-in-One God as we celebrate Trinity Sunday.
- On Sunday **22<sup>nd</sup> June** we will meet to share Holy Communion in a service of Sung Eucharist, beginning a new theme for the summer – watch this space!
- We have an extra Sunday this month, on 29<sup>th</sup> June, and our joint Eucharist service for the whole benefice will be at 10.30am and at St Guthlac's – please do come... it's not that far!

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.

**LATEST ST MARY'S FOOD BANK DONATION** The food (and some extra Easter eggs) collected during March and early April has been taken to the South Leicestershire distribution centre on Clarke's Road, Wigston. It weighed in at 42 kg. God bless you for your very generous donations. The empty boxes are now available for our next phase of collection.

*Sian Howard*

**OUR NEW MINSTER COMMUNITY** - We are moving on in the process towards forming our new 'Minster Community' of local churches working in partnership. Seven Working Groups have now been established to look at different aspects of church life - what we are doing now and what we might do in partnership together. The groups will look at:

- Engagement
- Growing Faith and Schools
- Discipleship and Mission
- Worship, Liturgy and Music
- Geography, Context, Resources and New Communities
- People and Ministry
- Finance, Generosity and Buildings

If you'd like to know more, and perhaps join one of the groups for the next three months, please see Adrian for more information.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** The new Electoral Roll is now published and no new names can be added until after the APCM. There is a copy of the Roll (showing names only) on the notice board at the back of the church. Please let me know of any errors as soon as possible before the APCM. Eileen McKellican (Electoral Roll Officer) 0116 2700302 / 07487814895 / [eileenmckellican@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:eileenmckellican@tiscali.co.uk)

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: MAY 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Envelopes for your gifts are in the pews and can be returned via the collection plate on the next two / three Sundays. If you can, please use Gift Aid to enhance your donation by 25%. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

A message from Christian Aid, celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year: "For 80 years, Christian Aid has been fighting poverty and injustice. With your support, we've been able to offer hope to communities who need it most.

And over these 80 years, we've harnessed something formidable. Something that can't be silenced by injustice. Something that refuses to sit back and watch poverty ravage communities. We call it the unstoppable power of hope.

We aim to end poverty and injustice worldwide by focusing on four key areas – see below. This involves working in partnership with local organisations, as well as with governments and the private sector.

Our work includes helping people to:

- ✦ claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education
  - ✦ ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason
  - ✦ become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, climate change and hurricanes
- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price."



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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](mailto: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.

### **Praying for each other this month**

Please pray for other members of our church community, and especially those whose surnames begin with Q, R, S, and T. Pray that we would all grow in faith, hope and love - in our hearts and minds but also in the actions of our lives.

**Praying for the World:** Give thanks that tensions between India and Pakistan have lessened somewhat and that there is the prospect of talks between Russia and Ukraine. Pray for a new boldness in seeking peace and justice in all areas of conflict, and support for peacemakers everywhere.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for Pope Leo and for his wisdom and guidance in leading the Roman Catholic Church. Pray too for the Crown Nominations Committee as they begin their work seeking the new Archbishop of Canterbury. With others across our Diocese please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in the Six Saints circuit, Holt, Loddington with Launde Abbey, and the Whatborough Parishes.

**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.**

**Continuing Prayers Please....** Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially: **, Irving Byer, David Holland, John Orme, and Dale McCullough.**

### **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 **Shirley Wills** and **Laurie Jarvis**.

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially remember **Revd Zolile Mbali**.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.