



**St Mary Magdalen  
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Knighton**

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## **Newsletter for Sunday 11th May 2025 4th Sunday of Easter**

### **Collects for this week**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



## The Week Ahead

<b>Sunday 11th May</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's 11.45am Annual Church Meeting 6.30pm Christian Aid Week service at Stoneygate Baptist Church
Monday 12th May	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 13th May	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Tree Workshop 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 14th May	10.30am Wednesday Small Group 11.00am Church cleaning 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 15th May	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 16th May	
Saturday 17th May	
<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

**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**

### **BENEFICE MAGAZINE**

The revised deadline for the May/June Benefice Magazine is Monday 12 May. I'm sure there are many potential contributions out there - your thoughts on Easter, reflections on the death of the Pope - even, dare I say it, the prospects of Minster Communities! And then there are some of our regular/occasional topics, like favourite hymns and travellers' tales. Over to you!

Editor Nigel (stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com)

### **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 11th May are Acts 9.36-end and John 10.22-30.

Our theme at 10.30am is "Jesus's deep love and care for us"

## COMING UP .....What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in May 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!

- We meet together on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May** for a Sung Eucharist, and to reflect on Peter's raising of Tabitha to life again.
- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** is the third of the month and so we meet for Morning Worship, taking as our focus, Peter's vision of a church that includes everyone.
- We finish the month on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May** with a Sung Eucharist, reflecting on the conversion of the 'outsider' Lydia.
- 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.



**ELECTORAL ROLL:** The new Electoral Roll is now published and no new names can be added until after the APCM on May 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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## **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.”



## **REMEMBERING VE DAY AND THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN EUROPE:**

This week we remembered the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on 8th May. You might like to use these prayers as we bring to mind all those who gave their lives, were injured, and served in the forces and on 'the home front'.

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service, particularly in the Second World War,  
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.  
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Pray too for those who serve in the Armed Forces today, and for peace across the world:

### *For those who serve today*

O Lord God of Hosts,  
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm  
to strengthen and protect our service men and women.  
Support them in times of conflict,  
and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil;  
endue them with courage and loyalty;  
and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### *For the peace of the world*

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth  
in a single peace;  
that the design of your great love lighten

upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows  
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,  
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**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 MINISTER 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.

Tea and Talk meeting for May...

# **Bumblebees in Leicester**

## **Are they in crisis?**

**Tina Jarvis**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

**St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF**



Tina has been part of a national scheme to monitor bumblebees for the last 10 years as part of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Bumblebees are big furry social bees that originated in the Himalayans. Come and find out about the common types that live in Leicester. They are important pollinators for plant reproduction and crop yields but sadly 2024 was a very bad year for them. Thankfully there are easy things you can do to help.

**Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!**





Leicester Philharmonic Choir  
Est. 1886

# A Summer Journey

Saturday 14th June 2025  
7.00pm

Chilcott: Aesop's Fables  
Elgar: Scenes from the  
Bavarian Highlands  
Chilcott: Dances of Time  
Stanford: Songs of the Fleet

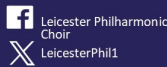


Stephen Bullamore *conductor*  
Andrew Ashwin *baritone*  
Rosemary Field *accompanist*

St James the Greater  
London Road, Leicester, LE1 2NE

Tickets via [www.thephil.org.uk](http://www.thephil.org.uk)  
£17.50 / U25 £5 (Early bird £15 until 1st May)

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# Titans

Saturday 5th July 2025 at 7:30pm

Church of St. James the Greater,  
London Road, Leicester LE2 1NE

## Rossini

Barber of Seville Overture

**Paganini** Violin Concerto No.2

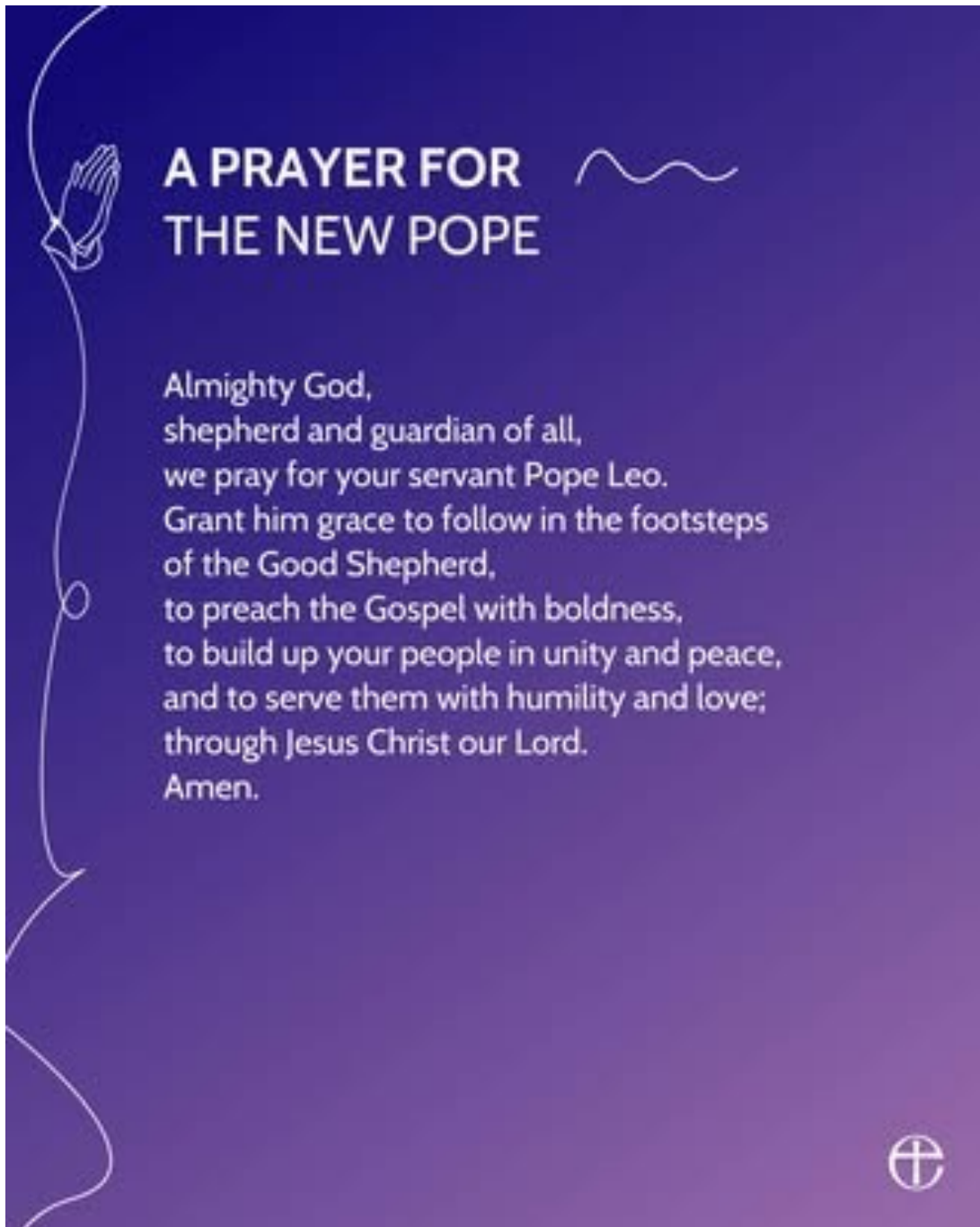
**Mahler** Symphony No.1 'Titan'

**Conductor** Nic Fallowfield

**Violin** Thomas Bowes



Thomas Bowes



## **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.

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### 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 #

### **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:** This year's Christian Aid Week (11-17 May) is focusing on Christian Aid's work in Guatemala, Central America, where the climate crisis is causing the seasons to intensify and shift erratically. As a result, farming communities have to battle devastating floods and intense heatwaves. Please pray for the local people and for all those who are committed to helping them tackle life in a changing world.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for all the other churches within our potential Minster Community - St Andrew's, Aylestone; Church of the Nativity, Aylestone Park, St Thomas, South Wigston; All Saints, Wigston Magna; St Hugh, Eyres Monsell; St James, Huncote, St Guthlac's and St Mary Magdalen, Knighton. Pray for the new Working Groups looking at important areas of church life, and for wisdom as we look at possible co-operation in the future.

**Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Carisbrooke Road, Stockwell Road, Ashclose Avenue, Meadvale Road, Overdale 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.**

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.