



**St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Knighton**

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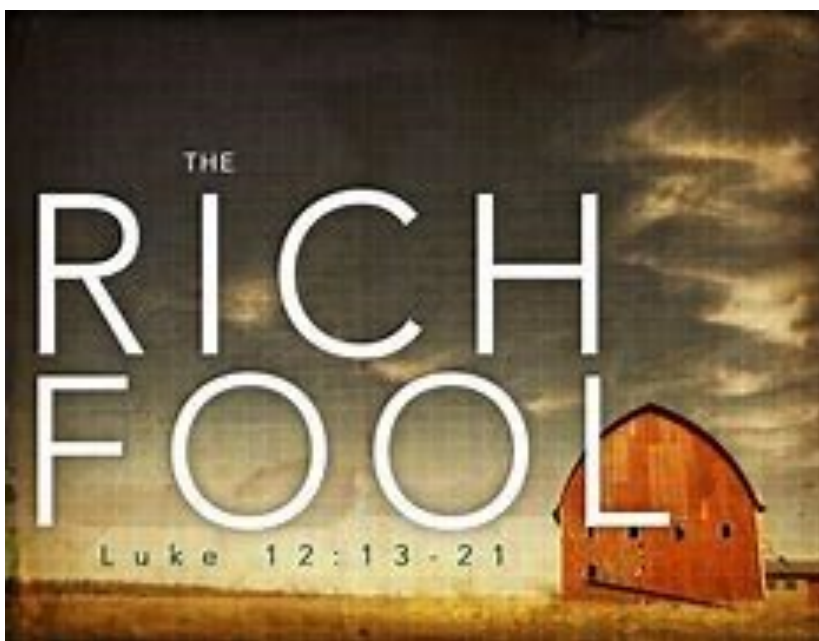


**Sunday 31st July 2022**  
**7th Sunday after Trinity**

**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,  
this Sunday and through the week**

**Collect 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.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 31st July</b> <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am Joint Sung Eucharist</b>
Monday 1st August	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 2nd August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 3rd August	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 4th August	SMART METERS BEING FITTED 9.30 am Holy Communion (St G)
Friday 5th August	7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 6th August	
<b>Sunday 7th August</b> <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am All Age Worship</b> 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs

**Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: [www.stmarysknighton.co.uk](http://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?

**Christmas project knitters** - there is double knitting wool in a bag on the notice board, please help yourself. Also a completed bottee for you to see. ( Thank you Janet) For any information please see Cora.

**Office and Vicarage Phone** Please note that our landline phones are down, and Openreach need to do some work to get them working again, hopefully next week. Until then, please either email us, or call Adrian's mobile on 07919 262399 Apologies if you've been ringing without success.

## Curate Moving On

The Bishop of Leicester announced this week that Matthew has been appointed as the Rector of Thurcaston, Anstey and Cropston. Matthew is due to be licensed Tuesday August 30th, 7.30pm by the Bishop of Loughborough, Bishop Saju. More details to follow.



**Adrian writes: It's good to be back** from my sabbatical study leave, which ended with a family trip to the ecumenical centre in Taize, south east France. We're all looking forward to reconnecting with our church family and hearing how the last three months have been for you.

And it's many congratulations and good wishes to Matthew on securing a new post as Rector of Anstey, Thurston and Cropston! We will sorely miss him, Claire and the girls of course, but we know that God's goodness is such that they will be a real blessing to their new churches and villages. Their time with us has been full of laughter and love.

Matthew's last Sunday in the benefice will be by 14th August, and will include some sort of farewell to the family (although the details are yet to be confirmed) - do keep the date in your diary. In the meantime if you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift then do please send a cheque payable to 'Knighton PCC' to James at the St Mary's office, or preferably make a direct payment by bank transfer to: **Barclays Bank: Knighton PCC; bank sort code: 20- 49 -17; bank a/c no. 43592286**, with a reference of 'Matthew'.

Thank you!

*Adrian*

## Could you help with safeguarding?

Each church has to ensure that everything it does safeguards children and adults with care needs from all types of harm. This is a mandatory requirement partly because serious failures have allowed abuse to happen. If this is an issue which you care about, we need a person or a group to make sure Diocese training is taken up, planning for events are safe and national guidance is followed. There are now excellent resources and strong support from the Diocese and clergy. If you are interested or would like to talk further without obligation please contact Matthew or Cora Paul about the role.

**THANKS** to Sian and St Mary's for the loan of the wonderful large fan. That has made all the difference between coping and collapsing in the heat! I am very grateful. *Flick*

**Please note that we are having smart meters fitted in St Mary's Church on Thursday 4th August. The electricity will be switched off whilst the work is carried out, between 8.00am and 12 noon (please note it may go on later in the day).**

**Sorry for any inconvenience.**

**Electricity**  
Smart meter



## How to help garden wildlife in hot dry weather



During the recent hot, dry spell, wildlife across Britain has suffered as water levels declined and food sources became scarce. With more hot, dry weather forecast, the RHS is urging gardeners to support wildlife by following their top tips:

- **Encourage nectar production**

Keep pollinator friendly and summer-flowering species like single dahlias, single fuchsias and verbena going by watering well and deadheading regularly. Nectar flow can slow if plants get really thirsty and flowers can run to seed.

- **Improve access to ponds**

Ensure wildlife can get in and out of ponds as water levels drop. Extend ramps in steep-sided ponds and position plants so they provide extra access points.

- **Create a rehydration station**

Leave saucers of water in the garden for wildlife to sip from, placing pebbles and marbles in them to aid insects and smaller birds.

- **Leave overgrown plants for shade**

Avoid tidying the garden. Leave wildflower and meadow grasses uncut, increase log piles, and leave plants that have gone to seed in place. They are relished as a shelter and as nesting supplies while the seeds are highly prized by goldfinches. Watch out for toads that have burrowed to escape the heat when digging.

- **Tend your compost heaps**

Composting garden waste, especially in shady areas, is very helpful to wildlife. The insects, slugs and worms associated with rotting vegetation can feed other wildlife including amphibians and hedgehogs. Moisten the compost if it's dry.

- **Support hedgehogs**

Supplement the diet of hungry hedgehogs by leaving proprietary hedgehog food, available from most bird feed suppliers, in shady spots. These garden favourites need moist soil to easily reach earthworms and other invertebrates that make up much of their diet.



# THE FORGE

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Contact Crystal Mcallister for more  
information 07890 020012

To secure a place, email  
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Costs: £40 per term, but if cost is a  
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Dates: TBC from September 2022

Sessions will cover:

spirituality	mission in all its forms
theological reflection	retreat day
pioneering	exploring your calling and next steps

Diocese of Leicester's priorities (new, intergenerational,  
reconciliation, eco & intercultural communities)



## **Newsletters on Line**

Both St Guthlac's and St Mary's current and backdated newsletters are available online.

St Mary's <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk>

St Guthlac's <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

**PLEASE NOTE—NO EVENSONG IN AUGUST.**

**We intend to resume Evensong on the first Sunday of the month  
from September**

## **Online Compline**

**Please note that both Matthew and Tina are both away and so Aphro will host the meeting on zoom with a prayer. We will not have breakout discussion or the regular compline script. It will just be a chance to talk and Aphro to pray with all who are available.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?](https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09)**

**pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09**

**Meeting ID: 746 767 4408**

**Passcode: hope**

**Dial by your location**

**0203 481 5240**

# Holbrook Oasis

Wednesdays 1.30 – 3.00 pm  
Starting 20<sup>th</sup> July

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Road LE2 3LF

Companionship, Conversation, Refreshment, Relaxation



Come and join us in our Welcome Area and garden to chat and enjoy others' company. Open to all: young families, people living alone, the elderly, refugees...

Tea, coffee and cakes provided

Toys available for children with their carers



Email: [churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)



## Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 31st July** are:

### **Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23**

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### **Luke 12.13-21**

The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup> Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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### **Holiday Bungalow to let** - holiday times or weekend breaks

Fully furnished excluding washing machine

2 minutes from the sea / 5 minutes from the shops & restaurants

Prices: Out of season - £40 per night or £250 per week

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Non-refundable deposit of £30 No pets

Free parking for two cars

For further details contact Molly Clarke on **270 3749**

## 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 weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: [stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com). If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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### ***Let's keep in touch!***

If you want to know about church life and forthcoming events through our weekly newsletter...

**Please fill in the information below and then sign** to confirm that we can send news of church life and events, and that ministers and church officers may contact you. Your details will not be shared with anyone else. Our Privacy Statement can be found on the church website [www.stmarysknighton.co.uk](http://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk)

Please return this form as soon as possible to one of the clergy, or to the Church Wardens (Sian and Beryl) -or by email your details below. If you would like to revise this permission at any time then please contact our Administrator, James Gutteridge: 0116 270 2705

[office@knightonparish.co.uk](mailto:office@knightonparish.co.uk)

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***"They may all be one as you are in me and I am in the Father, that they too may be one", John, 17:21***

As the worldwide Anglican communion meets this week at Lambeth Palace for its delayed once a decade meeting, we pray for unity and compassion. We pray against colonial attitudes which have become entrenched through former ties of empire. We pray for pastoral compassion and respect for church leaders with same sex spouses. We pray for wisdom and discernment how disagreeing well may be life-giving and creative. We pray for the Church to be invigorated for mission for the kingdom to be built across the world with joy and courage. We pray closer to home in our communities belonging to South Leicester Christian Partnership. We pray for all those different churches offering a place of belonging for all, especially this summer time for those struggling or needing company. We pray for our Benefice and all that we share, our choirs, our services, our ministry team and the joint mission to LE2!

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on Southernhay Rd, Southernhay Close, Southern Hay Avenue, Cara Close, Estima Close, Westernhay Road.

### **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 **Doreen White, Margaret Roff and Judi Stone**

We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today. We give thanks for those who have recovered or who are recovering.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. We particularly pray for **Jane Barwell, Basia (Barbara) Mason, Anita Crockett and Jill Gartshore.**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.