



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



Newsletter for Sunday 6th September 2026 14th Sunday after Trinity

Collects 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.

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



SEASON OF CREATION

The Week Ahead..

Sunday 6th September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 7th September	7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 8th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am CTF Team Meeting
Wednesday 9th September	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 10th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 12 noon Funeral - Irvine Byer
Friday 11th September	
Saturday 12th September	10.00am Ride & Stride all day
Sunday 13th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (Trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 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

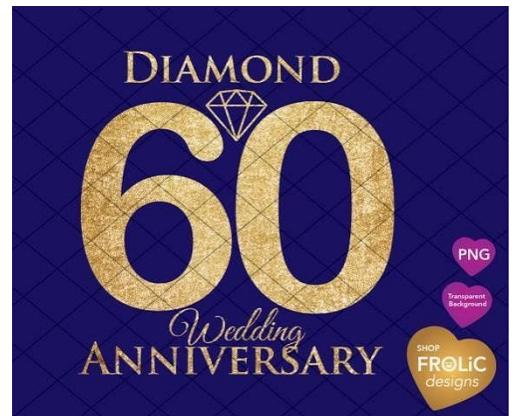
4th Sunday - no Sunday Club but all are welcome to join us at the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at 10.30am at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road. [and if there's a 5th Sunday - a variety of things happen - check the newsletter or website]

Church Family News

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 and nearer the time we'll try to arrange transport for those who need it.

Irvine Byer : I can now tell you that Irvine's funeral will be at St Mary Magdalen at noon on Thursday 10th September - we are all welcome to come and pay our respects. *Adrian*

Congratulations! Very many congratulations to my inspirational in-laws, Barry and Judy Roche, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 20th August, with their daughters from overseas joining Alison and myself, and many other family members for several days of special occasions. It feels like a real privilege to have such wonderful role-models of Christian love, service and commitment, and I'm sure you'd like to join me in passing on very best wishes to them. *Adrian*



Parish Office opening hours changing From next week, the Parish Office will be opening in the afternoons, from 12.15 pm to 4.15 pm (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). This is a trial for a month.

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 6th September** are:

Ezekiel 33.7-11 and **Matthew 18.15-20.**

At our Worship for the Whole Church service,
the reading is Genesis, chapter 1.

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 6th September: Worship for the Whole Church (everyone!) celebrating Creationtide

Sunday 13th September: Sung Eucharist

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.



Ride and Stride 2026, Saturday 12th September

Unbelievably, this annual event is fast approaching again. 'Ride and Stride' is a one-day fundraising ecumenical event organized by the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, where sponsored participants walk or ride their bicycles between churches of all denominations in and around Leicester. You decide how many and which churches you would like to visit and you make up your own route. Participating churches remain open for most of the day so it is a great opportunity not just to look inside them but also to meet the folk who worship there. If you would like to be a Ride-and-Strider this year, please ask Sian for a sponsorship form and make yourself available for Saturday 12th September. We also need volunteers to staff the Ride-and-Stride desk at St Mary's to greet and register the folk visiting our church on that day. The latter doesn't require you to be available for the whole day – if you can manage a two-hour slot between 10:00 and 18:00 this would be really helpful. Again, please talk to Sian if this is something you would like to be involved in.

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride-leicestershire>

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

An alternative to a coffee morning
Saturday October 3rd 2026

Come and Perform
at Braunstone Civic Centre
and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Performance commences 7.30 pm

(Tea, Coffee, cakes and biscuits till 10pm) Licensed bar available.

**An informal performance opportunity for people
(of any age) from the local community and beyond.**

Or just come along and be entertained, and perhaps join in
with some community singing!

Supporting

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

If you sing (either as a group or solo) play piano or keyboard or any other instrument, here is an opportunity to perform in a no pressure atmosphere to include and to entertain the local community.

All we ask is each performer/member of the audience donates (an amount of their choice) towards Macmillan cancer support.

A piano (or good quality keyboard) will be provided on the night. Performers can provide their own accompanist, or a professional pianist will be available.

For more information and to book a place, please contact either
Nigel 07730308701 or Barbara 07896910222 as soon as possible, to allow us to put a program together.

This is a new venture for us and for the community, and an opportunity to raise vital funds. Children will be very welcome to show off their musical talent but must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.

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: Please pray for the people of Nepal following the tragic floods that have killed so many. Pray that there will be comfort for the bereaved and injured, and significant support for both relief and rebuilding from the international community.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all the churches in our emerging Minster Community. Pray for the wisdom of PCCs having discussions about the first draft of our proposal for how the MC will work, and for a deep openness to the Holy Spirit.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene 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 **Veronica Brown** 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 **Irvine Byer**.