



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



## **Newsletter for Sunday 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday**

### **Collects for this week**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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.

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.  
Amen.



## The Week Ahead.....

<b>Sunday 13th April</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 14th April	10.00am Social Committee Meeting 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 15th April	9.30am Holy Communion 11.30am Funeral of Rosemary Herbert
Wednesday 16th April	11.00am Church cleaning 2.00pm Interment of Ashes 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 17th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's) 2.00pm Interment of Ashes 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 18th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.30am 'Seven Last Words from the Cross' at St Guthlac's
Saturday 19th April	11.00am Interment of Ashes
<b>Sunday 20th April</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am Eucharist 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 13th April are  
 Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end and Luke 19.28-40.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**FUNERAL OF ROSEMARY HERBERT:** I can now tell you that Rosemary's funeral will be at St Mary Magdalen on Tuesday 15th April at 11.30am - all friends welcome. *Adrian*

**WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP** We will meet as usual on Wednesday 9th April, and we'll then take a break until Wednesday 30th April. The book we hope to use is 'Staying Strong in a Hostile World' by David Helm. Everybody is welcome. 10.30am start.

**EASTER EGGS** - Please buy and donate an Easter egg for the Church to give to the children whose parents attend the Goldhill Food Bank and the Open Hands Charity. This will be a lovely surprise for them. The box is in the Lady Chapel. Thank you. *Beryl Bonfield*

**LENT LUNCH SATURDAY 8TH MARCH** The Social Committee thank all who supported and came to the lunch and for the donations. We provided and enjoyed four choices of soup, a roll, cheese and biscuits, grapes and of course meeting people to have a chat. This was a very special time. The Lunch made £256 which will go to the Goldhill Foodbank who provide a hot meal for children after school. Thank you again. *Beryl*

**MAGAZINES** I have old copies of Gardener's World Magazine and The Garden (RHS magazine) from 2022-2024. If anyone would like them, you are very welcome to have them. Let me know and I can drop them off if needed. Thanks. *Tanya Willis*

## Holy Week and Easter in Knighton

Easter is, of course, the greatest Christian celebration of the year. The joy of the resurrection only comes after the suffering of the cross however, so we shouldn't be too quick to jump to Easter Sunday without passing thoughtfully through Holy Week.

Please do take some time to read the Gospel accounts of those last days in the life of Jesus, and to pause in prayer. Do try as well, to come to one of the special services, and of course the Eucharist on Easter Day itself.

*Adrian*

Our services in Knighton during Holy Week are as follows:

**Maundy Thursday**, 7.30pm at St Mary's - a Communion service to remember the last supper and the betrayal of Jesus.

**Good Friday**, 10.30am at St Guthlac's – "The Seven last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross' by Jospeh Haydn, played by the University of Leicester String Quartet, with a sequence of poems by Richard Gill.

**Good Friday**, 2pm at St Mary's – Meditation at the Cross, remembering the last hour of Jesus's life, and his crucifixion, with hymns and readings.

**Easter Day**, 10.30am - Sung Eucharist to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Day, at both churches.



## **Decorating the church for Easter**

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning, 19th April from 9.30am. Everyone is welcome and no experience necessary.

As well as our usual types of arrangements with lilies and white/yellow and Spring flowers, it would be lovely to have some new ideas for the window sills etc. Perhaps you have a vase to use, instead of oasis, or other ideas that reflect the idea of Easter and Spring.

Please sign up at the back of the church or let Deborah (0116

2707525) know if you can help or would like more information.

Gifts of greenery and flowers will be welcome. Please bring these to the church on the Saturday morning.

Thank you. *Deborah. Martin*



## **EASTER LILIES**

Donations are welcomed in the named basket at the back of Church.

Many thanks

St Mary's Flower Guild.



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

As we approach Easter this year, our Sunday sermons continue to follow the theme ***"Learning with Luke"*** as we consider different aspects of Jesus' work and teaching as described by the Gospel writer Luke, and how it applies to our regular lives today.

- On Sunday **13<sup>th</sup> April** we mark **Palm Sunday** in our service of Sung Eucharist.
- **Easter Day** falls on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April** and we meet to celebrate the miracle and wonder of Christ's resurrection, sharing a Sung Eucharist together on the most important day of the year for all Christians.
- On Sunday **27<sup>th</sup> April**, the fourth of the month, we meet for a service of Sung Eucharist once more, beginning a new journey through the Easter season, following the resurrection appearances of Jesus. Today, in our series ***"Alive!"***, we remember the account of Jesus, Thomas and the other disciples meeting a week after the resurrection.
- 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.

## **DISCARDED SPECTACLES**

Leicester Lions Club are again collecting spectacles that are no longer needed. The spectacles donated are taken over the Lions UK HQ in Birmingham. They are then sent to France where they are graded.



Spectacles are then sent to various countries such as Mali, Ghana, Chad and Tanzania. Volunteer opticians give people a free eye test and supply a suitable pair of spectacles at no cost. The frames and any broken glass are recycled.

Please leave your unwanted spectacles in the box provided on the table near the North Door. *Michael Kirk*

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**REMEMBERING VE DAY**  
**80 YEARS**



**ON SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025**  
**FROM 10 - 12 NOON**  
**IN ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH**  
**STALLS TO INCLUDE**  
**CAKES, BOOKS, JIGSAWS,**  
**GIFTS, PLANTS**  
**AND A RAFFLE**

**JUST COME ALONG EVERYONE WELCOME**



**Your Church  
needs  
YOU**

## **ELECTORAL ROLL – IMPORTANT!**

**This Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is the final deadline for submission of application forms for inclusion in the new Roll, which must be published on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in order to comply with the time frame for the AGM on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Forms are still available if you haven't yet received one. Please let me know (0116 2700302/ 07487814895) if you have any problems regarding this. *Eileen McKellican***

# **Electoral Roll**



**Belong**



**Participate**



**Contribute**



CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PARISH OF ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON, LEICESTER

**Notice is hereby given that the**  
**Annual Vestry Meeting to elect Churchwardens**  
**will be held on Sunday 11 May 2025**  
**at 11.45 am in St Mary's church.**

NOTE: Everyone who is on the Parish's electoral roll or who is on the register of local government electors as living in the Parish of St Mary Magdalen may vote in this election.

The Vestry Meeting will be followed by the

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

at which the Parish's Annual Report and Accounts will be presented.  
All are welcome at this meeting, but only persons on the Parish's electoral roll may vote.

Nigel Siesage  
Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

February 2025

# MARIE CURIE AUTUMN LUNCH

**Thursday 16th October 2025**

£25 per person

The Leicester College  
Freemens Park Campus  
Aylestone Road  
Leicester LE2 7LW

Call Shirley for tickets: 0116 281 1401.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Marie Curie Lunch last year. The profit we made was £1002.40.

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy.

**Hope to see you this year! Shirley Wills - Fundraising**

## **Craft Workshops**

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival Team plan to run a series of Craft Workshops during the year. These will take place once a month on Tuesdays from 10.30-12.30 in St. Mary's Church, Knighton.

**The first workshop will be held on Tuesday 8 April.**

The following workshops are planned for:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Tues 15th July

No craft workshop in August. September, October and November dates to be confirmed.

We hope to provide a warm welcome, a variety of craft activities, tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to attend. No previous skills or knowledge required - just a willingness to have a go!

We plan to sell the items made at the next Festival, but if you would like to take your creations home you are welcome to, for a small donation.

## **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**

As we move into a new month, please pray for other members of our church community, and especially those whose surnames begin with M, N, O and P. 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:** As we approach Good Friday and Easter Day, please pray for all who are suffering around the world - through warfare & conflict, famine & disease, poverty & abuse, and because of 'natural' disasters made worse by human climate change. Pray for our collective human response to the needs of others, and that compassion and the common good would motivate us and push us, out of apathy and selfishness.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for all those suffering because of their Christian faith, and those who are forced to hide their faith because of violence and threats. Pray that despite their circumstances they might still find hope and trust in God, and be able to share his love in some tangible ways with those around them. Pray for great courage when opportunities to tell others about Jesus do arise.

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

**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.

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially remember **Tony Butterfield, June Parry and Rosemary Herbert.**

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