



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



**Newsletter for  
Sunday 23rd March 2025  
3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Collects for this week**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## The Week Ahead.....

<b>Sunday 23rd March</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's 3.30pm Inside Out (Church Lane Park)
Monday 24th March	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 25th March	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th March	10.30am Lent Group (Parish Centre) 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 27th March	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's) 7.30pm Lent Group (Narthex)
Friday 28th March	11.00am Healing Prayer with Communion
Saturday 29th March	
<b>Sunday 30th March</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</i>	<b>10.30am Mothering Sunday Joint Benefice Communion Service</b>

**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:

Our readings for 23rd March are  
Isaiah 55.1-9 and Luke 13.1-9 .

Our theme is '**Fig-trees and falling towers**'.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

### **ROSEMARY HERBERT**

Dear Friends,

Sadly, our dear sister in Christ Rosemary Herbert has passed away suddenly at South Lodge care home on Wednesday 19th March. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sister-in-law Felicity; step children Mary and David; and her wider family.

*Sian Howard*

**EASTER EGGS** - Please buy and donate an Easter egg for the Church to give to the children whose parents attend the Goldhill Food Bank and the Open Hands Charity. This will be a lovely surprise for them. The box is in the Lady Chapel. Thank you. *Beryl Bonfield*

**LENT LUNCH SATURDAY 8TH MARCH** The Social Committee thank all who supported and came to the lunch and for the donations. We provided and enjoyed four choices of soup, a roll, cheese and biscuits, grapes and of course meeting people to have a chat. This was a very special time. The Lunch made £256 which will go to the Goldhill Foodbank who provide a hot meal for children after school. Thank you again. *Beryl*

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** This year Mothering Sunday falls on 30th 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 - If you would like to help make our Mothering Sunday posies this year, please do talk to Cora Paul. *Adrian*

**MAGAZINES** I have old copies of Gardener's World Magazine and The Garden (RHS magazine) from 2022-2024. If anyone would like them, you are very welcome to have them. Let me know and I can drop them off if needed. Thanks. *Tanya Willis*

## **COMING UP ..... What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in March and April 2025**

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!

As we approach Easter this year, our Sunday sermons continue to follow the theme ***"Learning with Luke"*** as we consider different aspects of Jesus' work and teaching as described by the Gospel writer Luke, and how it applies to our regular lives today.

- On Sunday **23<sup>rd</sup> March** we meet for a service of Sung Eucharist once more, travelling through Lent with another Gospel reading from Luke. Our theme is *"Fig-trees and falling towers."*
- There is also a fifth Sunday this month, **30<sup>th</sup> March**, and we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday in a joint benefice service at St Mary's, with Communion for everyone and our traditional posies and bulbs.
- The new month begins with an all age service on Sunday **6<sup>th</sup> April**
- On Sunday **13<sup>th</sup> April** we mark **Palm Sunday** in our service of Sung Eucharist.
- **Easter Day** falls on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April** and we meet to celebrate the miracle and wonder of Christ's resurrection, sharing a Sung Eucharist together on the most important day of the year for all Christians.
- On Sunday **27<sup>th</sup> April**, the fourth of the month, we meet for a service of Sung Eucharist once more, beginning a new journey through the Easter season, following the resurrection appearances of Jesus. Today, we remember the account of Jesus, Thomas and the

other disciples meeting a week after the resurrection.

- 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.

## **LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS**

In Lent 2025 there will be weekly opportunities for you to join other members of our churches in a Lent discussion group that will encourage and build your faith.

You can join the Wednesday morning group, at 10.30am in the small Cottage Room in the St Mary's Parish Centre, beginning on 5th March. We will be looking at "Falling back on God" – a Lent study for groups, following the theme of 'trust' in the Psalms, and written by Joel Edwards. There's no need to buy the book, which is about £8, but if you would like to then please let Adrian know.

OR you might prefer the Thursday afternoon group, which will meet at the home of Janet Edwards at 2.30pm, beginning on 13th March. The group will be led by Tina Jarvis and discussion will centre on sections of the book "Wild Bright Hope: reflections on faith." Please see the separate item for more details.

OR you might like to join the Thursday evening group, that will meet in the Narthex of St Mary's at 7.30pm, starting on 13th March, led by Revd Janet Gasper. This group will follow the Lent book "Healing Wounds" by Erik Varden.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** every six years, we are required to compile a completely new Electoral Roll and this is the year! This means that everyone who wishes to be included on the Roll, whether they are on the current Roll or not, needs to make an application. Forms will be available from March 9<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by **APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>** (Palm Sunday) at the very latest, in order for names to be included on the new Roll, which will take effect on April 20<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday).

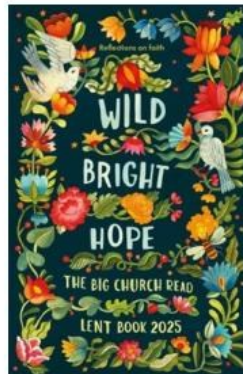
*Eileen McKellican, Electoral Roll Officer*

## Lent Reflections Group: Wild Bright Hope

Thursdays 2.30 – 4.00

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Janet Edward's Home



*Wild Bright Hope* gathers together a range of lively, up-and-coming writers who write passionately about what gives them hope.

*Wild Bright Hope* urges us not only to embrace a more hopeful perspective but also considers how we might play a part in bringing in the kingdom of God. The book costs about £10. Discussion will focus on different chapters.

<b>20th March</b>	<b>Chapter 4. Wild Paths of Peace</b>
<b>27th March</b>	<b>Chapter 6. A vision for hope in politics</b>
<b>3rd April</b>	<b>Chapter 8. A beautify and messy awakening</b>
<b>10th April</b>	<b>Chapter 11. A journey through a supper table</b>

If you are not sure where Janet lives, want a lift getting there, need help getting the book or if you have any other questions please contact Tina 0116 2707485 or via email: [churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)

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### 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 #

### **Praying for each other this month**

Please pray for other members of our church community especially, in March, those whose surnames begin with I, J, K and L. Pray for a strong sense of identity as followers of Jesus, with all the blessings and challenges that brings.

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for all children and young people across the world, and all those who nurture, support and teach them. Pray that they will have a strong, positive vision for a world that is more equal and more just. Pray that they will be inspired to treasure all that is good and to change all that holds back people and nations everywhere.

**Praying for the Church:** Pray for a new generation of children's and youth workers across our churches. Pray that God will renew the church through the faith and energy of young people.

With others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in the East Vale of Belvoir parishes (Barkestone-le-Vale, Bottesford, Muston, Plungar, and Redmile), the West Vale of Belvoir parishes (Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Nether Broughton, Old Dalby & Stathern), and for the parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Grimston, Holwell, and Saxelby with Shoby, Six Hills & Wartnaby.

**Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Lambourne Road, Fairholme Road, Cairnsford Road, Ferndale Road, Northdene Road.**

**Continuing Prayers Please....** Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially: **Irving Byer, David Holland, John Orme, Neill Addison and Dale McCullough.**

### **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.

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially remember **Rosemary Herbert.**

We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.