



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

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Newsletter for Sunday 18th October 2026 Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 18th October <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 19th October	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 20th October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am CTF Workshop
Wednesday 21st October	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 22nd October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 23rd October	
Saturday 24th October	
Sunday 25th October <i>21st Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer 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]

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings for Sunday 18th October are **Isaiah 35.3-6**,
and **Luke 10.1-9**.

Church Family News

A big thank you to everyone who bought Eileen's delicious Fairtrade cakes and donated towards the Fairtrade Foundation - you raised over £70! The display of Fairtrade and Eco ideas will still be up this Sunday so please have a look if you missed it last week as well as donate if you want to and we'll add it to the total. Thanks for helping us be a Fairtrade Church and Eco-Congregation. *Alison & Eileen*

Cecilia moves on: Many thanks to everyone who came to St Guthlac's on 4th and then to St Mary's last Sunday to share in Cecilia's farewell services before her move to St Denys in Evington. Both were occasions of many mixed feelings but as we gave thanks to God for her ministry here and prayed for his blessing on the whole family now, it felt very much that this was an important next step in Cecilia's calling. We sent her on her way with a Communion Pyx, flowers, a set of her own coloured stoles, a wooden icon, and other gifts - thank you for your generosity.

Cecilia's licensing at St Denys will be at 7pm on Wednesday 28th October. Do please sign the list at the back of church if you would like/can offer a lift on the night - refreshments will follow the service. It would be great to see her take up her new ministry with lots of Knighton supporters, so do let me know if I can help to make this happen for you! *Adrian*

St Mary's Harvest Festival Food Donations The food collected for the Harvest Festival has been taken to the Leicester South Regional Distribution Centre on Clarkes Road, Wigston. It weighed in at 74kg which is certainly one of our biggest donations. They thanked us very much. The empty boxes are back in the Narthex so we can begin collecting again. *Sian Howard*

Parish Office James is now on annual leave and will return to work on Monday 2nd November.

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

- Our Morning Worship on **Sunday 18th October** will take the theme of *'Be a Bodybuilder!'* and will help us to reflect on what *our* Church needs now to grow and flourish.
- The final **Sunday** of **October, 25th**, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll focus on *"Wellness and Working Out"*.
- On the first Sunday of the new month, **1st November**, we come together in Worship for the Whole Church as we celebrate **All Saints Day**.
- On **Sunday 8th November** we worship together in a service of Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday, with the traditional two minutes silence at 11am.
- **Sunday 15th November** is the third of the month, and so we share Morning Worship marking **Safeguarding Sunday**.
- We join together for Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 22nd November**, the last Sunday of the Church's year as we remember **Christ the King**.
- This month we have a fifth Sunday as well, **29th November**, and we will be joining the congregation at St Guthlac's for a joint benefice Sung Eucharist to mark **Advent Sunday**.

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).

New arrival! "The Wills Family have welcomed a new baby son this week, for Jordan, Chloe and little sister Cora. This makes the 8th great grandson and granddaughter for me which I thank the Lord for healthy children".

Shirley Wills

Ride & Stride The total donations collected for the Ride and Stride event was £269. Many thanks again for your generosity. Eventually, half of this amount comes back to our church funds, so it directly benefits our own church as well as others in Leicestershire (who apply for grants from the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust). *Sian Howard*

Marie Curie Lunch The Marie Curie Autumn Lunch is now full, with 96 guests. Thank you all for your continued support. *Shirley Wills*

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

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There will be NO Compline on Wednesday 28th October. There will be virtual Compline services on all other Wednesdays in October and November at 8.00pm as usual. 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 #



ST. MARY MAGDALEN

HARVEST LUNCH

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026
12 NOON FOR 12.30 UNTIL 2 PM
AT KNIGHTON PARISH CENTRE
CHURCH LANE
LEICESTER LE2 3WG

JACKET POTATO WITH
VEGETABLE CHILLI, CHEESE, BEANS, HAM
DESSERTS
TEA & COFFEE
RAFFLE

TICKETS £6

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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

Praying for each other this month: Now that we're in October, please pray this month for all those in our congregations whose surnames begin with M, N, O and P. Pray that as the season changes they will trust in the God who's love and faithfulness is unchanging and constant, and who has gifted us a wonderful creation to enjoy and take care of.

Praying for the World: This week please pray for all those who work in the Police, Prison Service and other branches of our legal system. Pray for a strong calling to serve the public, for integrity and encouragement, for wisdom and understanding, and for protection of those on 'the frontline'.

Praying for the Church: In our own diocese please pray for all those involved in rural churches. Pray that they would know the presence and encouragement of God's Holy Spirit in their communities, and that they would have a positive vision for the future. Pray especially for the people and leaders of the churches in Newbold de Verdun, Barlestone & Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Tooley, also Barwell cum Stapleton and Potters Marston, and Burbage with Aston Flamville.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Palmerstone Way, Link Road, Ryde Avenue, Shanklin Drive, Shanklin Gardens, Shanklin Avenue.**

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 **Veronica Brown.**

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.