



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



Newsletter for Sunday 9th August 2026 10th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never
to lose hope,
but always to bring our
prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 9th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 10th August	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 11th August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 12th August	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 13th August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 14th August	
Saturday 15th August	
Sunday 16th August <i>11th 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]

Apologies - contrary to what we'd said before, there will not be any Sunday Club at St Mary's this Sunday (9th Aug). Alison.

Church Family News

A new step for our curate, Cecilia: After more than 4 years as part of our church family here at St Guthlac's and St Mary's, our curate Cecilia has a new calling - to be the Vicar of St Denys Church in Evington. Cecilia and Peter, together with Esther, David and Daniel, first arrived with us when she was an ordinand in training, and we were so pleased when the Diocese suggested that Cecilia might complete her curacy training here too... sadly though, all curates have to leave! We have all benefitted so much from Cecilia's ministry and from the life and laughter that all the family have shared with us, that it will be hard to say farewell - but at least we know they'll still be near neighbours (and in fact they won't need to move house). When we know the date of Cecilia's licensing at St Denys we'll prepare a proper 'goodbye' to them all, but in the meantime do thank God for them and pray that the change will go smoothly and easily. *Adrian*

Sad news: This week we had the very sad news that our friend and congregation member Irvine Byer has died. Although Irvine had been having cancer treatment in recent years, he had been well until very recently, so his death came as a shock to Sharon, his wife, and their children. Irvine's gentle nature but sharp humour brought a special sparkle to church when he was able to come, so I know that he'll be greatly missed here too. Please pray for the family as they come to terms with their loss and a very different future. *Adrian*

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 9th August** are:

1 Kings 19.9-18 and **Matthew 14.22-33**

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in August 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 9th August Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16th August Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd August Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th August Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Mary's

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.



Everybody is Somebody in the Body of Christ - God gives gifts and abilities to all of us, and calls us to use them in the life of the church as well as for the sake of others in the world. This summer I'm inviting everyone to join me in giving thanks to God for all those people who, over the years, have played their part in the church family of St Mary's, in all sorts of ways. I'm also inviting you to join me in praying for people to step forward for some key roles in church life over the next two years. Please make sure that you have a copy of the leaflet called 'Everybody is Somebody in the Body of Christ', either by email with the newsletter or as a paper version from church. Consider carefully, and pray please, about God's calling to us here today. *Adrian*

Summertime - over the school holidays. Adrian and family, and Cecilia and family, will be taking holidays at various points. If you can't get in touch with one or other of us, and the need is urgent, then please do try to contact another member of the Ministry Team. Emails and phone messages can be left as usual but please be aware that there may be a delay in getting back to you. Thank you for your understanding.

Do you have any spare books?

Veronica Brown, now house-bound in a wheelchair, finds it very difficult to access the library. She would really appreciate it if you have any books to lend her, particularly books of British and European history (not wars though), Folklore, serious biographies, nature (mainly birds), travel, art and architecture. If you are able to help Veronica, please call her on 288 9284 between 10.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday. She has asked to please allow 10 minutes to get to the phone. Thank you.

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 #

St Mary's Carpool – appeal for extra help

There are currently a small number of folk who regularly offer lifts to congregation members who can no longer make their own way to church any more. But when just one of us is unavailable, it significantly impacts the help we can offer. It would be really helpful to have a list of people whom we could contact for occasionally giving lifts to church. If you feel you could be one of them, please either email/text/phone the church-warden Sian (contact details at the end of the newsletter) or chat with her in church.

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>

Teddy Bear Parachuting 31st August 1pm - 4pm

If anyone would like to donate any prizes for the tombola, there is a box at the back of church. Many thanks.



Teddy Bear Zip Line &

Parachute Jump!

31st August 1pm to 4pm
-at St Mary's, Knighton-

Calling all brave teddies and their
owners, whatever age!

Give your teddy the experience of
a lifetime, zip lining from the top of
our beautiful bell tower.

Teddy can also parachute from the
tower if it's not too windy.

We will provide all the equipment,
just bring along your favourite bear
for £2 per jump.

Tombola, tea, coffee and cakes

— in aid of —

Saint Mary Magdalen Church bellringers

Knighton

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CREAM TEA at St. Mary's. Thank you to all who came and made this event a huge success. Thanks to your generosity we made **£230.00** to Church funds. Next event is our Coffee Morning Saturday 5th September 10am to 12 noon. Beryl

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*



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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.



LET IT ALL GO GREENBELT

27-30 AUGUST 2026 BOUGHTON HOUSE

MUSIC

**ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT * BCUC
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**BLUE ROSE CODE * FLAMY GRANT * GRACE PETRIE
MARTYN JOSEPH * PENGUIN CAFE * ROSE BETTS * RUMAC
ST CATHERINE'S CHILD * SHLOMO & THE GOB ORCHESTRA**
ANSERINE * ALYA ISHA & THE RA KHOLECTIV * CAPYAC * CRYSTAL MATTHEWS * DARAA TRIBES
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*
CHEER UP LUV * COLE MORETON * FATIMA IBRAHIM * JAY GRIFFITHS * LAMBROS FATSIS
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
LUISA OMIELAN 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 * MUSSON+RETALLICK, MIGRATION

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BUNGALOW BILL * CIRCUS KAOS * DIZZY O'DARE * DJ JOZZY
FAMILY TWIST * FIERY JACKS * FISCHY MUSIC * HAYLEY YOGA
PLAY SHAPES * POCO DROM * SOHAN KAILEY

PLUS

DJ SETS * YOUTH PROGRAMME * WORKSHOPS
SKATE RAMP * GRADE 1 LISTED PARKLAND

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INEQE Safeguarding Audit of the Diocese of Leicester

The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral will soon be taking part in an independent safeguarding audit carried out by the INEQE Safeguarding Group.

INEQE has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to take an independent look at safeguarding across Church of England dioceses and cathedrals, as well as the National Safeguarding Team.

They want to check how things are working day to day and help us make sure our churches and worshipping communities are places where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This audit is a chance to celebrate what we do well, be honest about what we could do better and learn and improve together.

It's an important part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and being open, accountable and willing to learn.

The INEQE Safeguarding Audit will begin across the Diocese of Leicester in June 2026, with online surveys opening for up to 8 weeks. The team will submit evidence of our safeguarding practices via INEQE's 360° audit tool, with auditors on site in the diocese and cathedral between 5–9 October 2026. Once published, INEQE's independent safeguarding audit report will be made available on their website, as well as our diocesan and cathedral sites.

You can take part in the survey online or by using the QR code.



**Safeguarding Survey
2026**

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY...**

Take the survey:



What's working well?
What could we do better?
Share your views on
safeguarding and help us
be a safer church
for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

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SAFEGUARDING GROUP



Prayers about the Climate Crisis

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire leaders with openness to listen
to those most affected by climate change,
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.
-Adapted from the COP27 Climate Summit prayer from the EcoJesuits

O God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble.
We lift our prayers to you now that your creation is suffering.
Have mercy on the lands ravaged by fires.
Calm the winds that fan the flames, and send rain to the parched lands.
Comfort all who have had to leave their homes; give them solace as they
wait for news.
Give peace to those under evacuation alerts.
Bless all those who help and support the evacuees.
Protect all those who are fighting the fires, and keep them safe in
difficult circumstances.
Protect all whose health is at risk because of the smoke.
Heal the people, heal the nature, and heal the land.
God, in your unending mercy, we ask you to hear our prayers.
Amen.
British Columbia Synod

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 **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 **Teresa Hogg** and **Irvine Byer**.