



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

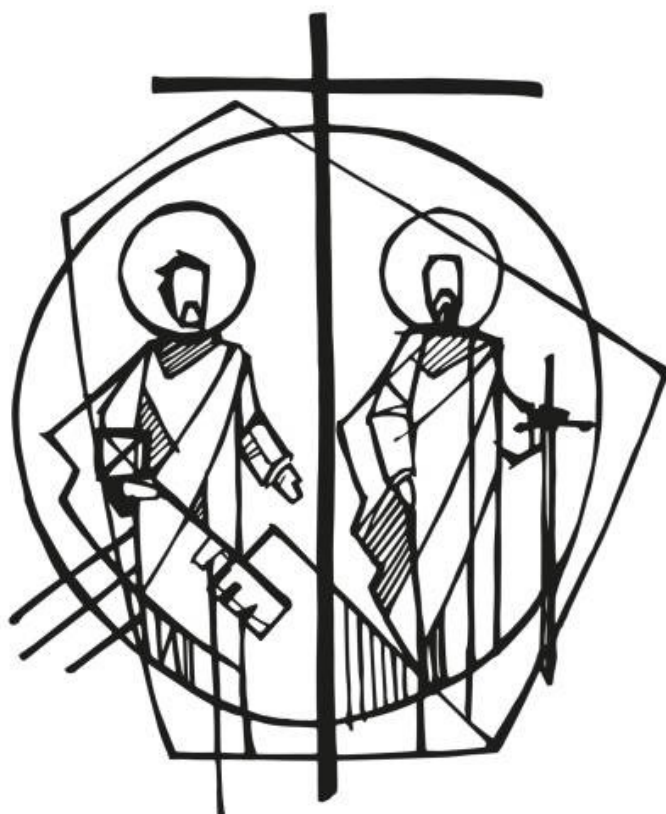


Newsletter for Sunday 29th June 2025 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen,

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen,



The Week Ahead

Sunday 29th June <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30am Joint Benefice Service at St Guthlacs
Monday 30th June	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 1st July	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 2nd July	10.30am Wednesday Small Group 8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 3rd July	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's)
Friday 4th July	
Saturday 5th July	
Sunday 6th July <i>3rd 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 Jenny Worsfold 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

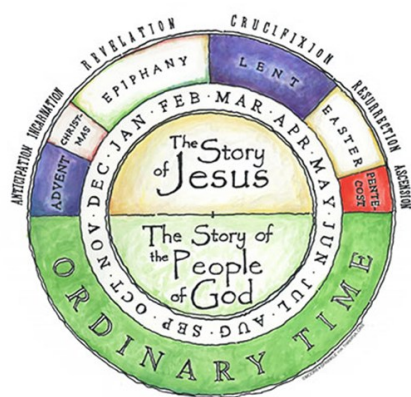
4th Sunday - no Sunday Club but all are welcome to join us at the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at 10.30am at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road. [and if there's a 5th Sunday - a variety of things happen - check the newsletter or website]

Listening to God's Word:

Our readings for 29th June are Romans 12.3-8 and Matthew 16.13-19.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

The Season of 'Trinity' – After the drama and significance of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, the Church's year now moves on to the quieter months of the season we call 'Trinity', or sometimes 'Ordinary Time'. It is the longest part of the liturgical calendar - this year there are 19 Sundays in Trinity, leading right up to All Saints Day at the start of November, and even later if you include the 'Sundays before Advent'!



This Trinity season is the time when we reflect on our life as the people of God, and how we are shaped by the words and actions of Jesus. This year our Gospel readings on Sundays continue the theme of *'Learning with Luke'*.

The liturgical colour for Trinity is green, a symbol of growth, and so in many churches you'll see that the altar or Communion table has a green frontal cloth, and the ordained Minister may wear a green scarf and outer vestment (or 'chasuble'). *Adrian*

Our Benefice Service this Sunday, 29th June: The two sister churches in Knighton, St Mary Magdalen and St Guthlac, form one 'benefice' - an ancient term that reflects the bonds of history and shared experience between churches, as well as their shared clergy! Each has a building for worship, a church hall, a PCC and a distinctive character, but the two are joined by something like a family relationship and share many interests, concerns and even people! We alternate Communion services on Sundays, and offer a range of other types of worship, so that everyone can find something comfortable week by week.

When there are five Sundays in a month, then the two churches take it in turn to play host to a joint Eucharistic service for everyone - the distance between them being only 1.3 miles. This month it is the turn of St Guthlac's ... so do please join us at 10.30am on 29th, on Holbrook Road, for this special opportunity to worship together and to demonstrate the friendship and unity that flows from our shared faith and history, and that Jesus prayed for - "Holy Father ...that they may be one as we are one." (John 17.11) *Adrian*

Ordinations 2025

Please pray for all those soon to be ordained, and especially those to be ordained in the Diocese of Leicester this Pentecost.

Among those being ordained Deacon this year are **Josh Crick de Boom** and **Michal Kmet**, both of whom spent time as part of St Mary's a few years ago as they explored their calling and gained a wider experience. The full Ember List is available at the back of the Church – do please take one and pray for our new deacons and priests.

*God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for all your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants soon to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
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.*

Pray also for their families, friends and all those who will support them. Pray for the communities where they will serve their curacy, for their training incumbents and context supervisors. Pray too for more vocations to all kinds of ministry as we are Shaped By God Together.

Together in the Park : Thanks to everyone who joined us for our 'Inside Out' fun picnic in the park last Sunday afternoon. It was good to see our children and young people having a good time together, while we had chance to catch up with each other with all sorts of delicious food - thanks to all who contributed! *Adrian*

Many congratulations! This week we are sending our best wishes and many congratulations to the Revd Aphro McCullough who will be marking the 25th anniversary of her ordination as Deacon on 2nd July. We're so thankful to God for her gifts, her calling and all that she has done for her congregations over those years, and not least for us in Knighton! Many blessings to both Aphro and Dale (her staunch supporter!) *Adrian*

Christian Aid Week: many thanks for your donations, which amounted to £305, to which £55 in Gift Aid will be added. *Eileen McKellican*

The Friends of Knaptoft There are some special services coming up in Knaptoft. There's a sheet at the back of the church with details.

Latest St Mary's Food bank donation The food collected during June has been taken to the South Leicestershire distribution centre on Clarke's Road, Wigston. It weighed in at 39 kg. God bless you for your generous giving. The empty boxes are once again available in the church entrance for your donations of tinned and dried food. *Sian Howard*

Latest St Mary's Wateraid (Grifaid) donation The coins in the Wateraid collection tin have been counted and processed and the total came to £45.10 so many thanks for your continuing generosity towards this important international charity. The tin is back in its usual place on the table at the back of the Lady Chapel and has already attracted some new contributions; so please do remember to keep your donations of loose change coming. *Sian Howard*

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in June and July 2025

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!

- We have an extra Sunday this month, on **29th June**, and our joint Eucharist service for the whole benefice will be at 10.30am and at St Guthlac's – please do come... it's not that far!
- **Sunday 6th July** is the first of the new month and so we celebrate with **Worship for the Whole Church**, our new name for 'All Age Worship', emphasising that there is a place for everyone. We'll be hearing about Jesus sending out his friends.
- We meet together for a Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 13th July**, once again *'Learning with Luke'*, about the Good Samaritan.
- **Sunday 20th July** we praise God in Morning Worship to mark the festival of our patron saint, Mary Magdalen.
- The last Sunday of the month is **27th July**, and we share a Sung Eucharist and *'Learn with Luke'* about how and why we should pray.

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.

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Annual Giving Letters In recent years regular donors have received a 'thank you' letter at the end of the tax year setting out the amount donated during the past year and the Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. The cost of the paper, envelopes and, in some cases, postage, is not inconsiderable and, therefore, for this year I will only produce a letter on request and, preferably, send it by email. Please let me know, with the appropriate contact details, if you require a letter and whether printed or electronic. Simon Britton stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com
Tel: 07710 975 272.

Holiday Bungalow to let in Sutton on Sea

Would you like to have a week in Sutton on Sea, living in a bungalow very close to the lovely beach? There are lots of vacancies currently available this summer. Fully furnished excluding washing machine
2 minutes from the sea / 5 minutes from the shops & restaurants
Will accommodate 5 people:- 3 bedrooms comprising 1 double, 1 twin & 1 single

Prices: Summer season (mid July to mid September) **£50 per night - £300 per week**

Non-refundable deposit of **£30**

Free parking for two cars. No pets.

It's a wonderful place to stay, and ideal as a base to explore the area.
For further details contact Molly Clarke on 270 3749



Book space for YOUR event, meeting, party or group now, at Knighton Parish Centre!

Knighton Parish Centre, on the corner of Brinsmead Road and Church Lane, has a large hall, kitchen, lounge and smaller group meeting room, all of which can be hired for an hour, a session, an evening, a day or for a regular booking. We are currently taking bookings for weekdays, evenings and weekends in the summer holidays and into the autumn.

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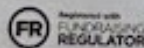
The Leicester College, Freeman's Park
Campus, Aylestone Road
Leicester, LE2 7LW

Thursday 16th October 2025

12pm for a 12.30pm start

£25 per person

**For tickets please contact Shirley Wills
on 01162 811 401**



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Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **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 bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Simon Britton, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com or phone 07710 975272. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%. Cheques to **Knighton PCC** please.

Praying for each other this month

Please continue to pray for other members of our church community, and especially this month for those whose surnames begin with U, V, W, Y and Z. Pray for their encouragement, joyful peace and resilience in the face of challenges.

Praying for the World: Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbours as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Help us to see each person in the light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for peace in a broken world. Amen.

Praying for the Church: This week, with others across our Diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches of St Luke's, Thurnby (with St Mary's, Stoughton and Living Hope, Thurmaston), St Catharine's, Houghton on the Hill, and Wigston All Saints & Wigston St Thomas's.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of **Ratcliffe Road, Sackville Gardens, College Court, Queens Road, Eton Close, Harrow Place.**

Continuing Prayers Please.... Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially: , **Irving Byer, David Holland, John Orme, Shirley Wills, Dale McCullough and Adri Cook.**

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 **Margaret Roff, Katherine Swanson, Ian, Bob Mason and Kate Adams**

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially pray for **Denise Smith.**

We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.