



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



Newsletter for Sunday 30th August 2026 13th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Almighty God,
you search us and
know us:
may we rely on you in
strength and rest on
you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 30th August <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30am	Joint Benefice Service at St Mary's
Monday 31st August	1.00pm	Teddy Bear Parachute Jump
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 1st September	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mary's)
	10.30am	CTF Craft Workshop
Wednesday 2nd September	8.00pm	Online Compline
Thursday 3rd September	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
	11.30am	Church cleaning
	7.30pm	Extra PCC Meeting at the Vicarage
Friday 4th September		
Saturday 5th September	10.00am	Coffee Morning in Church
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

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

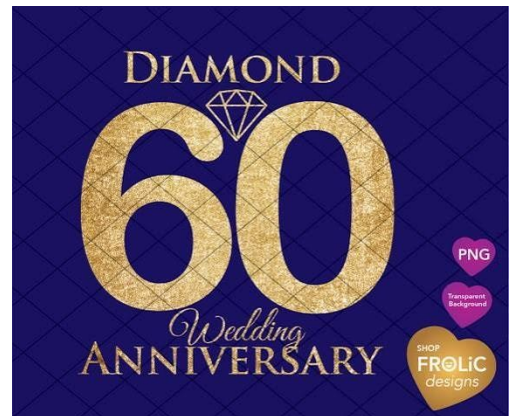
4th Sunday - no Sunday Club but all are welcome to join us at the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at 10.30am at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road. [and if there's a 5th Sunday - a variety of things happen - check the newsletter or website]

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 30th August** are:
Jeremiah 15.15-21 and **Matthew 16.21-end.**

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in August and 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 30th August Joint Benefice Service at St Mary's

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.



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*

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>



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.

Prayers

God of our longing,
hear our prayers protect our dreams,
and listen to our silent hopes.
Deal gently with our pain, speak to our sadness,
and remove the barriers that imprison our spirit.
Shed your light where shadows are cast,
that we may feel your warmth and know your presence.
Give us courage to hold fast to our vision
that we may build our world
and create our future.
Amen.

Prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Christ our light,
your love burns in our hearts
and builds in us a thirst for justice.
Jesus, light of the world,
you taught us how to reach out to others, open our ears to the stories that
beg to be heard.
You who are light and warmth, banish the darkness
and bring us hope. Jesus, light of life, enfold us all with your love
and incline our hearts
to the leading of your healing spirit.
Amen.

Prayer by Matthew Dear and Susy Brouard

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