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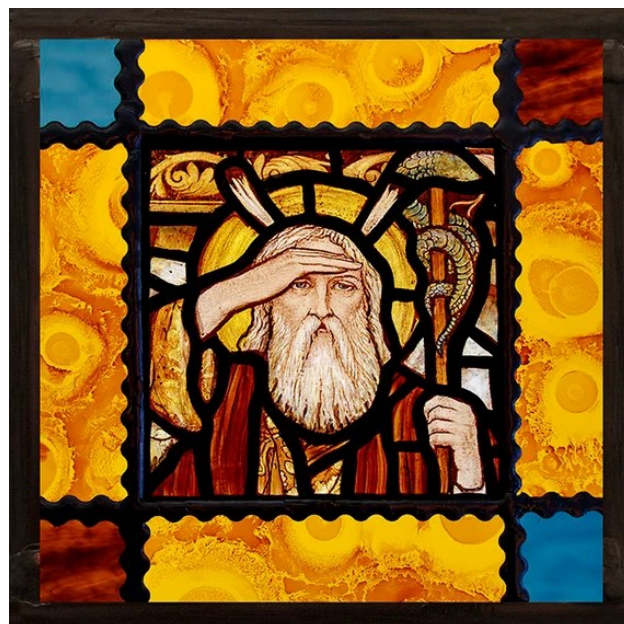


## **Newsletter for Sunday 28th June 2026 4th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Collects for this week**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our  
wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored  
in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



## The Week Ahead..

Sunday 28th June <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist</b> 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's 2.30pm Cream Tea in church
Monday 29th June	11.30am Funeral - Ruth Smith 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 30th June	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 1st July	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 2nd July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 3rd July	
Saturday 4th July	
Sunday 5th July <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Worship for the Whole Church</b> 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]

## Church Family News

### **Sad news about Margaret Adamson**

I'm so sorry to have to tell you that our long time friend and member of the church community, Margaret Adamson, died at home on Wednesday afternoon. Earlier this week Margaret had enjoyed the craft session at St Mary's and appeared to be her usual interested and engaging self, so her death so soon afterwards has come as rather a shock. Please remember Margaret's family in your prayers this week - we all send them our sincere condolences. *Adrian*

**Sad news about Ruth Smith :** No doubt, like me, you'll be very sad to hear that our dear friend and long-time member of St Mary's, Ruth Smith has died. After a recent fall and then a move to a care home in Market Harborough, she was settled until more falls and a deterioration. Ruth has been such a part of St Mary's for such a long time and she will be sadly missed by all of us. She was always a great encourager and did many unseen kindnesses. Please pray for her family as they adjust to her death and their life without her. **Ruth's funeral will be at St Mary's on Monday 29th June, and everyone is welcome.**

*Adrian*

### **Listening to God's Word:**

The set readings on **Sunday 28th June** are:  
**Jeremiah 28.5-9** and **Matthew 10.40-end.**

At our 10.30am service, the readings are  
**Exodus 18.5-27** and **Matthew 8.5-13.**

Our theme at 10.30am is  
**"Moses and Jethro"**

**Remembering special days!** Hearty congratulations to **Lorna and Michael Kirk** who celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week, on 1<sup>st</sup> July. "The traditional theme for the 65th anniversary is the *Blue Sapphire*, which symbolizes loyalty, wisdom, and a bond that has stood the test of time" – all of which applies to these good friends of ours! At St Mary's and St Guthlac's we thank God for their love, faith and continuing service – many of us have cause to be very grateful for the example and support they have provided to us. Hoping you both have a splendid day! *Adrian*



**Remembering more special days!** Two of our Ministry Team reach special landmarks this week: twenty five years ago on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001, **Revd Aphro McCullough** was ordained as a priest, and a day later on 1<sup>st</sup> July, **Revd Alison Roche** was ordained as a deacon. Around our diocese (and beyond!) they are both known and appreciated for their caring and creative ministry, and I'm so pleased that they are part of the Knighton team. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them every blessing for fruitful ministry in the years to come as well. *Adrian*

## **Ordinations in Leicester 2026 and beyond.**

We are approaching Pentecost, the traditional season for ordinations in the Church of England. Last year, however, it was announced that here in the Diocese of Leicester the priest and deacon ordinations will move from Pentecost to Michaelmas, beginning in 2026. This year the ordination dates are therefore **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October**. Ordinands beginning their deacon year will be licensed as Lay Workers under Canon E7 from 1 July of that year, to help them embed in a parish and move house, giving a more phased build-up to their ordination. In the meantime you might like to pray for ordinands approaching their ordination in other parts of the country with this prayer:

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship  
of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servants now to be ordained  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



## **COMING UP ..... What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in June and July 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!

- The final Sunday of **June, 28th**, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll recall the meeting of Moses and Jethro, in the Book of the Exodus.
- On the first Sunday of the new month, **5th July**, we come together in Worship for the Whole Church (previously 'All Age Worship') and our theme from the desert is 'Fire on the Mountain.'
- On Sunday **12th July** we conclude our series on 'Lessons from the Desert' with a service of Sung Eucharist that takes the Israelites and the Golden Calf as its' focus.
- The third Sunday, **19th July**, is our patronal festival – we remember St Mary Magdalen and give thanks for our church community and fellowship, with a service of Morning Worship.
- We end the month with a Sung Eucharist on Sunday **26th July**.

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).

**Christian Aid Week Collection:** the total amount collected was **£336**. Almost all of this was Gift Aided, adding another £84.50 to the total, which is just splendid. Many thanks for your generosity. *Eileen*

**Overdale School Summer Fair 2026, Saturday 27th June**

This year, the fair will take place from 12-2.30pm.

It is a great annual outreach opportunity for the church and, as usual, we have been asked to run a little 'stall' there. This takes the form of some fun activities for children; handing out various freebies; and just generally chatting with people. We would like to put a small team of volunteers together so, if you will be available and would like to help out, please let Sian know via her usual contact details at the end of the newsletter - or just mention it to her on a Sunday. *Sian Howard*



## ***Arrangements for Holy Communion at our 10.30am services***

At the recent PCC meeting we had a helpful discussion about the best way in which to administer the elements at Holy Communion, within our 10.30am Sung Eucharist. We wanted to address two sets of concerns.

Firstly some folk prefer to dip their wafer into the wine once received, because they are concerned about picking up or passing on infections through sharing the Common Cup. This is called 'intinction'.

Other people are concerned that the practice of intinction might be contaminating the Common Cup with viruses or bacteria from hands, and is almost certainly adding gluten to the wine, causing problems for those who are gluten-intolerant.

At the PCC we heard the views from both perspectives and also the official Church of England position (that intinction be discouraged for health reasons). The PCC decided that we should try administering the bread and wine at Communion in a slightly different way for a few months.

We will continue to have the priest stand centrally to give out wafers (including gluten-free) and the chalice assistant standing to their left (that is, the south side) to offer the Common Cup (including the option of non-alcoholic wine).

### ***IN ADDITION:***

There will also be a small table just in front of the priest, covered with a cloth and positioned so as not to get in the way. On the table will be standing an additional chalice of consecrated wine. **Anyone who wishes to dip their wafer will be asked to use this chalice and the other will be kept for standard sharing.**

After a trial period, the PCC will review these arrangements and your feedback will be appreciated. In the meantime, please think about how you wish to receive the bread and the wine at Communion before we start our new arrangements on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June.** *Adrian*

**Latest St Mary's foodbank donation** The food collected during April-June has been taken to the Leicester South foodbank distribution centre on Clarkes Rd, Wigston. It weighed in at 37kg. Many thanks for all your generous donations. *Sian Howard*

**Latest St Mary's GrifAid (Wateraid) donation** The coins in the Wateraid tin have been processed and found to contain £48.18, which we will round up to £50 and pay to the GrifAid Charity. Many thanks for your donations to this wonderful, life-giving charity. The empty tin is once again at the back of the Lady chapel awaiting our donations of small change. *Sian Howard*



## **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 #

## ***Learning and Growing – local opportunities organised by the Diocese***

### **Growing in Pastoral Care**

Five sessions to develop confidence, skills and experience in pastoral care. Suitable for people with some experience and those beginning to explore pastoral care.

**Saturday 19 September** – 10am-3pm, venue TBC

**Tuesday 29 September** – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

**Tuesday 6 October** – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

**Tuesday 13 October** – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

**Saturday 31 October** – 10am-1pm, venue TBC

For more information or to book a place  
email [Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org)

### **Journey in Faith Course 26/27**

Journey in Faith is a three-term course that provides time, space and companionship to:

- grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- deepen your relationship with God
- explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory Session:

Saturday 26 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House

Three course groups are planned:

- Tuesday evenings: Frisby on the Wreake
- Wednesday evenings: Western Park, Leicester
- Thursday evenings: Market Harborough

For more information: [Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org) and talk to Adrian, Janet, Sian or Cecilia!

To book a place: [MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org)

*Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs.*



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**MARTYN JOSEPH \* PENGUIN CAFE \* ROSE BETTS \* RUMAC**

**ST CATHERINE'S CHILD \* SHLOMO & THE GOB ORCHESTRA**

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DAVID BENJAMIN BLOWER \* DEVA ST. JOHN \* DUB COLOSSUS \* DUSTBOWL REVIVAL \* FLAT MOON  
GECKO \* GENERATION FERAL \* HANG LINTON \* HARRY BIRD \* HOPE & SOCIAL \* IRKED  
JARMOUSE \* JOSEPH TAWADROS \* JUNIOR BROTHER \* LEE BAINS \* LIZZY HARDINGHAM  
LUKE WALLACE \* MARTHA MAY & THE MONDAYS \* PAMBELE \* SERIN \* SISKIN GREEN \* SOAPBOX  
SPEIT \* STEBEE \* TC & THE GROOVE FAMILY \* WITHERED HAND \* XRAY VEZ \* YAKKIE**

IDEAS & ACTIVISM

**CATHY NEWMAN \* CHARLOTTE CHURCH \* JORDAN STEPHENS  
MARTIN SHAW \* MICHAEL SHEEN\* \* MINA SMALLMAN \* MOBEEN AZHAR**

**ANN PETTIFOR \* BELLE TINDALL-RILEY \* BEN RAWLENCE \* BILL MCKIBBEN\*  
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LAMMA MANSOUR \* LIZ BUCAR\* \* LUCY WINKETT \* NICK LOWLES \* OMAR BARGHOUTI  
REFUGEE TALES \* ROBIN INCE \* RUTH VALERIO \* SHANE CLAIBORNE\*  
SONITA ALLEYNE \* SUE PARFITT \* VANDAL FACTORY PODCAST**

POETRY & SPOKEN WORD

**HARRY BAKER \* THE HOT POETS**

**DESREE \* ERIN BOLENS \* HANNAH DAVIES  
JASMINE GARDOSI \* PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA  
PAUL COOKSON \* RENSOLL \* YASMIN JENKINS**

THEATRE & COMEDY

**ANCESTORS BY PETER BRATHWAITE  
COMEDY CLUB WITH JONATHAN MAYOR \* KAYLEIGH JONES \* MATT GREEN \* RIA LINA  
FOLK ON \* HUG BY LEVANTES DANCE THEATRE  
LUIA OMELAN WITH GOD IS A WOMAN THE MUSICAL  
MATT WINNING WITH SOLASTALGIA \* NO DIRECTION HOME  
REC.ON(STRUCTION) BY MAX CALAF & LUCAS RUIZ \* REGGIE WATTS  
ROLL PLAY BY SIMPLE CYPHER \* SAINTS ON THE BRIDGE BY TESTAMENT  
SORRY (I BROKE YOUR ARMS AND LEGS) BY MAYBE YOU LIKE IT  
THE LIGHT HOUSE BY ALYS WILLIAMS**

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

**ANDY SQUYRES \* CARRIE GRANT  
FRANCESCO BY DANIEL ZAPPI \* SEKRET \* WILDERTHORN**

VISUAL ARTS

**MALAK MATTAR \* NUSSON+RETTALICK, MIGRATION**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**BUNGALOW BILL \* CIRCUS KAOS \* DIZZY O'DARE \* DJ JOZZY  
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## A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CUP

God of glory,  
as the world gathers  
to celebrate the beautiful game,  
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.  
Bring safety and security  
for players and officials on the pitch,  
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.  
May we see and celebrate the hand of God  
in the creativity of every curving free kick,  
silky pass or impossible save.  
May we have compassion and perspective  
on the miskicks, missed penalties,  
and muddled VARs.  
Every winning team needs a losing team  
– even if you were the better team.  
Let the journey to World Cup glory  
be not only for the nation that wins.  
May we see something more  
of the world you want us to be:  
a gathering of every nation  
and people who share your glory.  
Amen.



**Please nominate St Mary's for this community draw  
- charity number: 1130923.**

Please click the link below and nominate St Mary's.  
Thank you.

[Movement for Good - Nominate a community charity for  
a £5,000 award.](#)

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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](mailto: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.

# *A Summer Cream Tea Event*



*On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*From 2.30pm - 4.30pm*

*In St. Mary Magdalen Church*

*Cream Tea or Cake, Tea or Coffee*

*Tickets £3*

*Available from Beryl Bonfield*

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Musical Director: Emma Trounson | Accompanist: Josephine Markham

**Saturday 4th July 2026**

**7.30pm-9.30pm**

**St James the Greater Church,  
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Tickets: £10 on the door, under 16s free  
Refreshments included

Raffle in aid of

**LOROS**

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## Praying through this week

**Praying for each other this month:** As we approach the halfway point of the year, this June please pray for all of those in our congregations, wider church family and community whose surnames begin with the letters U, V, W X, Y and Z! Pray that they would each know themselves to be remembered by God and special to him as a unique individual, created with unique gifts to share with the world.

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for all those parts of the world where climate change is having a serious and significant impact, and especially all those affected by severe heat in Europe. Pray that we will share resources and ideas to relieve suffering. Pray also that leaders and decision makers will have the courage and wisdom to move humanity away from all those things that are damaging our planet and threatening lives.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for all those approaching ordination next weekend, and also for all those still in training (see separate item). Pray that we will all hear God's call to service and ministry, whatever shape that takes - "Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ"! With others across our diocese this week, please also pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Syston and East Goscote, Rearsby, and Queniborough - pray for thriving villages with the church at the heart.

**Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch 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 **Margot Comer, and Greta Day.**

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 **Margaret Adamson, Graham Corbett and Ruth Smith.**