



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

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Newsletter for Sunday 5th July 2026 5th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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.

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the
gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 5th July <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 6th July	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 7th July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 12.30pm Funeral—Graham Corbett
Wednesday 8th July	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 9th July	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.00am Interment of ashes 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 10th July	
Saturday 11th July	
Sunday 12th July <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 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

Departed Friends

I'm so sorry to have to tell you that our long time friend and member of the church community, Margaret Adamson, died at home last Wednesday afternoon. Earlier this week Margaret had enjoyed the craft session at St Mary's and appeared to be her usual interested and engaging self, so her death so soon afterwards has come as rather a shock. Please remember Margaret's family in your prayers this week - we all send them our sincere condolences.

You'll also be very sad to hear that Beryl Reffin died last Saturday. Although rather confined to the house, Beryl had remained sharp and mentally active until recently when she had a fall. After becoming unwell on Friday, she later died at home whilst her children Janet and Michael were with her. Beryl's straightforward manner and clear opinions hid a heart of gold and a deep concern for others, especially all those who were sick or unwell. Over the years she made a significant and important contribution to our church life and to the lives of so many individuals, and we'll be much the poorer without her as part of St Mary's. Please pray for Janet and Michael in their sadness over the coming days. *Adrian*

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.

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 28th June** are:

Zechariah 9.9-12 and **Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end.**

At our 10.30am service, the readings are

Exodus 20.1-17 and **John 2.13-17.**

Our theme at 10.30am is

"Fire on the Mountain!"

Ordinations in Leicester 2026 and beyond.

We are approaching Petertide, the traditional season for ordinations in the Church of England. Last year, however, it was announced that here in the Diocese of Leicester the priest and deacon ordinations will move from Petertide to Michaelmas, beginning in 2026. This year the ordination dates are therefore **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October**. Ordinands beginning their deacon year will be licensed as Lay Workers under Canon E7 from 1 July of that year, to help them embed in a parish and move house, giving a more phased build-up to their ordination. In the meantime you might like to pray for ordinands approaching their ordination in other parts of the country with this prayer:

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 your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants now 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.



COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in July 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 the first Sunday of the new month, **5th July**, we come together in Worship for the Whole Church (previously 'All Age Worship') and our theme from the desert is 'Fire on the Mountain.'
- 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**.

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).

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

INEQE
SAFEGUARDING GROUP



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*



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.



A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CUP

God of glory,
as the world gathers
to celebrate the beautiful game,
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security
for players and officials on the pitch,
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God
in the creativity of every curving free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective
on the miskicks, missed penalties,
and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team
– even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory
be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more
of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation
and people who share your glory.
Amen.



**Please nominate St Mary's for this community draw
- charity number: 1130923.**

Please click the link below and nominate St Mary's.
Thank you.

[Movement for Good - Nominate a community charity for
a £5,000 award.](#)

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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.

Pop, musical theatre & light classical
SPACE-themed choral music

SONGS OF SPACE



Musical Director: Emma Trounson | Accompanist: Josephine Markham

Saturday 4th July 2026

7.30pm-9.30pm

**St James the Greater Church,
London Road, Leicester. LE2 1NE**

Tickets: £10 on the door, under 16s free
Refreshments included

Raffle in aid of

LOROS

Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Fosse Singers is a registered charity
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Praying through this week

Praying for each other this month: Over the last six months we have prayed for everyone who is a member of the Church or part of our wider community of friends and supporters. Now in July, we begin again by praying for all those whose surnames begin with A, B, C and D. Please pray that this summer will be a time when they feel God's restoration and re-building, so that they come to the rest of the year with a fresh purpose and direction.

Praying for the World: Please pray for the people of Venezuela as they struggle to come to terms with the devastating earthquake - pray especially for a well-organised and well-resourced response from their own government and from others around the world. Pray that the disaster will be a catalyst for positive change in Venezuela.

Praying for the Church: As the Mothers Union celebrates its 150th anniversary, under the theme "Join Us, Join In!", pray for this important global movement of 4 million members as it holds major international gatherings, localized outreach challenges, and celebratory services across dioceses worldwide. Pray for the life and mission of local branches everywhere - including our own - with thanks for their commitment and fellowship.

With others across our diocese, please also pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Thurmaston, Birstall and Wanlip, The Deanery of Akeley East (Loughborough) and the Soar Valley Minster Community. Pray for good connections with the community and for fresh vision for the autumn.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Welford Court, The Cedars, Muston Gardens, Wyndale Road, Brinsmead 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 **Margot Comer, 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 **Beryl Reffin, Margaret Adamson and Graham Corbett.**