



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

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**Newsletter for Sunday  
20th November 2022  
Christ the King**

**Collect for this week**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 20th November</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	9.00am     Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am     Eucharist for Christ the King</b> 10.30am     Eucharist at St Guthlacs
Monday 21st November	7.00pm     Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 22nd November	9.30am     Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am     Christmas workshop (Narthex) 2.00pm     Mothers' Union (Centre)
Wednesday 23rd November	8.00 pm     Compline on Zoom
Thursday 24th November	9.30 am     Holy Communion (St Guthlac) 3.00pm     Burial of Ashes
Friday 25th November	11.00am     Healing Prayer with Communion 1.00pm     Funeral of Audrey (Kate) Page 7.00pm     Choir Practice
Saturday 26th November	
<b>Sunday 27th November</b> <i>Advent Sunday</i>	9.00am     Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am     Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am     Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs 6.30pm     'Advent Pilgrimage' Service

**Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: [www.stmarysknighton.co.uk](http://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk)**

***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?

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 20th November** is:  
**Jeremiah 23.1-6, Colossians 1.15-20 and Luke 23.33-43**

## Church Family News

**Sad news:** I'm very sorry to have to tell you that another long-serving and faithful member of the St Mary's congregation, Audrey Page (often know as Kate) died recently. Even though she hadn't been able to attend church in the last few years, Audrey will be remembered fondly by many. Her funeral will be at St Mary's on Friday 25th November at 1pm. *Adrian*

**Thank you** Bernard and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and love shown to us at this very sad and difficult time. We have gained much comfort from these messages. Thank You.

**Eucharist this Sunday, 20th November** - this Sunday we will mark the celebration of Christ the King in our main service at 10.30am. As usual on the third Sunday of the month our worship will be supported by the musicians and singers of our band, and will have a less traditional form, but this month we will also be sharing in the Eucharist as part of the service, in a way that is especially accessible for our children and young people, some of whom will be receiving Communion for the first time. In line with Church of England guidance, they have all been prepared for this important step in their journey of faith - we welcome them as they join our 'Eucharistic fellowship'. *Adrian*

**Mothers' Union Fellowship** Our next meeting is Tuesday, 22nd November in the Parish Centre Lounge – it's warmer there! We have the room from 1.30pm and the talk will begin at 2pm. Our speaker is Jenny Joannau JP who has worked with the Prince's Trust and the title of her talk is "Criminals wot I met". As always we welcome non-members. LP

**Office closure** Please note that James is taking some annual leave over the next three weeks. Generally the office will be open on Thursdays and Fridays. This week the office is closed Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd but will be open Thursday and Friday.

**'Advent Pilgrimage' Service:** On Sunday 27th November at 6.30pm we will mark Advent Sunday with a reflective service of readings, choral music, hymns and prayers, called 'Do not be afraid!' This is a slightly different format for our Advent evening service, and is designed to take us on a journey through Advent, looking at the message of the angels to Zechariah, Joseph, Mary and the Shepherds: *'Do not be afraid!'* Please do come and join us.

**Your next step on the journey of faith?** You may be feeling that you've grown in faith through 2022 and that it's time to recognise that in some way. In the Church of England there is a special service for teenagers and adults who want to affirm the Christian faith for themselves, called Confirmation. This service is led by the Bishop and usually draws together 'candidates' of all ages and backgrounds from different churches. In early 2023 there are two local Confirmation services taking place: 10.30am, Sunday 22 January at The Church of the Martyrs and then 2.00pm, Sunday 19 February at St Margaret's Church. If you think this might be the next step in *your* journey of faith then do have a chat with me in the next few weeks, and I can tell you all about it. *Adrian*

**Thanks!** £36 collected in the Wateraid (Grifaid) jar over the last six months or so has been paid to the charity.

The jar is now standing nearly empty again so please do use it as a repository for your small change, since it soon builds up again.

Many thanks for your donations.

*Sian Howard*

### **Christmas Tree Festival Raffle Hamper**

Are you able to donate an item for the hamper, which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the raffle at this year's Christmas Tree Festival?

If so, could you please let us know by filling in the form on the notice board at the back of church. Please place any items you've offered in the basket on the table near the north door by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Please bear in mind that everything in the hamper must have a sell/use by date some time later than Christmas. Thank you.

**Calendars!** Your Fairtrade Advent calendars are now ready to collect from church on Sunday with your payment - £4.50 per calendar.

Thanks for supporting the Fairtrade Foundation.

*Alison Roche*



## **Knighton Christmas Tree Festival**

If you have a few hours to spare over the weekend of Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December we would love to have some extra help. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church, just put your name and contact number in the time you would be available slots and we will give you a ring nearer the time. Thank you.



### **Baking hats on please.....**

Once again, we'd love to have some of your lovely baking for the Christmas Tree Festival on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December.



Please sign up on the noticeboard at the back of church.

As well as cakes & biscuits, we would appreciate some meat-free savoury items such as cheese scones, cheese straws etc.

If at all possible, please use Fairtrade ingredients (sugar, chocolate, etc), and please add a note if you include nuts, sesame seeds etc.

We can collect from you if that helps. Thanks! Alison Roche



The Amos Trust will be holding one of its Christmas events at Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Rd, Oadby LE2 5AF on Mon 28th November at 7pm.

I have travelled to the Holy Land with the Amos Trust twice, and this event will feature partners from Gaza, a host of local performers, poetry, music, and special guests. Proceeds from the evening will go towards Amos Trust's Christmas appeal supporting our work in Gaza.

Refreshments will be served and Christmas merchandise sold after the event.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance via their website [ Christmas Tour page ] but ask me if you'd like me to get them for you.

*Alison Roche.*



You are invited to a

# Christmas Tea

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022

From 3 pm - 5 pm

In St. Mary's Church,

Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WD

Seasonal Music

Raffle

**FREE ENTRY BUT TICKETS REQUIRED**

Tickets can be obtained from

The Parish Office, Church Lane, LE2 3WG

0116 2702705 (Tuesday - Friday mornings)

or

Cora Paul 07933 318153





## Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival is only a few weeks away. Once again the team would be very grateful if you could spare a few hours over the weekend to help to make this such a joyous occasion.

There is a sign up sheet on the church notice board for you to leave your details when you would be available to help. Don't be shy, sign up and come and join us.

## Christmas Tree Festival Workshops Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 16th, and Tuesday 22nd November 10.30-12.30 in the Narthex



Do come along and enjoy a morning making Christmas trees, angels and other decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival. Anyone is welcome and no artistic skills are necessary.

This year we will again need **magazines, catalogues**, newspaper supplements and the like, but also **paperback books, soft fabrics** (eg cotton, velvet) and **ribbon.**) Please start saving them now. I will put a box in the porch to collect them.

For further information or to join a workshop please contact me (Tel: 0116 2707525) or sign up at the back of the church.

Thanks

*Deborah Martin*



# Have you ever been to a Christmas Tree Festival?

Many people have said that the Knighton Christmas Tree Festival marks the start of the Christmas season.

You are warmly invited to visit this beautiful, local 700-year-old church to see the Christmas trees which have been decorated by local groups, schools, organisations, charities, businesses, individuals and families.

Enjoy seasonal refreshments and music while helping to raise money for this year's local charity - LAMP (Leicestershire Action for Mental Health Project) - and for our community garden project.

Musical entertainment this year will include:  
on Saturday - a choir and a ukulele band;  
on Sunday - a brass band.  
(For times, see St Mary's website.)

For children there will be free squash and biscuits,  
as well as seasonal activities.

Join us for Carols among the Trees to round off  
the festival on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5 pm.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Let the magic of Christmas begin!

**The Cecilian Singers**  
 Music Director - Benjamin Kirk  
 Assistant Music Director - Guy Turner

**‘TIS THE SEASON**  
 A CONCERT of CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
 with Andrew King (organ/piano)

**Friday 9th December 2022 7.30pm**  
**St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton**  
**off Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WB**

*Tickets £12*  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/manage/events/456142994977/tickets>  
 Or from Jane Cotton 0115 937 2993  
[jane.cotton2@ntlworld.com](mailto:jane.cotton2@ntlworld.com)  
 Visit [www.ceciliansingers.co.uk](http://www.ceciliansingers.co.uk)

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## **Online Compline on Wednesdays—8.00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

**Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080**

Dial by your location **0203 481 5240**

**There is currently a property available for purchase at Muston Gardens, which is a site of residential dwellings and intended for Christians aged 55 and over. The property is a spacious 2 bed semi-detached bungalow. Viewing is strongly recommended. For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Joel Pither on 07983 603 763.**

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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 Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com) or phone 01162704272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighthon PCC** please.

## Prayers for this week

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

(Colossians 4.2)

**Praying for the world:** Please pray again for international peace, especially in Ukraine, but also in the 2 other areas of conflict in the world today. Pray for a holding back of evil and violence, and that those people who have the skills and opportunities to be peacemakers, will be strengthened and encouraged.

**Praying for the Church:** As we mark Safeguarding Sunday, please use this prayer through the week as we focus on the changes we need to ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected:  
*Dear God, help us to be a church that loves, welcomes, protects, listens, learns, serves, repents, restores, transforms, values, cares, and believes. God of justice and compassion, hear our prayer. Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray. In Jesus name. Amen.*

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Balmoral Close, Carisbrook Park, Kenwood Road, Arreton Close, Carisbrook Avenue, Carisbrook Gardens.**

**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 **Ann Beams, Diane Stockton, John Orme and Peter Relph.**

Pray as well for all those on our parish *‘Continuing Prayer’* list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

**Please remember** those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. We particularly pray for **Audrey (Kate) Page and Judi Stone** and remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.