



**St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Knighton**



**Sunday 15th May 2022  
5th Sunday of Easter**

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

**Collect for this week**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
Amen.



## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am      Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am</b> <b>'Fresh' Worship</b> 10.30am      Eucharist at St Guthlacs 11.45am      St Mary's APCM
Monday 16th May	
Tuesday 17th May	9.30am      Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 18th May	7.00 pm      Choir Practice 8.00 pm      Compline on Zoom
Thursday 19th May	9.30 am      Holy Communion (St G)
Friday 20th May	
Saturday 21st May	
Sunday 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am      Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am      Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs

**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?

**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

**Thanks!** Ida and David Stanyer would like to thank everyone for all their kind thoughts and prayers during David's recent illness. He is making excellent progress.

**Thank you** Flick and family thank you all for your cards and kind messages on the loss of Ben. They have been much comforted by your loving thoughts and prayers.

### **New Compline Zoom link**

New recurring access link and codes for Compline  
from **Wednesday 18th May** onwards.

Please use the following going forward.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

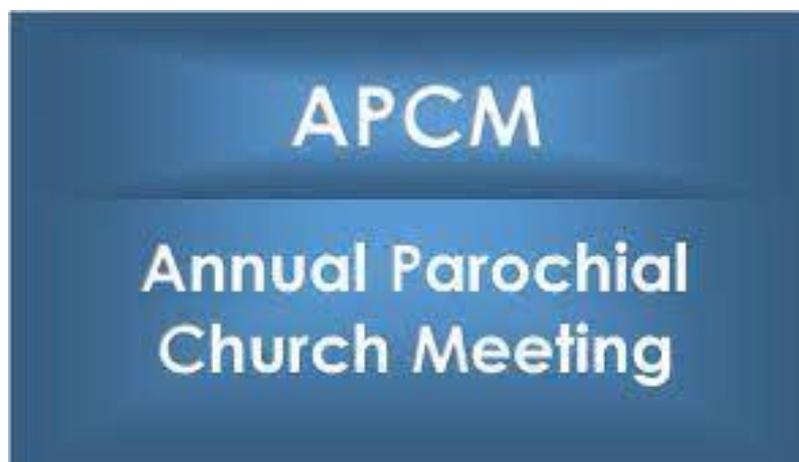
## **APCM**

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is **this Sunday**. 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.

**Looking back to 2021 - a year of challenges for all of us.** Our Annual Church Meeting (or APCM) this year will take place on **this Sunday**, 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.



## '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*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** there will not be a street collection in our area this year but there will be envelopes available in church on 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, for your donations. Please Gift Aid them if you can – it adds a significant 25% to your gift.

The focus this year is on how the combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and drought have robbed Jessica and her family in Zimbabwe of the power to provide for her children.

"And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. **But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.** With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe."

(Christian Aid)

## **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*

# 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**





**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 - Refreshments available after the service**

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

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**Fresh Service**

**15th May**

**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.**

# Royal Memorabilia Display

Friday 3rd June - Monday 6th June

During the weekend of celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will decorate seven windows within St Mary's Church with flowers and special items signifying those 70 years.

If you are able to help provide such named treasures, please let Lorna Kirk (2707843) or Deborah Martin (2707525) know asap. Thank you



# St Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk

Wednesday 1 June 2022

Start: 9.15am at St Wistan's Church,  
Kibworth Road, Wistow. LE8 0QF

Finish: Bell Street Monument,  
Wigston, LE18 1AD

Free,  
Family  
Event!

- Four-mile leisurely walk
- Learn about the legend of the Leicestershire saint
- Local cafés serving refreshments
- Event for all the family
- Please dress suitably



For more information search St Wistan Pilgrimage on Facebook, contact Reverend Matthew Gough 07754961997 or email [revgough@gmail.com](mailto:revgough@gmail.com)



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



**Property for sale** There are currently 2 properties available for purchase at Muston Gardens. Muston Gardens is a site of residential dwellings and intended for Christians aged 55 and over. Both of the properties are spacious 2 bed semi-detached bungalows with open aspects. Viewing is strongly recommended. For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Joel Pither on 07983 603 763.

### **Prayer**

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
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.



## Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 8th May** are:

### Acts 11.1-18

#### Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

**11** Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup> But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

## John 13.31-35

### The New Commandment

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert:

Melton Mowbray Choral Society present

### 'Music for a Royal Occasion'

**Saturday 21st May 2022**

Conductor: James Gutteridge

Special Guest Soprano: Emily Yarrow

7.30pm **St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray**

**There are a few tickets left. If you fancy a nice trip out to Melton, it would be lovely to see you!**

Tickets £12 available from James in the Parish Office or on the door  
Music to include 'Zadok the Priest', 'Rule Britannia', 'Jerusalem', and a very special brand new piece, commissioned for the Jubilee, amongst many other fabulous pieces.

Bring your flags and voices for a 'Last Night of the Proms' finale!

CRAFTS  
ACTIVITIES  
FOOD  
FRIENDS

Fun for all  
the family  
Children must be  
accompanied  
Free but donations  
welcome

**MESSY PLAY**  
**FRIDAY 20 MAY**  
**3:30-5:00**

**MESSY CHURCH**  
**FRIDAY 17 JUNE**  
**3:30-5:45**

**AT STONEYGATE**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

**SAVE THE  
DATES!**

**TO KEEP UP TO  
DATE SEARCH  
'MESSY\_INSK' ON  
FACEBOOK  
OR TWITTER**



A joint venture of Stoneygate Baptist Church and St Mary's Knighton

## 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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## **Christian Aid week Prayers**

We pray for those in Zimbabwe, suffering hardship through climate injustice and unfair trade. We pray for those in East Africa suffering drought and disrupted food supplies due to conflict in Africa and Europe. We pray for our efforts close to home as support the different churches by hosting the launch event in our Benefice.

### **Jubilee Communities**

We pray for our streets, neighbours and churches coming together in a spirit of unity and joyful community. We pray for us to discern where we can be most available and aware of God's promptings for us to join in. We pray for peace, prosperity and full embracing of all as we come together the celebrate this most exceptional of sovereigns.

### **Easter People**

We pray for a resurrection of integrity in our national political life, We pray for a resurrection of compassion and courage from those who govern to alleviate the poverty inflicted by poor policies and profiteering corporates which have created a cost of living and fuel crisis,

### **Ukraine and Russia**

We pray for the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church to see the Christ like need for peace from Russia to Ukraine. We pray for those refugees without home to be given shelter soon. We pray for our communities and government systems to work together ot help with generous and wise compassion.

### **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, 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.