

# St Mary Magdalen Church of England, Knighton



# Newsletter for Sunday 16th November 2025 2nd Sunday before Advent

#### **Collects for this week**

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's
salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one
day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



#### The Week Ahead..

Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	9.00am <b>10.30am</b> 10.30am	Eucharist  Morning Worship  Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 17th November	2.00pm-4.0 7.30pm	00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 18th November	9.30am 12 noon	Holy Communion Funeral of Adri Cook
Wednesday 19th November	1.30pm 8.00pm	Concert rehearsal (Ian Orr) Online Compline
Thursday 20th November	9.30am	Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 21st November		
Saturday 22nd November	2.30pm	Concert for St Cecilia-tide
Sunday 23rd November Christ the King	9.00am <b>10.30am</b> 10.30am 2.00pm	Eucharist (trad) <b>Sung Eucharist</b> Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's  Thanksgiving for John Orme

**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**

**Adri Cook** - The funeral of Adriana Cook will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 18th November at noon, and her ashes will be interred straight afterwards in the churchyard. Everyone is welcome at the service and the reception afterwards in the Parish Centre. Adri made such a positive contribution and impact, both in the church and community, and it will be good to remember and appreciate her life together. *Adrian* 

A special Service to remember John Orme: Everyone is invited to a special Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate and show appreciation for the life of our dear friend John Orme, who died in October. John himself wanted to keep everything simple and straightforward, so the service will be at St Mary Magdalen at 2pm on Sunday 23rd November, followed by some refreshments served from the Narthex. Aileen would like to thank everyone for all their cards and kind words at this time, and hopes you'll join us for this time of remembering and giving thanks for John. *Adrian* 



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

The set readings on **Sunday 16th November** are Malachi 4.1-2a and Luke 21.5-19.

# COMING UP ...... What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in November and December 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 16<sup>th</sup> November, is the third of the month, and we meet for Morning Worship together for the second Sunday before Advent.
- Our service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is a Sung Eucharist to mark Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church's year.
- This month there is a fifth **Sunday**, **30**<sup>th</sup> **November**, and our joint benefice Service at 10.30am will be at St Guthlac's this time a Communion service that aims to include us all, of whatever age! Our theme is the first of the four special Advent words: 'Hope'.
- There'll be no service at St Mary's this morning (9am or 10.30am) – but do remember the **Carol Service** to mark the end of the Christmas Tree Festival, at **5pm**.
- At St Mary's we begin every month with a service of Worship for the Whole Church (formerly known as 'All Age Worship'). On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** we will focus on the Advent theme of 'Peace'.
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** will be the third Sunday of Advent (but the second Sunday of the month), and our Sung Eucharist will pick up the Advent theme of *'Joy'*.
- On the last Sunday before Christmas, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, our Morning Worship will focus on the last of the four Advent themes, 'Love'.

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.

#### **Christmas Tree Festival cakes!**

We would very much value your contributions of cakes and mince-pies (home -made or shop-bought) for this year's festival which we can pick up from you if necessary. Please avoid nuts, and please ask Alison or



Eileen for a simple slip to list the ingredients on. There will be a sign-up list at the back of church.

And if you are kindly volunteering to help at the festival, please come to a brief meeting after the morning service on Sunday 16th Nov or a repeat on 23rd Nov.

Thank you. Alison & Eileen & Sue

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

#### Raffle

As usual there will be a number of luxury hampers as prizes at the Festival. Members of the congregation have been very generous in the past in donating, so please consider contributing this year. There will be a list at the back of church, and a basket for your contributions, from Sunday 26 October. Please make sure that all contributions match the 'luxury' definition and have sell-by dates in 2026.

Thank you.

The St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival Team

#### A survivor's prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Written by Cerys Morgan, a victim and survivor of church-based abuse. Father,

Thank you that as your church you entrust to us your work here on earth.

We pray that through your Spirit, you will empower us to do the right thing for the benefit of those suffering abuse and injustice.

That we will not fear to be bringers of your justice. That we will be your voice for those whose voices are silenced.

That when your light shines into dark areas of abuse we will have courage as your representatives, to face our fears, and to show forth your heart of compassion and justice, and to speak your words of life and freedom into broken hearts.

Teach us as a Church to be your body fully knitted together and working in unity. To care for one another with extra care and dignity.

Enable us to be instruments of your love, that chains will be broken and broken hearts restored.

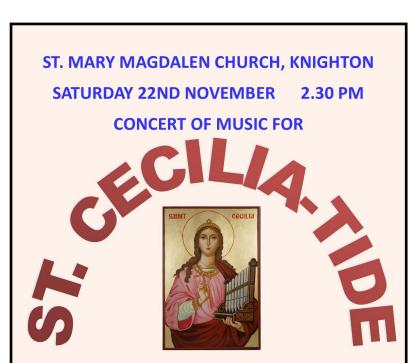
That we will teach everyone how precious they are to you.

That they will know you are a God who sees and feels their pain.

We pray that through your Spirit and your church fully trusting in your word, victims will become victors and their mess become a precious message of your love and restoration in their lives.

We ask this in your name and for your glory.

Amen





IAN ORR
(ORGAN & PIANO)
ROY-ANTHONY BIRCH
(BARITONE)

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#### Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Cards and Notelets

These exclusive cards with designs by members of our congregations will be available from mid-November. To order, sign on the list in St Mary's or email knightonctf24@gmail.com, stating the number of packs required. Please distinguish between cards and notelets.

**Christmas Card** Angel of the Annunciation by Sue Sansome (after William Morris)



Packs of 8 cards (6 ins x 4 ins with envelopes) £6

Message inside reads

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

**Notelets** by Deborah Martin











Packs of 5 different designs (5ins x 5ins with envelopes)
£4

Blank inside

Proceeds go to the Christmas Tree Festival's two charitable objectives this year: the Bridge, Homelessness to Hope, and the Place of Peace in St Mary's churchyard.





## We're giving away £120,000 in December

12 Days of Giving is the festive final phase of the Benefact Group Movement for Good. In December, we'll be giving 120 charities £1,000 each over 12 days.

The first draw takes place on **December 1st** and the last on **December 16th** with 10 charities drawn every weekday.

Every charity you've nominated in our £1,000 draws this year is already in. But there's still time to spread more festive cheer - **feel free to nominate as many other charities as you like**.

**Need inspiration?** Visit our **Giving Map** to discover charities near you.

Nominations are open now and close at 23:59 on December 15th 2025.

To nominate us, please click this link <u>12 Days Christmas Draw - Move-</u> ment for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.

#### **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 donation through the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can be obtained from Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary, email: <a href="mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com">stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com</a> 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 for each other this month** Now that it's November we move on in our prayers for all the members of our church family, to remember those whose surnames begin with Q, R, S and T. Please pray for continued strength to live faithful lives whatever our circumstances, for cheerfulness and kindness towards others, and for practical ways in which to demonstrate God's love for everyone.

**Praying for the World:** As the Church remembers its duty to protect the most vulnerable this week, please pray that across the world, all those blessed with plenty would be moved to remember our common humanity and share more equally with those who live in scarcity. Pray that those of us who are comfortable in our lives will connect with those who struggle, and that we might all find a more equal, just and peaceful future.

**Praying for the Church:** PleOn this Safeguarding Sunday let's pray for all within our communities who are vulnerable, and ask God that we would always be vigilant in protecting them. "Dear God, help us to be a church that loves, welcomes, protects; that listens, learns, and serves; that repents, restores, transforms; values, cares, and believes. God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer. Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray. In Jesus name, Amen." Please also pray. within our own diocese, for the people and leaders of the churches in Bosworth, Sheepy, and Sapcote & Sharnford cum Wigston Parva.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on Hylion Road, Asquith Boulevard, Aberdale Road, Shackerdale Road, Brixham Drive.

#### 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 **Sue Holligan, Ann Beams, Ruth Smith** and **Kate Adams**.

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 **John Orme and Adri Cook**.