



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



Newsletter for Sunday 11th October 2026 19th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies
never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 11th October <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (Trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 12th October	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 13th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 14th October	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 15th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 16th October	
Saturday 17th October	
Sunday 18th October <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am 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]

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings for Sunday 11th October are **Isaiah 25.1-9**,
Philippians 4.1-9 and **Matthew 22.1-14**.

Church Family News

A big thank you to everyone who bought Eileen's delicious Fairtrade cakes and donated towards the Fairtrade Foundation - you raised over £70! The display of Fairtrade and Eco ideas will still be up this Sunday so please have a look if you missed it last week as well as donate if you want to and we'll add it to the total. Thanks for helping us be a Fairtrade Church and Eco-Congregation. *Alison & Eileen*

Cecilia's licensing service in her new post: Our beloved Curate Cecilia will be "collated and inducted" into her new post as Vicar of St Denys, Evington at a special service on Wednesday 28th October, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome - if you can offer a lift or would like a lift to the service, then please add your name to the list at the back of church, text or call 07919 262399 or email me adrian.jones@zoho.com We'll then get in touch and try to match people up.

If you would like to contribute to Cecilia's farewell gift then please place your contribution in a labelled and sealed envelope for the collection plate, or pay directly using the St Mary's church bank details and the reference 'Cecilia'. The account is 'Knighton PCC', Sort Code - 20 49 17 and account number - 43592286.

Cecilia's last service at St Guthlac's will be on Sunday 4th October and then at St Mary's on Sunday October 11th.

Adrian

Sonia Bullough We can now confirm that a Service of Thanksgiving for Sonia's life will be held at St Guthlac's on Tuesday 13th October, at 11.45am. Everyone is welcome to come and share your memories and gratitude for all that she gave us. The service will be followed by refreshments in Holbrook Hall - Sonia's family would love you to join them. *Adrian*

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

- On **Sunday 11th October** we worship together in a service of Sung Eucharist and say farewell to our curate Cecilia and her family.
- Our Morning Worship on **Sunday 18th October** will take the theme of *'Be a Bodybuilder!'* and will help us to reflect on what *our* Church needs now to grow and flourish.
- The final **Sunday** of **October, 25th**, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll focus on *"Wellness and Working Out"*.

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).



New arrival! "The Wills Family have welcomed a new baby son this week, for Jordan, Chloe and little sister Cora. This makes the 8th great grandson and granddaughter for me which I thank the Lord for healthy children".

Shirley Wills

Ride & Stride The total donations collected for the Ride and Stride event was £269. Many thanks again for your generosity. Eventually, half of this amount comes back to our church funds, so it directly benefits our own church as well as others in Leicestershire (who apply for grants from the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust). *Sian Howard*

Marie Curie Lunch The Marie Curie Autumn Lunch is now full, with 96 guests. Thank you all for your continued support. *Shirley Wills*

Len and Enid Dissado have moved! As Sian reported to us in church last week, Len and Enid have now moved house, so as to be much closer to their daughter. Len wrote: "It was so chaotic leading up to our move on August 24th that we did not manage to get to church in August to say goodbye. It wasn't our intention to leave without saying goodbye and we apologise that we couldn't do that. I am sending this email to thank all the church members for their love and support over the 30 years that we lived in Leicester. Please thank them for us. We are now in Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent and the house is still loaded with boxes which we are slowly unpacking. Our very best wishes to all the church community and especially to Cecilia in her new Parish. Please give her our wishes for a very successful time there."

I'm sure you'll join me in hoping that Len and Enid settle quickly and enjoy being closer to their family, and in sending them every blessing.

Adrian



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 #

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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.



Praying through this week

Praying for each other this month: Now that we're in October, please pray this month for all those in our congregations whose surnames begin with M, N, O and P. Pray that as the season changes they will trust in the God who's love and faithfulness is unchanging and constant, and who has gifted us a wonderful creation to enjoy and take care of.

Praying for the World: This week please pray for all those who work in the National Health Service. There are a multitude of roles, including doctors, paramedics, cleaners, specialist consultants, receptionists, nurses, administrators and many more. Thank God for their dedication and public service. Pray for their encouragement and for resilience under pressure. Pray for the wisdom of those who make important decisions about how the NHS runs and is organised.

Praying for the Church: This week please join with others across our diocese in praying for the people and leaders of the churches in the Deanery of Sparkenhoe West, particularly Lutterworth with Cotesbach and Bitteswell, and for the retired ministers who hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. Pray too for the INEQE safeguarding team as they finish their inspection visit to our diocese - for their wisdom in understanding and making positive suggestions and recommendations.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Southland Road, Portisdown Road, Ventnor Road South, Wimbourne Road, Ring Road, Ryde Avenue.**

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 **Veronica Brown** and **Molly Clarke**.

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 pray for the family and friends of **Sonia Bullough**.