



**St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Knighton**

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**Sunday 1st May 2022  
3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,  
this Sunday and through the week**

**Collect for this week**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

**We know that all things  
work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called  
according to his purpose.**

ROMANS 8:28, NRSV

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am All Age Worship</b> 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 2nd May (Bank Hol)	
Tuesday 3rd May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am Architect sign off meeting 1.30pm CTF meeting (Narthex)
Wednesday 4th May	9.30am -4.30pm Curate Euch. training 7.00 pm Choir Practice 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 5th May <i>Parish Office Closed today</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G) 10.30am Funeral (Marsden) 3.00pm Funeral (Rutland)
Friday 6th May	
Saturday 7th May	
Sunday 8th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am All Age Worship at St G

**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?

### **Benefice Magazine**

It's already time to start putting together the May/June edition of the Benefice Magazine. Please let me have your contributions by 1 May 2022, for publication in mid-May. All contributions are appreciated. Please send them, preferably in Word, to [stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com)

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** the Roll has now been revised and a copy is posted for inspection on the church notice board, with names only (no addresses) until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Changes can be made only in order to correct an error and no new names can be added until after the APCM. Eileen McKellican (Electoral Roll Officer)

**Annual Planned Giving Statements** are available at the back of St Mary's. If I have inadvertently missed anyone or if you would like to know more, please tell me. I shall loiter at the back of church after the service but my contact details are in the newsletter. Lorna Pollard

### **Sad news from our Church Family**

We are sad to have to let you know that Rex Wills sadly died this week. Please do pray for Shirley and the family at this sad time.

We're also sad that our friend and long-serving member of the Knighton churches, Bob Rutland, died in the early hours of Good Friday. Please do pray for Sybil and their children, Philip and Charlotte, in the face of this sad loss. Bob's funeral will be on **Thursday 5th May** at 3pm in St Mary's.

#### **Obituary Ben Andrew Jefferson**

20.07.00. - 20.04.22.

My lovely grandson, Ben, sustained traumatic head injuries from a fall in Salcombe where he was on holiday and died peacefully after his life support machine was turned off. His organs have been donated. He was always happy at St Mary's. Please remember him like that.

*Flick Titley*

No 'phone calls' please.

## **APCM**

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is Sunday 15th May at midday in the church. The report is available by email and on our website [www.stmarysknighton.co.uk](http://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk) Please request from the Parish Office if you have not received it. A limited number of hardcopies are available in the Narthex for those unable to receive emails. If you have any questions for the annual meeting based on the report please send them in advance by midday Saturday 14th May to either [apcmmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:apcmmeeting@gmail.com), or in writing via the parish office.

# **ST MARY'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION**



**All welcome free community event, live music, cakes, refreshments, plantstall, prize duck race, children's jubilee crafts and finishing with Pentecost Evensong**

**Sunday 5 June 2022**

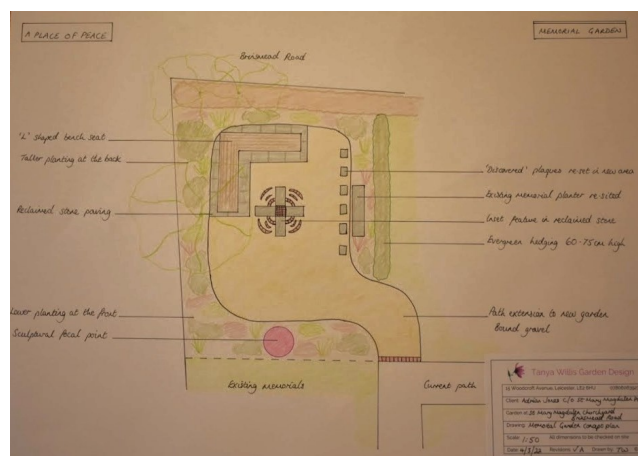
**2pm-5pm**

## 'A Place of Peace' – Consultation period

Dear Friends,

After the last two 10:30 Sunday services, in small groups we have 'walked the designs' provided by Tanya Willis; and images of these draft designs have been available on the church noticeboard for nearly two weeks now. At the PCC meeting last night, it was agreed we should have a six-week consultation period to gather suggestions and views on the designs from not only our congregation but, as far as possible, from the wider Knighton community. Adrian and the PCC have asked me to coordinate this. We will also be putting the designs and a short project synopsis on the St Mary's Facebook page and webpages. So if you have any views and/or suggestions about the project, could you please email me ([sian.howard@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sian.howard@tiscali.co.uk)) and we will do our best to ensure that all viable ideas are taken into account when we ask Tanya to move to the second stage of producing firm technical plans.

*Sian Howard*



## **Caring for each other at church during infectious times**

Although we are no longer subject to Government regulations and restrictions relating to Corona virus, I do hope that when we come to church we will continue to have the highest regard for the safety and wellbeing of other people as well as our own comfort.

- On Sundays, can I please ask you therefore to continue sanitising your hands on the way into church;
- to be understanding of those people who would like to continue wearing a face covering;
- to reserve the side chapels for those who would like rather more space around themselves;
- to avoid crowding together after church and to give people a little more space than usual;
- **not** to come to church if you have any symptoms of covid-19 or a positive lateral flow test in the last 24 hours.

Following our recent discussion, the PCC and I have agreed that when we celebrate Holy Communion together we will continue to administer from the chancel step, but that now **we will offer the cup of wine once more, for those who wish to receive it.** If you would like to have wine after receiving the bread/wafer then simply move towards the side of the priest where you will see a Eucharistic Assistant holding the chalice. They will lift it for you so that you can take a sip of wine.

I must ask you though, **please do not** take a wafer and then dip it in the wine – we have been advised that this practice (called 'intinction') carries a significantly high risk of passing on any infection.

We do understand that not everyone feels ready to take wine again in this way yet, and that is perfectly fine. After receiving the bread please just head back to your place as you have done previously. Your Communion is just as acceptable if you take only bread.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these precautions and changes – this way we can remain both safe and welcoming!

*Adrian*



**Looking back to 2021 - a year of challenges for all of us.** Our Annual Church Meeting (or APCM) this year will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, in the church, beginning at 11.45am with the Vestry meeting to elect Church Wardens. During the Annual Meeting we will review our church life together through the year and our annual financial accounts, and we will elect several new members of the PCC.

The Church Council (or PCC) makes decisions throughout the year about our worship, outreach, finance, buildings and a whole host of other areas – and so it is important that the PCC reflects the breadth of experience, background and views within our congregation. Please do prayerfully consider standing for election, or supporting someone else in standing, if you would like to take up the responsibilities of this vital role in our church life and influence these decisions for the next few years. More details from Adrian, Matthew or Sian and Beryl, the Church Wardens.



**Outdoor /Indoor Activities**  
**Food, fun and a safe space to be**  
**yourself & make friends**  
**Thursdays 7.30-9pm**  
**May 5, 19, June 9 & 23**  
**St Guthlacs Church**  
**To reserve a place or find out more**  
**revgough@gmail.com 07754961997**  
**Experienced leaders with DBS**

Knighton Youth Group Ages 11-17 (Free!)



**South Leicestershire Christian Partnership**

**Christian Aid Week Launch Service**

**at St Mary Magdalen Parish Church, Brinsmead Road Knighton**

**Sunday 15th May 6.30pm**

**Christian Aid Speaker national church lead, John Plant**

**All welcome**

**A collection will be taken for Christian Aid's work tackling hunger  
and the impact of climate injustice**







# **Fresh Service**

**15th September**

**Signs & Seasons**

(image is Pondering Angels on the Road to Emmaus by Daniel Bonnell)  
**with Fiona Wingate preaching and Rev Matthew Gough leading  
with a time for communion as a reflective response.**

## **Looking ahead – *Adrian's Sabbatical Study Leave***

I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has given me his permission for a period of Extended Study Leave (or 'Sabbatical' as it used to be called) in 2022, between 25th April and 25th July.

This will give me a break from normal parish responsibilities for a while, and the opportunity to reflect, read, research and come back renewed! Please don't imagine that it's a sign I'm leaving... quite the opposite in fact! - I'm hoping that this time will give me lots of ideas and material to use back in our churches to refresh our worshipping life for a long time to come.

During my extended study leave I'll be looking at ways in which spirituality and discipleship 'on the margins' can nurture and support the life of Christian communities in more 'mainstream' urban and suburban areas. There should be lots for me to tell you about, and plenty of ideas to try.

On a practical note, although I'll still be at home with the family in the vicarage most of the time, the aim is to break from normal parish responsibilities such as visiting, taking services, administration, emails and meetings. Thankfully, Matthew will be able to pick up the reins, with assistance from the other members of the Ministry Team, during this time.

I've discussed my Study Leave with both PCCs in the benefice and I'm grateful for their support. As you would imagine, we have planned carefully to ensure that all aspects of church life are maintained while I'm on my sabbatical.

Best wishes,  
*Adrian*

## **Bluebell Walk, Sunday 1st May, Outwoods**

Margaret Young and Rev Matthew would like to invite you to join us as we appreciate the wonder of God's creation: the shortlived bluebells in woodlands this spring. After church Sunday 1st May, meet either for lunch at the Outwoods cafe 1pm or just for walk from 2pm in the car park



Outwoods Car Park, Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse Eaves, LE11 3YG  
contact Margaret 2707842 [jmaryou@gmail.com](mailto:jmaryou@gmail.com) or Matthew

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022**

Neither Ida Stanyer nor Ros Astles is able to continue organising Christian Aid Week. However, we would very much like someone else or a group of people to take over this very important charitable outreach and we would, of course be able to offer as much help and advice as was wanted.

This year Christian Aid Week is from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May.

If you are able to help, please speak to Adrian, Matthew, Ida (0753 269 1913) [ida.stanyer49@gmail.com](mailto:ida.stanyer49@gmail.com) or (Ros 07961884496) [rastles@icloud.com](mailto:rastles@icloud.com)

Thank you.





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

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 1st May** are:

### **Acts 9.1-6**

#### **The Conversion of Saul**

**9** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

### **John 21.1-19**

#### **Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

**21** After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in

the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

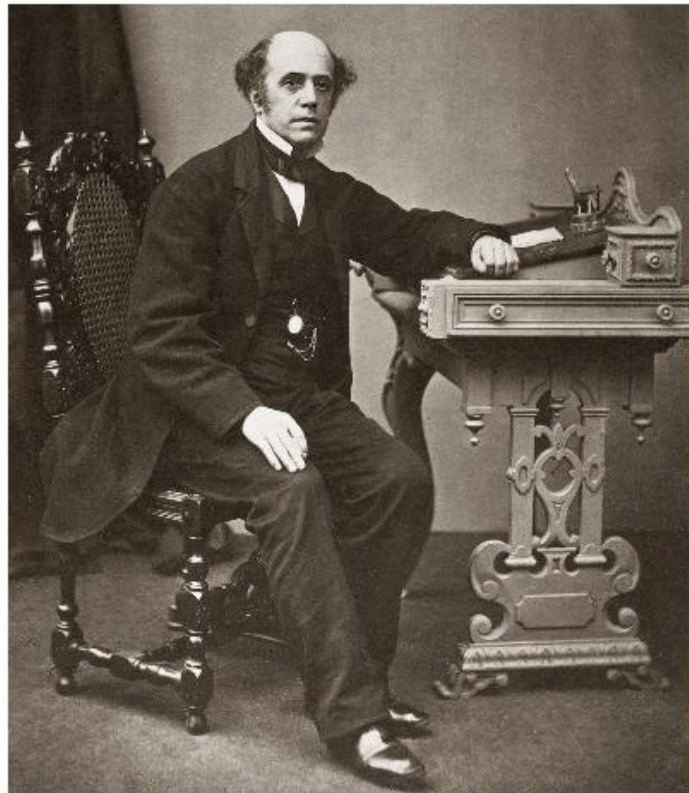
## **Jesus and Peter**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'





# LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



## Thomas Cook and the Temperance Movement

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm

An illustrated talk by the local historian Neil Crutchley

**Venue:** Stoneygate Baptist Church, London Road,  
Leicester LE2 3ND (opposite the Regency Hotel)

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall  
Free to members, non-members a small donation (£2) is appreciated  
Any queries to [leicester@lrfhs.org.uk](mailto:leicester@lrfhs.org.uk)

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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 weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com). If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

### Contact details:

**Vicar: Adrian Jones** Adrian is currently on sabbatical study leave, so please contact Matthew, others in the Ministry Team, or the Church Wardens as appropriate. He'll be back at the end of July.

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## ***“Pray Continually ....”***

God’s one and only job description is to turn death into life. That’s what God does with every new springtime, every new life, every new season, every new anything. — Richard Rohr

**Praying for the World:** We pray for a ceasing of war and brutality in Ukraine. We pray for the Patriarch of Russia to hear the word on God upon his heart. We pray for his courage, insight and truth to prevail in his counsel to the Russian leadership. We pray for peace to come upon the region, for the homelessness faced by tens of 1000s of families to be remedied. We pray for our country to be bold in offering help. We pray for renewed integrity in public life, for those who set policy and the moral tone of the nation, to repent of self indulgence and greed, instead to hear the voice of the poorest affected by current hardships.

**Praying for the Church:** We pray for the new season in our Church's life post-Covid. With churches and all people of good will may we seek to work for hope amongst all facing the despair of poverty, seeking refuge, hunger, fear of rising costs. May divisions be lessened and hurts healed and forgotten to be one, building community and kingdom. We pray for the Anglican Churches in Leicester to forge ahead with God's blessing seeking God's will for the design of the new systems and structures. We pray against the diminishing fear of scarcity instead seeking a bold hope, confident in the power of new life and resurrection in our churches.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Elms Road, Knighton Drive, Knighton Road, Northcote Road, Newstead Road.**

**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 **David Stanyer, Dale McCullough, Shirley Wills, Paul Matthews, Judi Stone, and Rod Bowditch**

We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. We give thanks for those who have recovered or who are recovering.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.  
**Rex Wills, Ben Jefferson, Sheila Wyatt and Bob Rutland**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.