



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



## **Newsletter for Sunday 29th March 2026 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..

Sunday 29th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>10.30am Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist</b>
Monday 30th March	11.30am Church cleaning 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 31st March	9.30am Holy Communion 2.00pm Mothers' Union Fellowship
Wednesday 1st April	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 2nd April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion at St Guthlac's Church
Friday 3rd April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.30am "Seven Last Words" - St Guthlac's 2.00pm Good Friday Meditation - St Mary's
Saturday 4th April	9.30am Decorating Church for Easter
Sunday 5th April <i>Easter Day</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist for Easter</b> 10.30am Sung 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]

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

- This month we also have a fifth **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, and so a joint benefice service, which this time is at St Mary's – it's also **Palm Sunday** so, although there is no Sunday Club, the service will include our children and young people.
- **Easter Day is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** and we'll celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a Sung Eucharist for everyone and an egg hunt in the churchyard for our children young people.
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**, is the first 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, 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will join Jesus "*On the Emmaus Road*" as we share Morning Worship together.
- On the fourth **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **Listening to God's Word:**

The set readings on **Sunday 29th March** are  
Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end and Matthew 21.1-11.

***“Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ!” -***

### **Belonging at St Mary’s**

During Lent we’ve been thinking together about the place that each of us has in the Body of Christ – the Church that continues his work and mission on Earth today. Not long after Easter we’ll be holding our Church Annual Meeting (known as the APCM) where we can discuss the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025 and vote for some new members of the Church Council (PCC). One important part that we all have to play in the shared life of our church is being part of these discussions and decisions – and to do this fully means joining the Church Electoral Roll.

The Electoral Roll is being revised ahead of the APCM, during the period from 29<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April, so this is a good time to add yourself to this list of Church members if you haven’t already done so. All you need to do is collect a form from the back of the Church, complete the relevant sections and return it to our Acting Electoral Roll Officer, Nigel Siesage, or to myself, by the deadline. This is also the time to tell Nigel about any changes to your contact details so the list can be amended. If you are already on the list and nothing has changed, then you don’t need to do anything!

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, but the deadline for the Electoral Roll is 5<sup>th</sup> April, so please don’t leave it until the last minute!

*Adrian*



## Decorating the church for Easter

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday morning, 4th 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 different 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.

Thanks Deborah

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## **Holy Week and Easter in Knighton 2026**

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.

Alongside the newsletter this Sunday is a booklet of reflections for each day of Holy Week, relating to our Lent theme of *"Christ has no body now but yours"*. Even if you've missed a Sunday or two and been unable to join our Lent discussion groups, you'll find these daily thoughts will help you with a reflective preparation for the celebration of Easter Day.

Do try, as well, to come to one of the special services in Holy Week, and of course, join Christians around the world as we share Communion on Easter Day itself. *Adrian*

Our services in Knighton during Holy Week are as follows:

**Maundy Thursday**, 7.30pm at St Guthlac'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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 dates are:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July

August – *Summer break, no craft workshop*

September - TBC

November - TBC

December - *no craft workshop in December*

### **Save the date:**

This year's Festival will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Any queries please contact: [knightonctf24@gmail.com](mailto:knightonctf24@gmail.com)

Sue Siesage and the CTF Team

## **Latest St Mary's Wateraid (Grifaid) donation**

The coins in the Wateraid collection tin have been counted and processed and the total was **£69.50**. Many thanks for your generous donations. The tin is back in its usual place on the table at the back of the Lady Chapel so please do keep your donations of small change coming.

*Sian Howard*

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## **Latest St Mary's Foodbank donation**

The food collected during February and early March 2026 has been taken to the Leicester South Foodbank distribution centre in Wigston. It weighed in at 44.5kg. As always, the staff there thanks us for our donations. They also said they are running particularly low on donated food at the moment; so our continued support is really important to them. Their homepage always lists the items they most urgently need: <https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

*Sian Howard*

### **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 #

# COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Just come along  
Everyone welcome

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH  
HOLBROOK ROAD LE2 3LF



10.30 am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on  
the Cross  
By Joseph Haydn**

With a sequence of poems on the Seven Last Words  
by Richard Gill

**University of Leicester  
String Quartet**

ALL WELCOME



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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](mailto: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:** Please pray that the war in the Middle East will come to a swift conclusion. Pray for restraint and a fresh move towards reconciliation and co-operation, even between those who feel like enemies. Pray for all the ordinary people whose lives have been shattered by warfare, conflict, injury and death.

**Praying for the Church:** Please give thanks for the installation of our new Archbishop Sarah. Pray for the world-wide Anglican Communion and for a growing sense of partnership between different provinces. This week please also pray for our own Cathedral of St Martin - for the clergy, staff and congregation. Pray for a strong sense of purpose and place within our city and diocese.

**Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Hyllion Road, Asquith Boulevard, Aberdale Road, Shackerdale Road, Brixham Drive.**

### **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.