



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



Newsletter for Sundays 19th & 26th July 2026 7th & 8th Sundays after Trinity

Collects for this week

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 19th July <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 20th July	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 21st July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 22nd July <i>Mary Magdalene</i>	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 23rd July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 24th July	
Saturday 25th July <i>James the Apostle</i>	
Sunday 26th July <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's
Monday 27th July	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 28th July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 29th July	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 30th July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 31st July	11.00am Healing Prayer with Communion
Saturday 1st August	
Sunday 2nd August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's

Church Family News

Elizabeth Andrews, a good friend to our Knighton churches, has, sadly, died. Elizabeth was a talented designer, artist and craftsperson who had a long association with the churches but more recently had been living in Kibworth Harcourt. Some of you will know that our altar rail kneelers, the design on the etched glass doors (which is also our letterhead and logo) and the Lenten Altar Frontal and Chasuble, are all her work, and in the 1990s she led the group of tapissiers that produced the kneelers at St Mary's and St Guthlac's. **Elizabeth's funeral will be on Tuesday 4th August at 11.30am. Everybody welcome.**

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.

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 19th July** are:

Wisdom 12.13, 16-19 and **Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43.**

At our 10.30am Morning Worship, the readings are

Isaiah 44.6-8 and **Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43.**

The set readings on **Sunday 26th July** are:

1 Kings 3.5-12 and **Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52.**

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

- On Sunday **12th July** we conclude our series on 'Lessons from the Desert' with a service of Sung Eucharist that takes the Israelites and the Golden Calf as its' focus.
- The third Sunday, **19th July**, is our patronal festival – we remember St Mary Magdalen and give thanks for our church community and fellowship, with a service of Morning Worship.
- We end the month with a Sung Eucharist on Sunday **26th July**.

August services

Sunday 2nd August Worship for the Whole Church

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).

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*

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]

NB. Over the school holidays, there will only be Sunday Club on the following Sundays: 12th July, 9th Aug, 16th Aug. There will also be no St Guthlac's Church Club on 26th July or 23rd Aug. Thanks - Alison.

Collects for Sunday 26th July 2026

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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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LET IT ALL GO GREENBELT

27-30 AUGUST 2026 BOUGHTON HOUSE

MUSIC

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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 * CRYSTOPHER 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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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 #

Learning and Growing – local opportunities organised by the Diocese

Growing in Pastoral Care

Five sessions to develop confidence, skills and experience in pastoral care. Suitable for people with some experience and those beginning to explore pastoral care.

Saturday 19 September – 10am-3pm, venue TBC

Tuesday 29 September – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 6 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 13 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Saturday 31 October – 10am-1pm, venue TBC

For more information or to book a place

email Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Journey in Faith Course 26/27

Journey in Faith is a three-term course that provides time, space and companionship to:

- grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- deepen your relationship with God
- explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory Session:

Saturday 26 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House

Three course groups are planned:

- Tuesday evenings: Frisby on the Wreake
- Wednesday evenings: Western Park, Leicester
- Thursday evenings: Market Harborough

For more information: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org and talk to Adrian, Janet, Sian or Cecilia!

To book a place: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org

Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs.

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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

Pope Leo XIV's prayer for peace

A prayer offered by Pope Leo XIV at a prayer vigil for peace on Easter Saturday 2026.

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power with the strength of peace.
Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.
Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.
Inspire us to trust like Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,
firm in the faith that you would rise again.
May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!

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 **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 **Elizabeth Andrews and Martin Stevenson**.