



**St Mary Magdalen  
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Knighton**

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**Newsletter for Sunday  
18th September 2022  
14th Sunday after Trinity**



**Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth**

Almighty God,  
the one who is endless love, who is over all and in all;  
you are the creator of all life,  
and so we give you thanks for your servant, Queen Elizabeth II, to  
whom you granted a long and fulfilling life, and for her  
unwavering sense of duty to this nation.  
Shine upon her your grace and the light of your heavenly  
company, and grant that she may be wrapped in your loving  
presence in your eternal kingdom.  
Through Christ who is our Lord and who reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen. (from Embrace)

## **Diocesan Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving on Sunday 18th September 2022**

All are welcome to attend a formal Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for Her Majesty Queen of Elizabeth II at **St James the Greater Church, Leicester**, at **5.30pm on Sunday 18 September**, the eve of the State Funeral at Westminster Abbey. The service will be led by the Dean and Bishop of Leicester and attended by senior clergy and other faith and civic leaders from across our city and county. It will be open to members of the public to attend on a **first come, first seated basis** and will also be livestreamed online through the **Cathedral YouTube** channel. Doors open at **4.30pm** and please be seated by **5pm**.

We are all also being encouraged to hold a **2-minute silence at 11.55am** on the day of the funeral itself.

### **Collect for this week**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 18th September</b> <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am Special Commemoration Service</b> 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs
Monday 19th September	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 20th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 21st September	Church water heater repair 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 22nd September	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G) 12.30 Church cleaning 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Friday 23rd September	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 24th September	11.00am Interment of Ashes
<b>Sunday 25th September</b> <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist for Creationtide'</b> 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs

### Grateful thanks

Dear friends. Thankyou so much for your generous parting collection. I had planned to buy a new stole but the sum was so much more, I am now going to get an ebike to help me up the hill between Anstey and Thurcaston (and keep up with Clare on hers). I am settling into working with the two churches, with two very different contexts. This suits me well, working with both proper rural villages as well as the urban edges and demographics of a town like community. I am enjoying how key to civic life the church is, taking a lead role in the gala, Remembrance planning with the Legion and Parish Council as well a church school. I realise how much ministry in Knighton has been a good grounding for leading worship as well as having the confidence to try new things. Unfortunately there is no housing on the horizon and so I commute. Though it has meant this has worked well for the continuity of the girls' schooling. Lydia is having a great time travelling alone round Europe having just completed a week at L'abri Christian community in Switzerland. I think and pray regularly for you. God bless and God save the King (I still keep saying mistakenly Queen)!! *Matthew*

## Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 18th September** are:  
**Psalm 23 and Revelation 21.1-7**

**A personal note:** Thanks for your good wishes this week - my trip to hospital went as planned and all I have to do now is rest! As you'll see, I can still be at church and sort out email and admin. but please be patient with me if things take rather more time! *Adrian*

**Harvest Lunch** Following the Harvest service on **Sunday 2nd October**, we will be having a Bring & Share Lunch in church. Please contact Beryl Bonfield for details about what food to bring.

**Social Committee 'Friends'** We really need people to offer to help with social events. We don't need new committee members, we just need people to be prepared to do things with us. Please speak to Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to be a 'friend' of the Social Committee.

**'Leicester Cathedral Together'** Leicester Cathedral Choir will be singing Choral Harvest Evensong at St Guthlacs Church on **Sunday 9th October** at 6.00 pm. Further information available from Fiona Wingate.

**Organ/Piano Concert 'Blues and Royals'** at St Thomas' Church, South Wigston. A concert of organ music written for royal occasions and piano blues. Given by Ian Orr, Organist Emeritus. **Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm.** Admission £10 adults £7 concessions. Proceeds to St Thomas' Tower Repair Fund. Complimentary wine and nibbles will be available afterwards. Enquiries email: [stthomas.southwigston@gmail.com](mailto:stthomas.southwigston@gmail.com)

**Marie Curie Autumn Lunch** Thursday 27th October 12.30pm for 1pm start at Leicester College. £20 per person. Tickets from Shirley Wills 0116 2811401.



This year we will be celebrating our traditional Harvest Festival at St Mary's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am.

Our theme will be 'Treasuring and Thanking', and as part of the Creationtide Season we'll be thinking about our own place in creation, alongside the plants and animals that we live amongst.

This is a wonderful opportunity to remember how good God has been to us, and specifically through the bounty of the natural world. As usual we're inviting everyone to express their gratitude and generosity by sharing something of this blessing with others, through bringing tinned or packet food that we will then pass on to the South Leicester Foodbank.

After the service we are also planning a **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch** in the church, starting about noon, after our normal tea/coffee. This is a good opportunity to spend a little more time with other church folk, and perhaps get to know new people as well. Please see Church Warden Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to plan what you might bring – **everyone is very welcome!**

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 2nd October**

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Friday afternoon, 30th September, 2pm and Saturday morning, 1st October, 9.30am. Everyone is welcome and no experience necessary.

As well as our usual types of arrangements in autumn colours, it would be lovely to have some new ideas for the window sills. Perhaps you have a vase to use instead of oasis, some dried seed heads in the garden or other ideas that reflect the idea of harvest.

**Please sign up at the back of the church or let Deborah (0116 2707525) know if you can help.**

Gifts of greenery, flowers etc will be welcome. Please bring these to the church on the Friday.

Thank you. *Deborah*



# SEASON OF CREATION

*"Creationtide"*, or the Season of Creation, was originally an initiative of the Eastern Orthodox Church in 1989, but has now spread widely among Anglican, Roman Catholic and Protestant congregations, bringing Christians together to pray and work for the protection of the environment that sustains everyone. As we witness extreme weather events across the world, it has become even more important that we learn about our changing climate and our responsibilities as Christians in these challenging times.

At St Mary's this year we have obviously had to change our plans in the light of the death of Her Majesty, but we will still be thinking about 'Sowing, Growing and Gathering' on Sunday 25th September and 'Treasuring' at our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October.

You might like to use this prayer through the coming week:

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth, to preserve and shape it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new and healed creation,  
Founded on the faithfulness of your love.

Amen

*Adrian*

**Online Compline on Wednesdays—8.00pm**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

**Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080**

Dial by your location **0203 481 5240**

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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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com) or phone 01162704272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighthon PCC** please.

## Prayers for this week

***“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”***

(Colossians 4.2)

**Praying for the world:** Please pray that, as world leaders gather for Her Majesty's funeral on Monday, they will be inspired by her example of service, faith, integrity and commitment to others, and that God will also raise up new leaders with these strong qualities.

**Praying for the Church:** Pray that, as we remember through this Harvest season God's great generosity towards us in creation and in the gift of his son, our Saviour, we too will be inspired to generosity and kindness towards all in need, and towards the 'family of communities' that make up the church in our city, our diocese, our nation and across the world.

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

### **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 **Flick Titley, Val Stubbs, John Orme, Peter Relph, and Judi Stone**

Pray as well for all those on our parish '*Continuing Prayer*' list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

**Please remember** those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. We particularly remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.