



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



Newsletter for Sunday 20th September 2026 16th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 20th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 3.30pm Interment of ashes
Monday 21st September	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 22nd September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting
Wednesday 23rd September	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 24th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 25th September	2.00pm Healing Prayer with Communion
Saturday 26th September	
Sunday 27th September <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist ~(trad) 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 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]

Please note that the Healing Prayer with Communion on Friday 25th September is at 2.00pm this month.

Church Family News

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 - Like me, you will be very sad to hear that our friend and faithful member of St Guthlac's, Sonia Bullough, has died peacefully at home. She was a gentle and graceful presence amongst us, sincere and thoughtful in her Christian faith and always concerned that the church should be welcoming to everyone. Despite frailty and difficulty moving about, as recently as last week Sonia was determined to come to church - she enjoyed equally the worship and the fellowship that came afterwards over coffee and biscuits (or the cake that she would always encourage us to eat!). She will be greatly missed by us all and we send condolences to all of her family at this sad time. *Adrian*

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 20th September** are:

Jonah 3.10-end of 4 and **Matthew 20.1-16.**

Our readings for the 10.30am service are **Isaiah 61.1-3** and **Mark 4.26-32** - the theme is "**Gratitude and Growth**"

Mothers' Union Fellowship. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 22nd September when our guest speaker will be Bishop Mlula from our link Diocese of Kiteto, Tanzania. On this occasion we will meet in St Mary's at 1.30 for a 2pm start. As always, non-MU members are very welcome to join us. LP



Celebrate Harvest
at
St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton

"Harvest of Hope"
Harvest Festival
for everyone
Sunday 4th October
10.30am

Come and join us!

*Please bring a donation of tins or packets
of food for the local foodbank
and/or donate to Christian Aid*



Four Waters Minster Community: After almost five years, our diocesan plans to reorganise ministry and mission across all our parishes are bearing fruit. Our own proposed partnership with other local churches has now been comprehensively described in a document that will be considered by all the relevant PCCs this autumn, and by the Archdeacons Joint Mission Committee, before being redrafted in a final form that can be sent to the Bishop and formally voted on within every church. This process could see a launch early next year.

Our proposed Minster Community has taken the name of "Four Waters" because the rivers Sence and Soar, together with the Saffron/Washbrook and the Grand Union Canal feature across our parishes and join together as a symbol of both diversity and unity. The St Mary's PCC has had a first discussion of the proposal document, and the St Guthlac's PCC is about to do so. When the final draft is produced we will organise occasions for everyone in our churches to hear the detail and to ask questions and make comments about the implications for the future - before our PCCs take the important vote about joining or not. Do talk to me, Fiona Wingate or Lesley Meakin to find out more. *Adrian*

Leicester City Deanery

Invite you to join us for an Open Deanery Eucharist to Celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese.



Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7.30 pm
At Saint Luke's Church, Stocking Farm
1 Packwood Road, LE4 2ER

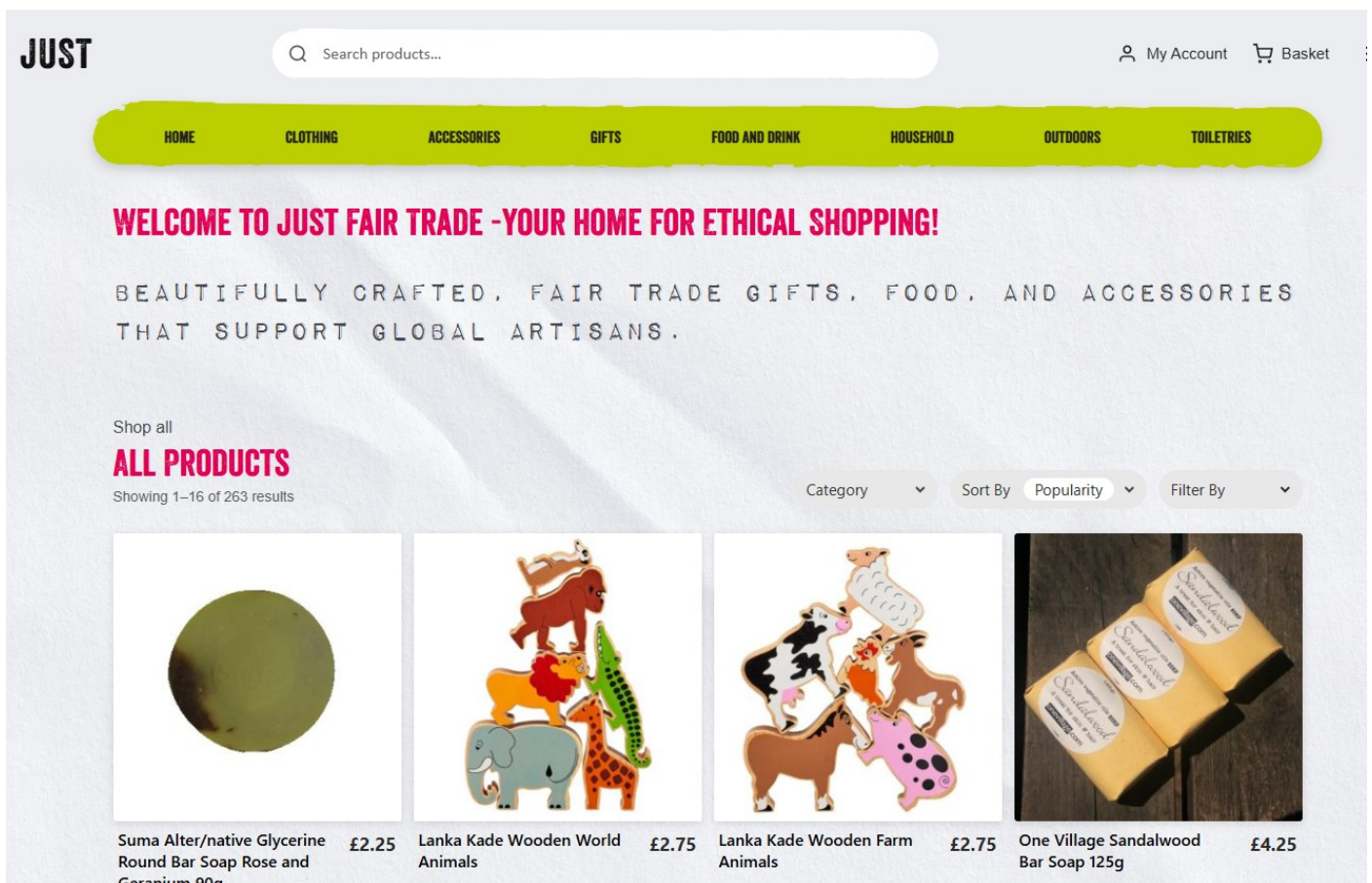
President: Bishop Christopher Boyle

Preacher: The Very Revd Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester

The service will be followed by refreshments.

RSVP to:
Mr Qyan Arnachellum
Deanery Administrator
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Sunday 4th October is the last day of **Fairtrade Fortnight** and Eileen and I will be encouraging you to do a couple of things to support both Fairtrade and our status as an Eco-Congregation as it is also Harvest and Creation season. Eileen will have some **home-made cakes** made with as many Fairtrade ingredients as she can (donations to the Fairtrade Foundation). I will have a display of Fairly Traded items and eco-swaps to look at (no stall this year) - you are challenged to **choose one new idea** to take up to support workers and the planet. Our local Fairtrade Just Shop is now online - please take a look at its updated website by following this link <https://justfairtrade.com/?orderby=popularity> Take a look and order lots of goodies. Thank you! Alison & Eileen x



(screen shot from their website)

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

Sunday 20th September: Morning Worship

Sunday 27th September: Sung Eucharist

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).

Marie Curie Autumn Lunch

You are invited to the next Marie Curie Autumn Lunch on Thursday 29th October. 12 noon for a 12.30pm start. This will be at the Taste Restaurant in Leicester College. Tickets are £27 per person.

For tickets, please contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401.



Latest St Mary's Foodbank donation

The food collected during June-August 2026 has been taken to the Leicester South Foodbank distribution centre in Wigston. It weighed in at 32 kg. The staff there asked me to thank you all for the donations.

Sian Howard

HARVEST FESTIVAL : SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2026

We will be decorating St Marys from 2pm on Friday 2nd October and continuing from 9.30am on Saturday 3rd.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along with your ideas and do a window sill or help decorate the pillars. No experience is necessary, it could just be a simple vase of flowers. Donations of autumnal greenery or flowers should be brought to the church on Friday please.

It will help me to know who is coming and when, so please sign up at the back of the church or let me know.

Thank you Deborah (0116 2707525)



Craft Workshops

Craft Workshops for the Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Narthex, 10.30-12.30, on the following dates. Please note change of date for October. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 29th September (Bring along egg boxes if you can)

Tuesday 20th October

Tuesday 3rd November



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: This month please pray for all those in our congregations whose surnames begin with the letters I, J, K and L - pray that they would know the goodness of God across all areas of their lives, and in response be thankful and generous to others.

Praying for the World: "Embrace the Middle East" is an ecumenical Christian organisation that works to help marginalised and vulnerable communities across the Middle East and which we have supported as a church. This week Embrace is asking that we pray for East Jerusalem YMCA, which provides mental health support for those with disabilities and for survivors of political violence living in the West Bank area of Palestine. Please use this request as a focus for praying for all those traumatised by the on-going violence in Israel/Palestine and Gaza, and for those who seek to help them.

Praying for the Church: This week please pray for the people and leaders of our four 'Link' Dioceses overseas, which are Kiteto in Tanzania, Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Trichy in South India and Wyoming in the USA. Please pray for the flourishing of the church in all these places, for its faithfulness and loving service of its neighbours. Pray for good and godly leadership, and wisdom for the Bishops in challenging times. Please pray especially for Bishop Bethuel Mlula of Kiteto, who is speaking at an open meeting of our own Mothers Union in the church on Tuesday afternoon.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Hylion Road, Asquith Boulevard, Aberdale Road, Shackerdale Road, Brixham Drive.**

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.**

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.**