



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

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**Newsletter for Sunday
2nd October 2022
Harvest Festival**

Collect for this week

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2nd October <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 5.30pm Harvest Evensong
Monday 3rd October	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 4th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.30pm Funeral
Wednesday 5th October	10.00am 'Before we say goodbye' at the vicarage 7.30pm 'Before we say goodbye' at the vicarage 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 6th October	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G)
Friday 7th October	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 8th October	
Sunday 9th October <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlacs 6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Guthlacs

Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

Sunday Club, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road?

Church Family News

Social Committee 'Friends' We really need people to offer to help with social events. We don't need new committee members, we just need people to be prepared to do things with us. Please speak to Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to be a 'friend' of the Social Committee.

Children's Society Box Opening Please bring your box to church on Sunday 9th October or give me a call on 0116 2700814 to arrange collection. Thank you. *Linda Billam*

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 2nd October** is:
Luke 12.16-30

Online Compline on Wednesdays—8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location **0203 481 5240**

'Leicester Cathedral Together' Leicester Cathedral Choir will be singing Choral Harvest Evensong at St Guthlacs Church on **Sunday 9th October** at 6.00 pm. Further information available from Fiona Wingate.

'Before we say goodbye' : In the Sunday service two weeks ago, we considered the truth, sadness and hope that we find in facing the fact that we will each, one day, die. As a result you may now be thinking ahead - about being in the right place with God and with other people, about plans for your own time of dying and about the funeral to follow. Please do get in touch if you'd like a conversation over a cup of tea about any of these things - they can feel difficult to bring up but we can all gain much peace from talking gently together and making some plans.

If you would prefer to talk, listen and think as part of a friendly small group then you might want to join me at the Vicarage on **Wednesday 5th October**, either at **10am** (until 11.30) or later, at **7.30pm** (until 9pm) when we'll discuss together some of the good advice provided in the book *'Before we say goodbye'* by Ray Simpson - there's no need to have the book itself, as I'll lead our conversation. Please do let me know if you'd like to come.

The Church of England has webpages that may help:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals>

and I can also point you towards other useful things to read, if that helps. There are some leaflets at the back of the church that you are free to take. As usual, you can reach me by email adrian.jones@zoho.com, or phone 0116 270 4268 or 07919 262399, or of course at church on Sunday. *Adrian*

Marie Curie Autumn Lunch Thursday 27th October 12.30pm for 1pm start at Leicester College. £20 per person. Tickets from Shirley Wills 0116 2811401.

AFRICA INSPIRES - UGANDA 2022 As many of you might have read in the Benefice Magazine, my wife Sue is visiting Uganda shortly. From Sunday 25th she will be visiting three schools in Kampala to see the development of the 'Develop with Dignity' programme and to see how the money raised by three Leicester/Leicestershire schools has been used. She is visiting with a group from Teams4U. If you would like to see her adventures, please follow her blog from Sunday 25th September at this web address <http://www.getjealous.com/Uganda22> *Nigel Siesage*



This year we will be celebrating our traditional Harvest Festival at St Mary's on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am. Our theme will be 'Treasuring and Thanking', and as part of the Creationtide Season we'll be thinking about our own place in creation, alongside the plants and animals that we live amongst.

This is a wonderful opportunity to remember how good God has been to us, and specifically through the bounty of the natural world. As usual we're inviting everyone to express their gratitude and generosity by sharing something of this blessing with others, through bringing tinned or packet food that we will then pass on to the South Leicester Foodbank.

After the service we are also planning a **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch** in the church, starting about noon, after our normal tea/coffee. This is a good opportunity to spend a little more time with other church folk, and perhaps get to know new people as well. Please see Church Warden Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to plan what you might bring – **everyone is very welcome!**

**HARVEST EVENSONG at St MARY'S - SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER
5.30pm**





This Halloween, take some time out and Light up the Night...

At St Mary's Church, Brinsmead Rd, we'll be giving out free hot chocolate, biscuits and glo-sticks from 5.30-7.30pm, and there'll be exciting stories about *Heroes of the Light!* for 15 minutes, beginning at 6pm, 6.30pm and 7pm.

Most suitable for Primary-aged children and their carers, everyone is welcome!

Light up the Night! This year we're putting on a special Halloween event for children and parents, to give them an opportunity to do something positive and light-focused amongst all the trick-or-treating. '**Light up the night**' involves free hot chocolate, biscuits and glosticks and lots of stories about *Heroes of the Light*. If you're able to help with serving, chatting and being friendly then do please see Adrian or Alison as soon as possible. Thank you!

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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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 01162704272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighthon PCC** please.

Prayers for this week

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

(Colossians 4.2)

Praying for the world: As news attention turns again to Ukraine, please remember in your prayers those countries where suffering because of extreme weather and long-running conflicts continues, often unnoticed. Pray for the people of Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan and now Cuba and Canada too.

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray for the Leicester Deaf Centre, on Frog Island, and give thanks for the recent recognition of their amazing work through The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service – the highest award a local voluntary group can receive, equivalent to an MBE. Pray for Karen Sly, the Deaf Development Worker, who is supported financially by the Diocese, and for all members of the church. Pray that more volunteers and fundraisers will come forward to support the work of the church.

Praying for the Parish: 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: Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried. In particular please pray this week for **Di-ane Stockton, Flick Titley, Val Stubbs. John Orme, Peter Relph, and Judi Stone**

Pray as well for all those on our parish *‘Continuing Prayer’* list, that they may know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who know God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Iain Davidson.** We particularly remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. ⁸