



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



Newsletter for Sunday 19th January 2025 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Collect for this week

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.



The Week Ahead.....

Sunday 19th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 20th January	9.00am School Visit 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 21st January	9.30am Holy Communion 12 noon SLCP Pilgrimage Prayers 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 22nd January	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 23rd January	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 24th January	
Saturday 25th January	
Sunday 26th January <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's

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 19th January are Psalm 36.5-10 and John 2.1-11. Our theme is "**Glory Revealed and Grace Rediscovered**"

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Every year Christians from all denominations are invited to pray together for the greater unity of the whole church - unity in action, outreach, worship, commitment and organisational structures. This year the week begins on 18th January and the theme is "Do you believe this?"

A joint service for the South Leicester Christian Partnership is being held at Christchurch on Clarendon Park Road on Sunday 19th, starting at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome. Details of the annual 'pilgrimage' visits to our SLCP churches will be available soon, but I can confirm that the pilgrims 'stop' at St Mary's will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 21st January - everyone is welcome to this short and informal service of prayers with our friends from neighbouring churches. *Adrian*

Prayer Pilgrimage (half hour services)

Monday 20 January, 12 noon, St Thomas More

Tuesday 21 January, 12 noon, St Mary's

Wednesday 22 January, 12.30pm, Friends Meeting House

Thursday 23 January, 12 noon, Congregational

Friday 24 January, 12 noon, Stoneygate Baptist

Rod Jeffery Last week we had the sad news that our friend Rod recently died. He'd been ill for a little while but his death was unexpected. Rod's funeral will be at South Leicester Crematorium at 3pm on Tuesday 4th February. Please pray for his daughters, Sarah and Amanda, at this difficult time.

Last Sunday's sermon: I often have conversations with people after the service about the sermon and the ideas behind it. I thought it might be interesting then if, occasionally, I remembered to collect together the things that I've read or drawn on for a Sunday address. Last week, for instance, when we celebrated the baptism of Jesus, I used a commentary on the Gospel of Luke by my college tutor, John Nolland (Word Biblical Commentary 35A, Luke 1-9, published by Nelson 1989) and an article by David Mathis, published in 2021, from a website called 'Desiring God', founded by pastor, writer and theologian John Piper <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/this-is-my-beloved-son> *Adrian*

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in January/February 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!

In January this year, our Sunday sermons follow the theme ***"All is revealed!"***

- On Sunday **19th January** we will share Morning Worship at 10.30am. We'll be thinking about the wedding in Cana - ***"Glory Revealed and Grace Rediscovered"***
- Our final Sunday in **January, 26th**, will again be a service of Sung Eucharist. Today we remember Jesus's own **revelation that he is the promised Messiah.**
- The new month begins with All Age Worship on Sunday **2nd February** when we mark Candlemas with a service for the whole church together.
- On Sunday **9th February** in our service of Sung Eucharist, we pick up the theme of ***"Learning with Luke"*** as we consider different aspects of Jesus' work and teaching as it applies to our regular lives today.
- The third Sunday of the month is **16th February** and our Morning Worship continues to focus on Luke's Gospel.
- On Sunday **23rd February** we celebrate with a Sung Eucharist once more, as we continue ***"Learning with Luke."***
- 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.

Wednesday Small Group - please note that our Wednesday morning small group, that meets in the Parish Centre, is having a short break. We'll start again for Lent - beginning on Wednesday 5th March. *Adrian*

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 7,500 brands will donate to St Mary Magdalen - Knighton PCC at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! Please sign up and help us raise more. #MakeItCount [https://](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-mary-magdalen-knighton-pcc/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=christmas-fb1)

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Let me know if you need any other information. Many thanks , Amanda

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 Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 07710 975272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighton PCC** please.

John 2:1-11

The Miracles of Jesus

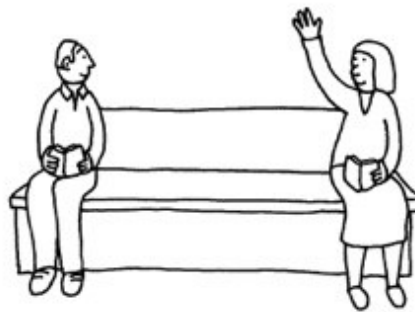


NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

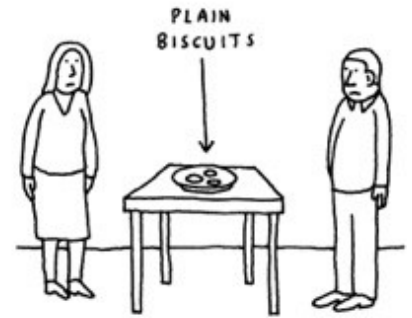
HOW THE CHURCH CAN HELP



EXERCISE



MEETING NEW PEOPLE



HEALTHY EATING

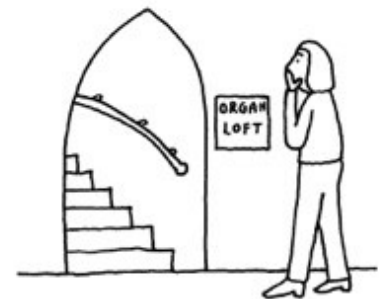


GETTING ORGANISED

AT THE PCC WE'LL DISCUSS THE APCM, CW VS THE BCP, THE LLM'S CRB, AND THE OLM'S BAP. OH, AND THERE ARE LETTERS FROM THE DAC, THE DDO, THE HOB AND THE ABC



LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES

Cartoonchurch.com

Church calendar for 2025

'All Things Bright and Beautiful' now available from church at £6.00 each - Cash or contactless preferred - No cheques please!

See Amanda Beck or the Church Wardens.



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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 others in our churches and congregations - this month of January, for all those whose surnames begin with A, B, C and D. Pray especially this week for a growing faith and deepening trust in God and his good purposes in this new year.

Praying for the World: As the effects of the Global Climate Emergency and rising temperatures are felt in more parts of the world, please pray first for all those affected, especially those who have a limited capacity to recover and rebuild. Pray too, for all those who have the ability to make the important decisions that will determine the extent of future changes to our world's weather - pray for their wisdom, compassion and care for all the world's people and environments.

Praying for the Church: In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let's pray for our sisters and brothers in the faith, who worship at all the other local churches. Pray that in our relationships and our working & worshipping together, we may demonstrate to the world the unity that we already share because Jesus binds us all together.

Continuing Prayers Please....

Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially: **Irving Byer, Marian Seaman, David Holland and John Orme.**

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.

In particular this week please pray for **June Simmons and Aphro and Dale McCullough.**

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially remember **Rod Jeffery** and **Geoffrey Jewell.**

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