



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

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**Newsletter for Sunday
4th September 2022
12th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect for this week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4th September <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 5.30pm Evensong
Monday 5th September	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 6th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 7th September	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 8th September	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G)
Friday 9th September	
Saturday 10th September	10.00am Coffee Morning in church
Sunday 11th September <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 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?

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**

Church Family News:

Cecilia's studies whilst with us in Knighton: Cecilia, our ordinand in training, has now started her second and final year at St Mellitus College. During the course of this year there are three modules of study that require her to reflect specifically on what she is learning and experiencing with us at St Guthlac's and St Mary's:

- **Evangelism in Practice:** ordinands are expected to reflect upon their experience of evangelism in their context over a period of approximately 6 weeks;
- **Foundations in Christian Worship:** ordinands are expected to reflect upon their experience of worship in the placement;
- **Preaching:** ordinands are expected to record and reflect upon preaching experience.

Cecilia and I are also asked to think through and discuss how she is demonstrating and growing in a list of six specific personal qualities:

- Love for God
- Call to Ministry
- Love for People
- Wisdom
- Fruitfulness
- Trustworthiness

The last quality, in particular, is used to assess commitment in terms of safeguarding, professional conduct and living within the boundaries and values of the Church.

These conversations inform the written comments that I then submit to the College and which help to shape the report to the Bishop at the end of the year.

I know that Cecilia is very happy to talk about her studies and college life so do please ask her some questions if you'd like to know more.

Adrian

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 4th September** is:

Mark 12.28-34

Congratulations! Many congratulations to Cecilia, our Ordinand in training, who this week finally enjoyed her graduation ceremonies for the two qualifications that she was working on before being called to ordination training. In common with many other students, Cecilia has had to wait until after the pandemic restrictions were lifted to officially graduate from De Montfort University here in Leicester. She now holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) and a Masters Degree in Information Systems Management (MSc).

Painting at Aigburth Garden A celebration of art in the garden at Aigburth, 21 Manor Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2LL
Friday 9th September 1.30pm—4.00pm. Please drop in for tea and cake and to meet artists and residents. Original art work on display and for sale.

'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.

Organ/Piano Concert 'Blues and Royals' at St Thomas' Church, South Wigston. A concert of organ music written for royal occasions and piano blues. Given by Ian Orr, Organist Emeritus. **Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm.** Admission £10 adults £7 concessions. Proceeds to St Thomas' Tower Repair Fund. Complimentary wine and nibbles will be available afterwards. Enquiries email: **stthomas.southwigston@gmail.com**

National survivor survey launched to inform the CofE's safeguarding work

A national survey of survivors and victims of abuse has been launched by the Church of England to listen to their views on the development and implementation of its safeguarding structure. It is an opportunity to be involved in the development and implementation of a Church of England survivor engagement framework, which will set out how victims and survivors of abuse will inform the Church's work to develop and improve safeguarding.

The anonymous survey is available on the survivor engagement webpage of the Church of England's website and runs for two months from 19 July until 18 September 2022

Coffee Morning Saturday 10th September from 10.00 am until 12 noon in church. Stalls to include cakes & preserves, plants, books and a raffle. Just come along. Everyone welcome.

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

Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society

The charm of a Lincolnshire holiday? Beach huts, eyesores and coastal conservation before WW2

A talk by Dr Susan Barton, Honorary Visiting Research Fellow, International Centre for Sports History & Culture at De Montfort University, and Leicester City Councillor for Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields.

Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Venue: Stoneygate Baptist Church, London Road
Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall Free to members, non-members a small donation (£2) is appreciated

Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk



SEASON OF CREATION

"Creationtide", or the Season of Creation, was originally an initiative of the Eastern Orthodox Church in 1989, but has now spread widely among Anglican, Roman Catholic and Protestant congregations, bringing Christians together to pray and work for the protection of the environment that sustains everyone. As we witness extreme weather events across the world, it has become even more important that we learn about our changing climate and our responsibilities as Christians in these challenging times.

At St Mary's this year we are marking Creationtide from 4th September to 4th October (St Francis' day), taking as our Sunday themes 'Creating', 'Sowing', 'Growing', 'Gathering' and 'Treasuring', with our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 2nd October.

As a start this week, why not use the following prayer each day, as a way of bringing your focus onto our own place within creation and in relation to God?

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
and live your way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Adrian

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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: Please pray for all those affected by the devastating floods in Pakistan. Pray that everyone may find safe places to live and may receive the help that they need, including food, clean water and shelter. Pray for a swift and effective response from the Pakistani government and from international aid agencies.

Praying for the Church: Pray that, as we enter the Season of Creation, or 'Creationtide', we might be changed by the Holy Spirit so that we become free from fear and are able to change our lifestyles and speak out for the protection of all creation in the face of global heating.

Pray also for our neighbour church of St James the Greater on London Road, and for Andrew Quigley, the Vicar and Diocesan Environmental Officer.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on Knighton Lane East, Pendlebury Drive, Larchwood Close, Chadderton Close, Dawson Way.

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 **Flick Titley, Diane Stockton, Val Stubbs, Peter Relph, Doreen White, Margaret Roff 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. We particularly remember **Joyce Geldard** as well as all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.