



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



Newsletter for Sunday 21st June 2026 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

God our Saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 21st June <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 22nd June	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 23rd June	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am Craft Workshop 2.00pm Mothers' Union Fellowship
Wednesday 24th June	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 25th June	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Friday 26th June	11.00am Healing Prayer with Communion
Saturday 27th June	
Sunday 28th June <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's 2.30pm Cream Tea in church

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

Sad news about Ruth Smith : No doubt, like me, you'll be very sad to hear that our dear friend and long-time member of St Mary's, Ruth Smith has died. After a recent fall and then a move to a care home in Market Harborough, she was settled until more falls and a deterioration. Ruth has been such a part of St Mary's for such a long time and she will be sadly missed by all of us. She was always a great encourager and did many unseen kindnesses. Please pray for her family as they adjust to her death and their life without her. **Ruth's funeral will be at St Mary's on Monday 29th June, and everyone is welcome.**

Adrian

Christian Aid Week Collection: the total amount collected was **£336**. Almost all of this was Gift Aided, adding another £84.50 to the total, which is just splendid. Many thanks for your generosity. *Eileen*

Overdale School Summer Fair 2026, Saturday 27th June

This year, the fair will take place from 12-2.30pm.

It is a great annual outreach opportunity for the church and, as usual, we have been asked to run a little 'stall' there. This takes the form of some fun activities for children; handing out various freebies; and just generally chatting with people. We would like to put a small team of volunteers together so, if you will be available and would like to help out, please let Sian know via her usual contact details at the end of the newsletter - or just mention it to her on a Sunday. *Sian Howard*

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 21st June** are:
Jeremiah 20.7-13 and **Matthew 10.24-39.**

At our 10.30am service, the readings are

Exodus 16.1-16 and **John 6.24-35.**

Our theme at 10.30am is

"Water, manna and quail"

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

- Our Morning Worship on Sunday 21st June will help us to reflect on what we can learn today from the experience of God's ancient people in the desert: "Water, manna and quail".
- The final Sunday of June, 28th, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll recall the meeting of Moses and Jethro, in the Book of the Exodus.
- 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).

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT



Lessons from the Desert

Moses emerged from the desert to confront Pharaoh and to lead God's ancient people to the Promised Land – but only after 40 years in the desert once again! Sometimes life today can feel as if we're wandering in a desert, weary and with far to go – but just as God stayed with his people long ago, so he stays with us today and even uses the desert experience to teach us and to shape us.

On each of the six Sundays following Trinity Sunday we'll be looking at some of these '*Lessons from the Desert*' as we follow God's people in their escape from Egypt and into the wilderness, as it's described in the Bible's book of the Exodus. Join us each week at 10.30am for the whole adventure! *Adrian*

Sunday 7 th June	<i>"Let my people go!"</i>
Sunday 14 th June	<i>"Crossing the Sea"</i>
Sunday 21 st June	<i>"Water, Manna and quail"</i>
Sunday 28 th June	<i>"Moses and Jethro"</i>
Sunday 5 th July	<i>"Fire on the mountain"</i>
Sunday 12 th July	<i>"The Golden Calf"</i>

Arrangements for Holy Communion at our 10.30am services

At the recent PCC meeting we had a helpful discussion about the best way in which to administer the elements at Holy Communion, within our 10.30am Sung Eucharist. We wanted to address two sets of concerns.

Firstly some folk prefer to dip their wafer into the wine once received, because they are concerned about picking up or passing on infections through sharing the Common Cup. This is called 'intinction'.

Other people are concerned that the practice of intinction might be contaminating the Common Cup with viruses or bacteria from hands, and is almost certainly adding gluten to the wine, causing problems for those who are gluten-intolerant.

At the PCC we heard the views from both perspectives and also the official Church of England position (that intinction be discouraged for health reasons). The PCC decided that we should try administering the bread and wine at Communion in a slightly different way for a few months.

We will continue to have the priest stand centrally to give out wafers (including gluten-free) and the chalice assistant standing to their left (that is, the south side) to offer the Common Cup (including the option of non-alcoholic wine).

IN ADDITION:

There will also be a small table just in front of the priest, covered with a cloth and positioned so as not to get in the way. On the table will be standing an additional chalice of consecrated wine. **Anyone who wishes to dip their wafer will be asked to use this chalice and the other will be kept for standard sharing.**

After a trial period, the PCC will review these arrangements and your feedback will be appreciated. In the meantime, please think about how you wish to receive the bread and the wine at Communion before we start our new arrangements on **Sunday 14th June.** *Adrian*



Mothers' Union Fellowship. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd June in the Parish Centre at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Our speaker will be Lorna Kirk and, as always, non-MU members are welcome to join us.

A couple of reminders for your diary: Teddy Bears Picnic in Coalville on 28th June and the 150th Anniversary Service at the Cathedral on Sunday, 9th August at 3.30pm. LP

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*

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. Click below.

[Church of England – Leicester - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](https://www.churchofengland.org/leicester-ineqe-safeguarding-group)



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

Leicester Cathedral

Diocese of Leicester

A Summer Cream Tea Event



On Sunday 28th June 2026

From 2.30pm - 4.30pm

In St. Mary Magdalen Church

Cream Tea or Cake, Tea or Coffee

Tickets £3

Available from Beryl Bonfield

0116 2702202

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 #



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.



Easy Fundraising

Did you know that we're registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us in 2026 when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to St Mary Magdalen - Knighton PCC on your behalf when you shop with them. We have raised over £500 so far - Please sign up today. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, sign up today and we could win a £500 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-mary-magdalen-knighton-pcc/h2y5ev/c2s/ahT9IaEN/CE945/facebook/>

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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: As we approach the halfway point of the year, this June please pray for all of those in our congregations, wider church family and community whose surnames begin with the letters U, V, W X, Y and Z! Pray that they would each know themselves to be remembered by God and special to him as a unique individual, created with unique gifts to share with the world.

Praying for the World: With news reports about the high number of young people in the UK who are without employment, education or training once they leave school, please pray for a deeper concern for the rising generations. Pray that leaders and decision makers will make our young people a priority and pray for the strength, support and wisdom of teachers, youth workers and parents who seek to help and guide. Please pray for the young people themselves - for a sense of value and purpose, energy and direction.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all the Minster Communities now forming across our diocese. Pray for those churches that will join with ourselves on this side of the city and this week especially for the churches of All Saints and St Thomas's in Wigston. With others across our diocese, please pray this week for the people and leaders of the churches in Rothley, Sileby, Cossington & Seagrave, and the Goscote Deanery.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch 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 **Valerie Thompson, 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 **Graham Corbett** and **Ruth Smith.**