



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

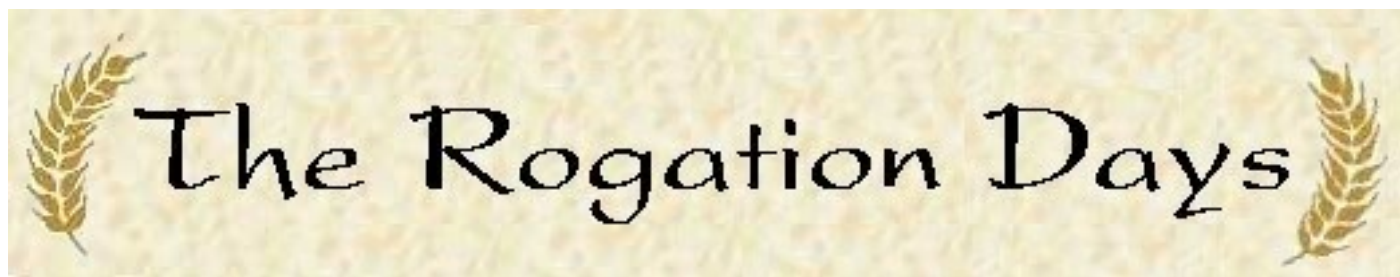


**Newsletter for
Sunday 5th May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday**

Collects for this week

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



The week ahead...

Sunday 5th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs
Monday 6th April	7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 7th April	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.00pm Interment of ashes
Wednesday 8th May	10.30am 'Hymns we love' (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Meeting for Communion leaders
Thursday 9th May <i>Ascension day</i>	9.30am Eucharist for Ascension Day (St Guthlac's) 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Narthex)
Friday 10th May	11.30am Funeral of Doreen Macafee
Saturday 11th May	
Sunday 12th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlacs

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:

The set readings for Sunday 5th May are Acts 10.44-end, 1 John 5.1-6 and John 15.9-17.

In our All Age Worship on Sunday at 10.30am, the Bible reading is Psalm 147 and the theme is 'Living on the edge!'

Church Family News

CONGRATULATIONS! Many congratulations to our much valued Church Administrator James Gutteridge who recently announced his engagement to partner Neill Addison. It's great to hear this really good news and we wish them both the very best in their future together.

Adrian

Funeral The funeral of our friend and church member Doreen Macafee is now confirmed as 11.30am on Friday 10th May at St Mary's.

Ascension Day: Thursday 9th May is Ascension Day, when Christians remember how the risen Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work and then ascended to heaven - leaving them with the promise of the Holy Spirit to come. This year we will mark the day by sharing the morning Eucharist at St Guthlac's at 9.30am - do join us. *Adrian*

Thank you The Social Committee thank all who supported the Coffee Morning on the 13th April. This was a very successful event and raised £545.01. I personally thank my helpers without them this event could not happen. We do still need people to join the Social Committee as a member (say bringing new ideas to fundraising).

Eco Tip for April Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with our Lent resources at arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent/

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in May 2024

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 at 10.30am, any and every Sunday!

- Our All Age Worship begins the new month on **Sunday 5th May** and our theme will be "On the Edge!"
- On **Sunday 12th May** we celebrate a Sung Eucharist, including, at its heart, Holy Communion, and marking the start of *Christian Aid Week*. In the evening that day we welcome friends from other local churches to a special ecumenical service for *Christian Aid Week*, starting at 6.30pm.
- The third Sunday of the month, **19th May**, is also **Pentecost**, the 'birthday of the Church'. Our Morning Worship together takes the theme of "*Pentecost Praise*".
- On **Sunday 26th May, Trinity Sunday**, we again celebrate a Sung Eucharist and look ahead to the long weeks of 'Ordinary Time' through the summer.

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.

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by noon next Thursday to office@knightonparish.co.uk

What are the Rogation Days?

This week is marked by three 'Rogation Days' ... but what are they?



In the old tradition of the Churches the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension are called Rogation Days (from the Latin *rogare*, 'to ask'). These days of fasting and abstinence are preparation for the feast of the Ascension, and days upon which special prayers for fruitful seasons and a good harvest are made to God.

The origin of these Rogation Days seems to be an order by Mamertus, the Bishop of Vienne in about AD 470. After an earthquake he instructed that special litanies be offered for God's care and protection, and his heavenly provision of a good harvest to come. The custom spread through Gaul, to England and to Rome.

The Rogation Days survived the Reformation in England, and in 1559 Queen Elizabeth I required that priest and people should undertake a walk of the parish boundaries and fields to pray for a good harvest. This was later developed into prayers that could be said in church instead – but the custom of '*beating the bounds*' remains in various parts of the country. For many years it was an important event that helped the community remember where its ancient boundaries lay. To ensure that the memory was passed onto the next generation, young boys were taken along and whipped or beaten at each boundary post!

Join us for *"Hymns We Love"* on **Wednesday mornings**

Our Wednesday morning small group meets every week at 10.30am in the Welcome Space (Cottage Room) of the Parish Centre, on the corner of Brinsmead Rd and Church Lane. We enjoy discussion and Bible Study, and share friendship, drinks and cakes. Starting on 1st May we'll be starting a new series of five meetings celebrating *"Hymns We Love"*, when we'll be listening to and talking about a selection of well-known and popular hymns – exploring the stories behind the writers and the meaning behind the words. Everyone is welcome, and this is an ideal opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours who might otherwise have no connection with the church or seldom think about the Christian faith. *Adrian*



A different way of giving towards the work of our church.....

Please scan the QR code to support the life and work of St Mary's.



If you are a UK tax payer, you may like to gift aid your donation.

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 #

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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 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.



Christian Aid Week
 SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP
 UNITED CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE
 SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024 : 6.30pm
 St Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road Knighton LE2 3WD
 All are welcome to hear our Speaker: Anne Danks from Christian Aid

The City of Leicester Singers

**St James the Greater Church
 London Road, Leicester
 Saturday May 11th 2024
 7.00 p.m.**

**A Celebration of
 Modern
 British Composers.**

**Lloyd Webber
 Jenkins
 Rutter**

**Conductor - Richard Archer
 Accompanist - John Pye**

**Tickets £12 under 16s free,
 from choir members, at the door or
www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk**



Charity Number
518215



COFFEE MORNING

ON SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

10 AM – 12 NOON

ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH

BRINSMEAD ROAD, KNIGHTON

STALLS TO INCLUDE

PLANTS, CAKES, BOOKS,

JIGSAWS, GIFTS

RAFFLE

JUST COME ALONG

EVERYONE WELCOME



MAY FESTIVAL

Mass with procession in honour of Our Lady.

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Most Revd Rowan Williams,
former Archbishop of Canterbury

**13th
MAY**

7pm

**St Andrew's Church,
Jarrom Street,
Leicester, LE2 7DH.**

followed by refreshments

Free parking at St Andrew's

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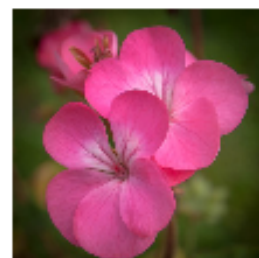
St. Guthlac's Church May Fayre

Saturday 18th May

11:00am-2:00pm



Holbrook Road



LE2 3LF

Summer Bedding Plants

Vegetable and Herbs



Annuals and Perennials

Coffee, tea and refreshments

Ploughmans Lunches and Hot Dogs

Popcorn Soft drinks

Cakes and Preserves



Jumpers and knitted goods

Games Jewellery Tombola

Free Admission

Prayers for this week

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the World: Please pray for continued efforts to negotiate a ceasefire, and ultimately an end, to the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Pray for success for all the efforts to bring in much-needed aid, and for the release of all hostages.

Praying for the Church: During this week of Rogation days, please pray for Christians and church congregations in our rural areas - that they find encouragement and hope in the face of deep challenges. Pray especially for the people and leaders of the churches of the Launde Deanery and Minster Community.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Welford Court, The Cedars, Muston Gardens, Wyndale Road, Brinsmead 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 this week, please pray for **Sandra Winter, Brian Arnold, Rosemary Herbert, Irvine Byer, David Holland, Neill, and John Orme.**

Pray also for those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today - and give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of all those who have died recently. We especially remember **Doreen Macafee.**

Remember too, all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.