



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

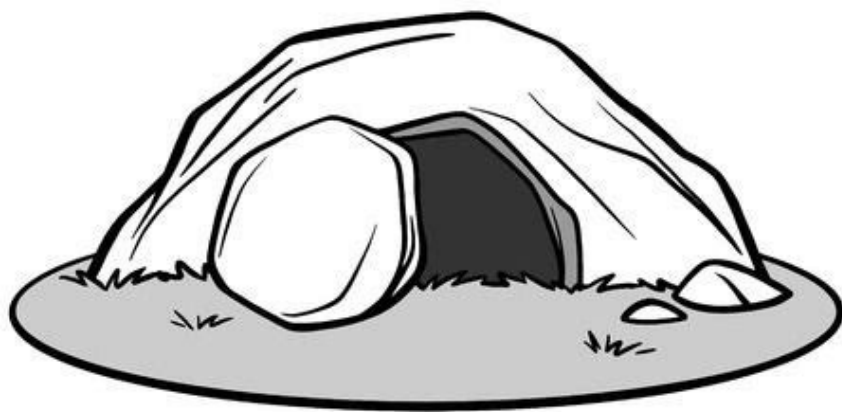


**Newsletter for
Sunday 12th April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter**

Collects for this week

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of 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.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our
hearts,
that we may seek the good
of others
and walk the joyful road of
sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 12th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 13th April	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 14th April	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 15th April	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 16th April	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 17th April	
Saturday 18th April	10.00am Peal of Bells—visiting team
Sunday 19th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's

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]

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 12th April** are
Acts 2.14a, 22-32 and John 20.19-end.

Church Family News

Annual Church Meeting 2026: Our Annual Meeting (APCM) this year is on Sunday 26th April, beginning at 11.45am with the Vestry Meeting to elect Church Wardens, and then at noon the meeting that considers our Annual Report and Financial Statements. The papers for the meeting are all available in Church this weekend and are also being sent by email to our contacts list.

Our Annual Meeting is an important moment in our church life together - an opportunity to take stock, raise questions, review the past and look forwards. It's also the time to elect Church Wardens and PCC members - we have need several new PCC members this year so please consider carefully if this might be a way in which *you* can support St Mary's, and take a nomination form from the back of church or from me.

Please do make the effort to stay after church on 26th for an hour extra (we should be finished by 12.45pm) - the Church is the Body of Christ and it needs all its parts to work properly!

yours - *Adrian*



APCM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in April 2026

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!

- **Sunday 12th April**, is the second Sunday of Easter and our service today is a Sung Eucharist. We'll reflect on the resurrection appearance of Jesus to Thomas and what it means for us today.
- On the third **Sunday of April, 19th**, we will join Jesus "*On the Emmaus Road*" as we share Morning Worship together.
- On the fourth **Sunday, 26th April**, we'll share a Sung Eucharist once again.

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 (see Revd Janet Gasper for details).

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

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 #

Knighton Craft Workshops 2026

Again the Knighton Christmas Tree Festival Team plan to run a series of Craft Workshops throughout the year. These will take place on Tuesdays (*one exception being Monday 20th April*) from 10.30-12.30 in St. Mary's Church, Knighton.

We hope to provide a warm welcome, 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 or use them to decorate the church. However if you would like to take your creations home you are welcome to, for a small donation.

We hope to see you there! The next date is Monday 20th April.



COFFEE MORNING
On Saturday 9th May 2026

From 10 am - 12 noon
In St Mary Magdalen Church,
Brinsmead Road, Knighton,
Leicester LE2 3WG

Stalls to include
Plants, Cakes,
Books, Jigsaws,
Gifts & a Raffle

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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 through this week

Praying for each other this month: During the month of April please continue to pray for our fellow members of the congregation and church family, especially this month those whose surnames begin with the letters M, N, O and P. Pray that they will know the presence of Jesus walking alongside them and that they will feel warmed by the encouragement of his story told throughout the Bible.

Praying for the World: As we remember the Resurrection hope that is Christ's gift to us and our message to the world, let's pray for new peace and reconciliation around all places of conflict and suffering. Pray that God will strengthen and encourage all those working for the good of others, and protect the vulnerable everywhere.

Praying for the Church: Pray for Christian's everywhere and especially in places of danger and persecution. Pray that we will all be faithful and joyful, and ready to love God and all our neighbours as ourselves.

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 **John Matthews and Neill Addison-Gutteridge.**

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. We especially pray for the family and friends of **Robert (Bob) Hattersley.**