



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



Newsletter for Sunday 30th November 2025 Advent Sunday

Collects for this week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 30th November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	10.30am Joint Benefice Eucharist at St Guthac's (no service at St Mary's) 12.30pm-5pm Christmas Tree Festival
Monday 1st November	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 2nd November	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 3rd November	2.00pm Church cleaning 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 4th November	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 5th November	11.00am Organ Tuning
Saturday 6th November	
Sunday 7th November <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 2pm-4pm Coro Nostro rehearsal

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

Christmas Cards for Church Friends - As usual we will clear space on the noticeboard at the back of the church so that we can all put up Christmas cards to our friends in church. Having just one card for everyone saves on postage, paper and energy! When you use the board please consider making a donation to Christian Aid in lieu of the cost of cards to everyone - there will be some donation envelopes in church or just use a regular one with "Christian Aid" written on the outside - and then place it in the collection plate. Thank you!

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There will be **NO Compline on Wednesday 17th December or Christmas Eve 24th December.**

There will be virtual Compline services on all other Wednesdays in December and January at 8.00pm including Wednesday 31st December 2025.

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 #

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 30th November** are
Isaiah 2.1-5 and Matthew 24.36-44.

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!

- This month there is a fifth **Sunday, 30th 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 7th December** we will focus on the Advent theme of *'Peace'*.
- **Sunday 14th 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 20th 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.

CORO NOSTRO CHAMBER CHOIR

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS 2025

DIRECTED BY LYDIA HIND

Join us for a sumptuous and festive blend of traditional carols,
beautiful motets and fascinating Christmas music
from around the world

**SATURDAY
13 DECEMBER 2025, 7:30 PM**

St Mary Magdalen Church
Brinsmead Road, Knighton,
Leicester
LE23WD



**TICKETS AT THE DOOR
£10 (£8) INCLUDES MINCE
PIES & MULLED WINE
/SOFT DRINKS)**

St Mary Magdalen: Christmas Services and Events

Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 29th November (10am-5pm) & Sunday 30th November (12.30pm—5pm).

Festival Carol Service: Sunday 30th November, 5pm.

Carols & Christingles: Sunday 14th December, 4pm.

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm.

Carols & Crib Service : Wednesday 24th December, 4pm.

Midnight Communion: Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm.

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December, 9am.

Christmas Day Celebration : Thursday 25th December, 10.30am.

Please note: there will be no morning services on Sunday 28th December, but on Sunday 4th January they run as usual, at 9am and 10.30am.

St Guthlac's Church: Christmas Services and Events

St Guthlac's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 6th Dec. 9.45am–1pm

Christmas Gift Service: Sunday 14th December 10.30 am

Traditional Carols and Readings: Wednesday 17th Dec.
7.30 pm

Crib Service: Wednesday 24th December, 4.00 pm

First Communion of Christmas: Wednesday 24th December,
at 8.00 pm

Christmas Morning Communion: Thursday 25th December ,
at 10.30 am

Please Note: On Sunday 28th December there will be no service at St Guthlac's.

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.

You are invited to a
Christmas Tea

On Saturday 20th December 2025

From 3 pm - 5 pm

*In Knighton Parish Centre
Church Lane, Leicester LE2 3WG*

Seasonal Music

Raffle

FREE ENTRY BUT TICKETS REQUIRED

Tickets can be obtained from

Beryl Bonfield

0116 2702202



12 days, 120 charities
£1,000 each, £120,000 total

**Nominate
now!**



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 [12 Days Christmas Draw - Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.](#)

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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: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com 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 December is the month when, together as a church family, we pray for those whose surnames begin with U, V, W, X, Y and Z! This group may include some friends but please also bring before God all of this alphabetical collection, even if you don't know their names. Pray for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be seen in their lives as they come close to God during the festive celebrations.

Praying for the World: As many people in the UK still feel the impact of the 'cost of living crisis', please pray for all those for whom Christmas is a financially perilous time, with anxiety about meeting everyone's expectations whilst still making ends meet. Pray for those who find this season poignant and sad, even distressing, because they are missing someone special or because of past trauma and abuse. Pray for those who have no idea about Jesus and how his coming changed the world and offers to change us.

Praying for the Church: Pray for all local churches and their communities in this season of Advent preparation. Pray for all the concerts, services and events that will be put on - for their success in pointing people towards Jesus as both baby and adult, and in prompting questions about his continuing life in the world today. With others across our diocese please pray for the people and leaders of the local churches in Glenfield & Newtown Linford, Anstey & Thurcaston with Cropston (including Matthew and Clare Gough), Desford & Kirby Muxloe and St Leonard's, Swithland.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Kew Drive, Highgate Drive, Hillcrest Road, South Kingsmead Road, Woodbank Road, Palmerstone Boulevard.**

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, Neill Addison-Gutteridge, 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.