



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



**Newsletter for
Sunday 1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent
Collects for this week**

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Second Sunday of



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 1st March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 2nd March	10.45am Funeral of Laurie Jarvis 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 3rd March	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th March	10.30am Lent Discussion Group, Centre 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 5th March	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning 7.30pm Lent Discussion Group, St Guthlac
Friday 6th March	
Saturday 7th March	
Sunday 8th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 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]

Church Family News

Laurie Jarvis

I can now tell you that the funeral of our long-time friend and church member Laurie Jarvis, will take place in St Mary's at 10.45am on Monday 2nd March. Everyone is welcome. *Adrian*

Lent Lunch Saturday 21st February 2026

A gathering of 25 people sat down to various Soups, Cheeses, Biscuits and Grapes. This event including Donations made a wonderful **£224.00** for LOROS. Helpers and the Soup makers were thanked for making the Lent Lunch a success for all. Beryl

Mothering Sunday:

This year Mothering Sunday falls on 15th March. As usual we hope to give out small posies of flowers and greenery, as tokens of appreciation for the loving care shown by so many people. I'd be very grateful if there were a few people who could take on the task of making up the posies in preparation - we need about 100, and they are best made the day before. Any costs are always reimbursed. Please do have a word with me if you think you can help. Many thanks in anticipation. *Adrian*

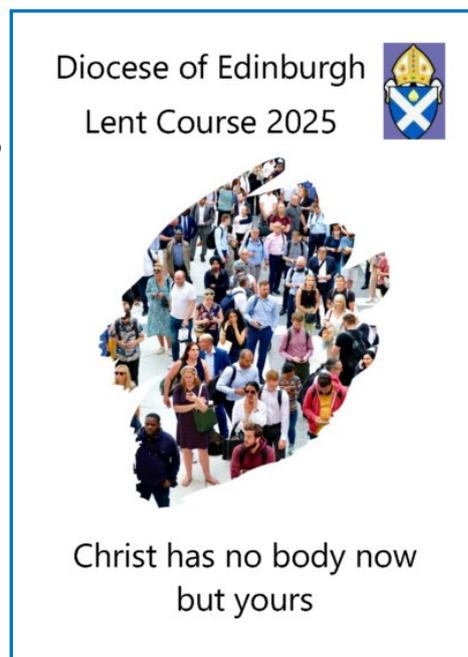


Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 1st March** are Genesis 12.1-4a and John 3.1-17. At our Worship for the Whole Church service, our readings are Exodus 3.1-10 and Mark 8.22-26. Our theme is "**Eyes of Christ**".

LENT is here! You may well have noticed that Easter is 'early' this year, and so, therefore, is Lent! As usual, Christians are encouraged to remember through Holy Week and then celebrate on Easter Day itself – and the weeks of Lent before then are a significant time for pause, thought, reflection, thinking, discussion and growth in our Christian faith.

In our **Sunday services** during Lent we will be picking up themes from a course written for the Diocese of Edinburgh last year, called ***“Christ has no body now but yours”***, which is based on the famous prayer by St Teresa of Avila. The course encourages us to think more deeply about our individual part in the Body of Christ and how we can better work out our faith in practical ways every day. Each Sunday service will be followed during the week by the chance to be part of a small group discussion around the same theme, with illustrations and questions to help us.



There will be (at least) two **Lent discussion groups**. One will run at St Mary's Parish Centre (in the small Cottage/Welcome Room) on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am-noon, starting on 25th February for five weeks. The other group will run in the entrance area of St Guthlac's on Thursday evenings at 7.30-9pm, starting on 26th February for five weeks. Please choose the best day and time for you – it doesn't matter which church you feel part of most! The course book for both groups is identical and costs just £1.50 towards the printing.

I do hope that you will want to use this Lent as an intentional time for growing your faith, and that you'll be able to join one of these groups. If you're keen but the dates and times don't work for you, please see me so that we can think about running an additional meeting.

Please sign the list at the back of either church to show that you'd like to be part of a midweek discussion group and that you'd like a booklet. See you there!

Adrian

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in March 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!

- At St Mary's we begin every month with a service of Worship for the Whole Church (formerly known as 'All Age Worship'). On **Sunday 1st March** our theme is being the *Eyes of Christ* in the world today.
- **Sunday 8th March**, in our service of Sung Eucharist, sees us return again to our Lenten theme, as we consider being the *Feet of Christ*.
- The third **Sunday of March, 15th**, is **Mothering Sunday** and we will have a special service with plenty to interest everyone (not just Mums!), as well as our usual children's and young people's group. There will also be the traditional flowers and bulbs to distribute.
- **Sunday 22nd March** is our usual service of Sung Eucharist and we return to our Lenten theme as we consider what it means to be the *Ears of Christ* in the world today.
- This month we also have a fifth **Sunday, 29th March**, and so a joint benefice service, which this time is at St Mary's – it's also **Palm Sunday**.

• 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).

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 dates are:

Tuesday 17th March

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 12th May

Tuesday 23rd June

Tues 14th 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 28th and Sunday 29th November.

Any queries please contact: knightonctf24@gmail.com

Sue Siesage and the CTF Team

CRAFT WORKSHOPS ARE BACK!

It's a bit early for Christmas so, for the first workshop of 2026, we're making colourful decorations for Easter.

The workshop is at 10.30am, in the narthex at church, on Tuesday 17th March. Everyone is welcome to come along and join me making some simple paper flowers. All materials will be provided but it would be helpful if you can bring a pair of scissors suitable for cutting paper. Hope to see you there. *Deborah*

World Day of Prayer Friday, 6th March.

The service for this year has been prepared by Christian women from Nigeria on the theme "I will give you rest, come". It will be celebrated as a great wave of prayer going round the world, beginning in Samoa and ending, more than 146 countries later, in American Samoa. Our local services are in St Thomas More Church at 2pm and at the Friends Meeting House at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Two Bedroom Flat Available A two bedroomed flat has become available for purchase (leasehold) at Muston Gardens, Knighton Leicester. Muston Gardens is a purpose built Christian residential facility for those aged 55+. It is conveniently located in its own private cul-de-sac off Welford Road with car parking and easy bus access to Leicester. There is a facilities manager on site on weekday mornings with all residences having a 24-hour support intercom system. Residents come from a range of Churches in Leicester and there is an active social programme for those who want to participate. The complex also has an ensuite guest room where friends and family can stay for a nominal charge. All first floor flats are serviced with a stair lift. This is ideal for people who want independent living but in a supportive community. Please contact Jules Ellis on: 07967797739 or email: julian@mustongardens.co.uk if you would like more information about the flat or Muston Gardens in general.

Real Easter Eggs

With Easter coming early, it's already time to put in your orders for the only chocolate egg that tells the real story of Easter. It's also Fairtrade, plastic- and palm-oil free and with a new Easter booklet for this year.

£5.50 when you receive them. Please sign up by Sunday 1st March either with me or on the noticeboard. Thanks!
Alison Roche.



Easter Eggs Please buy and donate an Easter egg for the Church to give to the Goldhill Adventure Playground. This will be a lovely surprise for them. The box is in the Lady Chapel and the closing date is Sunday 22nd March. Thank you. *Beryl Bonfield*



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 #

Free Film Night **at St Guthlac's Church**



Holbrook Rd

LE2 3LF

All welcome!



Driving Miss Daisy

(Cert U, 94 mins)

Tues 7.00pm 10th March

Fiercely independent, and penny-pinching Miss Daisy (Jessica Tandy) is appalled when her nephew decides she is too old to drive and hires her a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman)..... This American comedy won the Academy Award for best picture of 1989.

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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.

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me." *C.S. Lewis*

Praying for each other this month: During March our prayer focus, as we bring all of our church family and friends before God over the year, is on those whose surnames begin with the letters I, J, K and L. Please pray that each person will have the faith and courage to keep going through present challenges, and experience an Easter that is full of resurrection hope.

Praying for the World: Please pray simply that, when our news headlines are full of stories close to home and rather frantic, that we will all call to mind and remember the places of real suffering in the world. Pray that God will continue to bring peace and healing, and that we would be part of that mission through both action and prayer.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all our partner churches who together form our proposed Minster Community - especially this week the people of St Andrews, Aylestone, and also St Hugh's Eyres Monsell with St James the Greater, Huncote. With others across our diocese please pray for the people and leaders of St Christophers, Leicester, and Holy Apostles, Leicester.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Welford Court, The Cedars, Muston Gardens, Wyndale Road, Brinsmead Road.**

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, Eileen McKellican, June Rich, Ruth Smith, Neill Addison-Gutteridge, and Kate Adams.**

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 remember the family and friends of **Laurie Jarvis, Dominique Percival and Clive Baker.**