



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



Newsletter for Sunday 2nd February 2025 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

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen.



The Week Ahead.....

Sunday 2nd February <i>Candlemas</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 3rd February	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 4th February	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th February	11.00am Church cleaning 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 6th February	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 7th February	
Saturday 8th February	
Sunday 9th February <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's

Sunday Club for children at primary and secondary 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 readings for 2nd February are Malachi 3.1-5
and Luke 2.22-40.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

FAIRTRADE REAL EASTER EGGS It's time to start ordering your Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs - the only ones that actually tell the Easter story. They are also plastic and palm-oil free, and have a new activity book each year. They will cost £5.50 this year - an increase because the price of cocoa beans has gone up over 3 times in recent years. Another Fairtrade company - Divine - are not producing eggs this year so there may be a rush on for these ones. Therefore please sign up at the back of church, or with me by Sunday 23rd March at the latest so that I can get the order in early. No need to pay til you get your eggs. Thank you for supporting us as a Fairtrade Church. *Alison Roche x*

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 18th JANUARY. A big thank you to all helpers and those who braved the very cold morning to come to this event. Also a big thank you to our musicians who added that something extra to the morning.

The Event made a marvellous **£590.84** on the Saturday and **£27.00** on the Sunday morning.

This amount will certainly help towards the running costs of the Church. Thank you again for your generosity. *Beryl*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER A date for your diary - 7th March. There are two services in our area: one at St. Mary's at 2pm and the other at Stoneygate Baptist Church at 7.30pm. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands.



COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in February 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!

- The new month begins with All Age Worship on Sunday **2nd February** when we mark Candlemas with a service for the whole church together.
- On Sunday **9th February** in our service of Sung Eucharist, we pick up the theme of *"Learning with Luke"* as we consider different aspects of Jesus' work and teaching as it applies to our regular lives today.
- The third Sunday of the month is **16th February** and our Morning Worship continues to focus on Luke's Gospel.
- On Sunday **23rd February** we celebrate with a Sung Eucharist once more, as we continue *"Learning with Luke."*
- 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.


WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP - please note that our Wednesday morning small group, that meets in the Parish Centre, is having a short break. We'll start again for Lent - beginning on Wednesday 5th March.
Adrian

ROD JEFFERY Last week we had the sad news that our friend Rod recently died. He'd been ill for a little while but his death was unexpected. Rod's funeral will be at South Leicester Crematorium at 3pm on Tuesday 4th February. Please pray for his daughters, Sarah and Amanda, at this difficult time.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

LENT LUNCH

SOUP, BREAD ROLL, CHEESE AND BISCUITS
TEA AND COFFEE



ON SATURDAY 8th MARCH 2025
12 NOON FOR 12.30PM - 2 PM
KNIGHTON PARISH CENTRE,
CHURCH LANE, LE2 3WG
TICKETS £6
AVAILABLE FROM
BERYL BONFIELD 0116 2702202

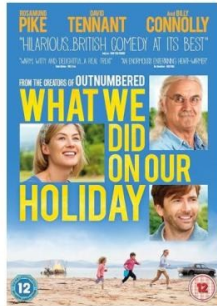
SUPPORTING THE GOLDHILL FOOD BANK CHARITY

Free Film Night at St Guthlac's Church

Holbrook Rd

LE2 3LF

All welcome!



What we did on our holiday

(Cert 12, 95 mins)

Tues 11th February 7.00pm

Rosamund Pike, David Tennant and Billy Connolly star in this family comedy. As Doug (Tennant), his wife Abi (Pike) and their three children prepare to travel up to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie (Connolly)'s birthday, they fail to give their children a list of things that are to be kept secret.....

**Free refreshments and the
chance to socialise**

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 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 the other members of our church "family" - and especially, in February, those whose surnames begin with E, F, G, and H. Pray for growth in faith, and in the awareness of God's goodness in all circumstances.

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those affected by the tragic accidents at the Kumbh Mela in India and in the sky above Washington DC. Pray for emergency workers around the world, and for the emotional and psychological support they need to deal with their work.

Praying for the Church: As safeguarding issues continue to shake the Church of England, please pray for all victims and survivors of abuse. Pray that the Church will have the wisdom and drive to act clearly to protect all the vulnerable.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue, Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay Road.**

Continuing Prayers Please.... Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially: **Irving Byer, Marian Seaman, David Holland, John Orme and Neill Addison.**

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.

In particular this week please pray for **June Simmons and Aphro and Dale McCullough.**

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially remember **Rod Jeffery** and **Geoffrey Jewell.**

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