



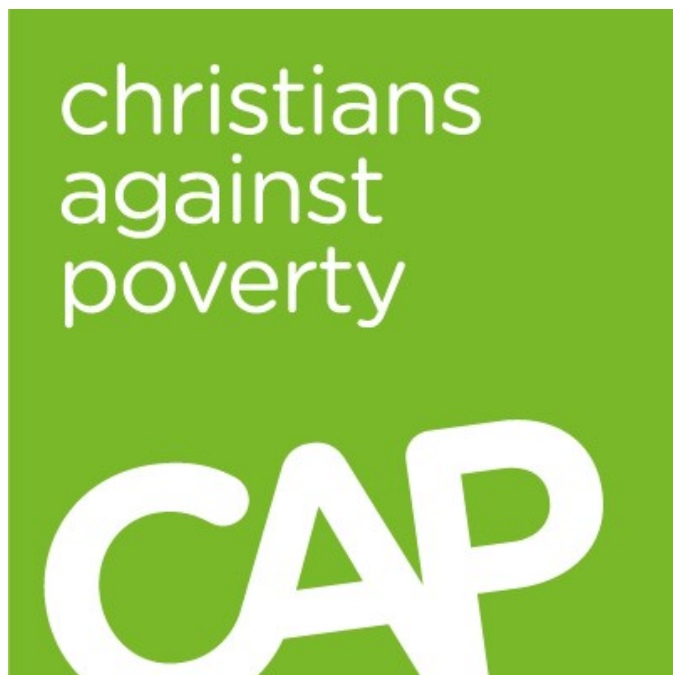
**St Mary Magdalen
Church of England,
Knighton**



**Newsletter for
Sunday 29th January
Candlemas**

Collect for this week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY

Sunday 29th January <i>Candlemas</i>	10.30am Joint Sung Eucharist Guest Preacher Susan Littlemore (Christians Against Poverty)
Monday 30th January	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 31st January	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.30pm Interment of Ashes
Wednesday 1st February	10.30m Wednesday Small Group (Centre) 12.30pm—2.30pm Church cleaning 8.00pm Compline (Zoom)
Thursday 2nd February	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlacs)
Friday 3rd February	10.00am CTF feedback meeting (Narthex) 12.30pm - 3.30pm Peal of Bells 7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 4th February	10.00am Bell ringing practice
Sunday 5th February <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's

Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

Sunday Club, for children at primary 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

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 29th January** is:

Malachi 3.1-5 and Luke 2.22-40

Church Family News

The death of Vic Ironmonger: It's with great sadness that I have to tell you that our friend Vic Ironmonger died on 17th January. Vic had been in hospital for a few days but deteriorated rapidly at the weekend and died unexpectedly but peacefully.

Over the years Vic contributed a huge amount to the life of St Mary's, and was a member of the choir for over 70 years. We will all miss his gentle humour and concern for others. Please remember Margaret and Lesley in your prayers. *Adrian*

Maurice Allen - Those of you who have been part of St Mary's congregation for some years will remember Maurice Allen. He and his wife Rita were very involved in church life until failing health meant they had to step back. Sadly, Maurice died a few days ago. Since Rita's death in 2017 he had lived at Amberwood Care Home, supported by his family. Maurice's funeral will be at South Leicestershire Crematorium, Countesthorpe at noon on 16th February. *Adrian*

Join us as we explore

'the Art of Living'

Our new Wednesday morning small group continues to meet weekly at 10.30am for coffee,

prayer, support and a closer look at the wisdom of the Bible. For the next few weeks we'll be discussing 'The Art of Living' as described in the Book of Proverbs, so why not join us when you can, and nurture your Christian faith as the new year unfolds? *Adrian & Cecilia*



Joint Benefice Service in support of Christians Against Poverty:

On Sunday 29th January (the fifth of this month) we will be having our usual joint benefice service, this time at St Mary's, at 10.30am as usual. We are pleased to welcome Susan Littlemore, a speaker from Christians Against Poverty, who will tell us something about the CAP story and the people it supports. There will be an opportunity to donate to CAP directly if you wish, and details of how you can also do this online. Please do come and join us as we discover the reality of the 'cost of living crisis' for others across the country, and think about the response that we should be making as Christians who can make a difference.

As we aim to bring together everyone from all our benefice congregations in this one service on Sunday, please note that there is no service at St Guthlac's and no 9am service on this Sunday. Adrian

Christians Against Poverty was founded in 1996 by John Kirkby. He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help those in need. In his hometown of Bradford, John began to use his expertise to help ordinary people weighed down by debt and unable to make ends meet, to support families facing eviction and to bring hope to desperate people trapped by poverty. In partnership with local churches and other committed volunteers trained as debt counsellors, John expanded the network of CAP centres to other areas of the country. Today, as well as offering debt help, Christians Against Poverty offer practical advice about living well on a low income through Life Skills groups, and support people stepping into employment through CAP Job Clubs. Through this UK-wide network of projects, CAP have a vision of transformed lives, thriving churches and an end to UK poverty. All Christians and churches are invited to be part of this essential service of others.

Online Compline on Wednesdays—8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location **0203 481 5240**

You are invited to come along to our Tea and Talk evening for February.....

KNIGHTON HOUSES AND STREETS IN TIME

Tuesday 14th February at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



A meander through late 19th century to mid-20th century Knighton

Presented by Margaret Bonney and Anne
Hunt



Free talk and refreshments

Do join us!

A date for your diary: Friday 3rd March the World Day of Prayer. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan with the theme "I have heard about your faith". Our afternoon service will be held at St Thomas More church and the evening service at Clarendon Park Congregational church.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL: donations for this appeal totalled £250.67, which will be enhanced by £45 Gift Aid. Many thanks for your generous gifts. *Eileen McKellican*

Church cleaning: Our church cleaners will now be cleaning church every two weeks on a Wednesday from 12.30pm until 2.30pm, starting from Wednesday 1st February. *Beryl Bonfield*

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

LENT LUNCH

SOUP, BREAD ROLL, CHEESE AND BISCUITS
TEA AND COFFEE



ON SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2023
FROM 12 NOON TO 2 PM
IN THE LOUNGE ROOM AT THE PARISH CENTRE
TICKETS £5
AVAILABLE FROM
BERYL BONFIELD 0116 2702202 OR
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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 Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 01162704272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighthon PCC** please.

Prayers for this week

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

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the world: Please pray for all those people who suffer in the forgotten conflict and crisis zones of the world - Haiti, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - as well as the people of Ukraine. Pray for peace, justice, shelter and food for everyone.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the unity of the Church of England as we prepare for the General Synod meeting in February, and as the issue of same-sex marriage again threatens to cause division and discord. Pray for a Spirit of gentleness, grace and generosity in all the discussions, and that everyone involved will remember the real people whose lives are deeply affected by the matters being discussed.

Praying for the Parish: 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: 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 please pray this week for **Doreen Macafee, Diane Stockton, Michael Gasper, and John Orme.**

Pray as well for all those on our parish *‘Continuing Prayer’* list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. We pray especially for **Peter Relph**. Also, 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 **Brian Martin, Vic Ironmonger, Maurice Allen, Iona Maynard, Royston Grocock, and John Gates**. Remember too, all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.