



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



Newsletter for Sunday 23rd August 2026 12th Sunday after Trinity

Collects 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.

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save
us: remind us of your
goodness, increase your
grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 23rd August <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's
Monday 24th August	10.00am Social Committee Meeting 2.00pm Funeral of Teresa Hogg 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 25th August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 26th August	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 27th August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 28th August	11.00am Healing Prayer with Communion
Saturday 29th August	
Sunday 30th August <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30am Joint Benefice Service at St Mary'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

A new step for our curate, Cecilia: After more than 4 years as part of our church family here at St Guthlac's and St Mary's, our curate Cecilia has a new calling - to be the Vicar of St Denys Church in Evington. Cecilia and Peter, together with Esther, David and Daniel, first arrived with us when she was an ordinand in training, and we were so pleased when the Diocese suggested that Cecilia might complete her curacy training here too... sadly though, all curates have to leave! We have all benefitted so much from Cecilia's ministry and from the life and laughter that all the family have shared with us, that it will be hard to say farewell - but at least we know they'll still be near neighbours (and in fact they won't need to move house). When we know the date of Cecilia's licensing at St Denys we'll prepare a proper 'goodbye' to them all, but in the meantime do thank God for them and pray that the change will go smoothly and easily. **PS please note that Cecilia will be "collated and inducted" into her new post by Bishop Martyn in a service at 7pm on Wednesday 28th October, at St Denys'. Look out for further details. Adrian**

Sad news: This week we had the very sad news that our friend and congregation member Irvine Byer has died. Although Irvine had been having cancer treatment in recent years, he had been well until very recently, so his death came as a shock to Sharon, his wife, and their children. Irvine's gentle nature but sharp humour brought a special sparkle to church when he was able to come, so I know that he'll be greatly missed here too. Please pray for the family as they come to terms with their loss and a very different future. *Adrian*

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 23rd August** are:

Isaiah 51.1-6 and Matthew 16.13-20.

A big “thank you” to everyone who came along to the Afternoon Tea at the Thatched Cottage on Saturday 8 August.

It was a lovely sunny day with a light and welcome breeze. A good Tea, great company and laughter made for a happy atmosphere. Tea, sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and cake were consumed... and much-needed cold drinks were served throughout the afternoon.

There followed a Teatime-themed word game, which provoked friendly banter, and fierce competitiveness from some tables. The triumphant team and the two runners-up tables were awarded engraved individual gold teaspoons (engraved “stainless steel”).

My “Pride and Prejudice” dolls house was open for viewing at the end of the afternoon. It was a pleasure for me to share my love of this hobby with others... so many fond memories of childhood houses, built by fathers for Christmas. The world of grown-up dolls houses and miniatures can still entrance us with the magic of make-believe.

To everyone who contributed in any way to making the occasion a success, and for donations, my sincere thanks. It was a great pleasure for Charles and I to welcome everyone to our garden and we are very pleased to say that £232 was raised for Church Funds.

Annette Metcalfe

ps. I will be holding a couple of Coffee Mornings at some stage, for anyone who missed seeing the dolls house on the day or was unable to attend. I'll fix dates asap.



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

Sunday 23rd August Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th August Joint Benefice Service at St Mary's

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).

Marie Curie Autumn Lunch

You are invited to the next Marie Curie Autumn Lunch on Thursday 29th October. 12 noon for a 12.30pm start. This will be at the Taste Restaurant in Leicester College. Tickets are £27 per person.

For tickets, please contact Shirley Wills on 0116 2811401.



Everybody is Somebody in the Body of Christ - God gives gifts and abilities to all of us, and calls us to use them in the life of the church as well as for the sake of others in the world. This summer I'm inviting everyone to join me in giving thanks to God for all those people who, over the years, have played their part in the church family of St Mary's, in all sorts of ways. I'm also inviting you to join me in praying for people to step forward for some key roles in church life over the next two years. Please make sure that you have a copy of the leaflet called 'Everybody is Somebody in the Body of Christ', either by email with the newsletter or as a paper version from church. Consider carefully, and pray please, about God's calling to us here today. *Adrian*

Summertime - over the school holidays. Adrian and family, and Cecilia and family, will be taking holidays at various points. If you can't get in touch with one or other of us, and the need is urgent, then please do try to contact another member of the Ministry Team. Emails and phone messages can be left as usual but please be aware that there may be a delay in getting back to you. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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 #

St Mary's Carpool – appeal for extra help

There are currently a small number of folk who regularly offer lifts to congregation members who can no longer make their own way to church any more. But when just one of us is unavailable, it significantly impacts the help we can offer. It would be really helpful to have a list of people whom we could contact for occasionally giving lifts to church. If you feel you could be one of them, please either email/text/phone the church-warden Sian (contact details at the end of the newsletter) or chat with her in church.

Ride and Stride 2026, Saturday 12th September

Unbelievably, this annual event is fast approaching again. 'Ride and Stride' is a one-day fundraising ecumenical event organized by the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, where sponsored participants walk or ride their bicycles between churches of all denominations in and around Leicester. You decide how many and which churches you would like to visit and you make up your own route. Participating churches remain open for most of the day so it is a great opportunity not just to look inside them but also to meet the folk who worship there. If you would like to be a Ride-and-Strider this year, please ask Sian for a sponsorship form and make yourself available for Saturday 12th September. We also need volunteers to staff the Ride-and-Stride desk at St Mary's to greet and register the folk visiting our church on that day. The latter doesn't require you to be available for the whole day – if you can manage a two-hour slot between 10:00 and 18:00 this would be really helpful. Again, please talk to Sian if this is something you would like to be involved in.

<https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride-leicestershire>

Teddy Bear Parachuting 31st August 1pm - 4pm

If anyone would like to donate any prizes for the tombola, there is a box at the back of church. Many thanks.



Teddy Bear Zip Line &

Parachute Jump!

31st August 1pm to 4pm
-at St Mary's, Knighton-

Calling all brave teddies and their
owners, whatever age!

Give your teddy the experience of
a lifetime, zip lining from the top of
our beautiful bell tower.

Teddy can also parachute from the
tower if it's not too windy.

We will provide all the equipment,
just bring along your favourite bear
for £2 per jump.

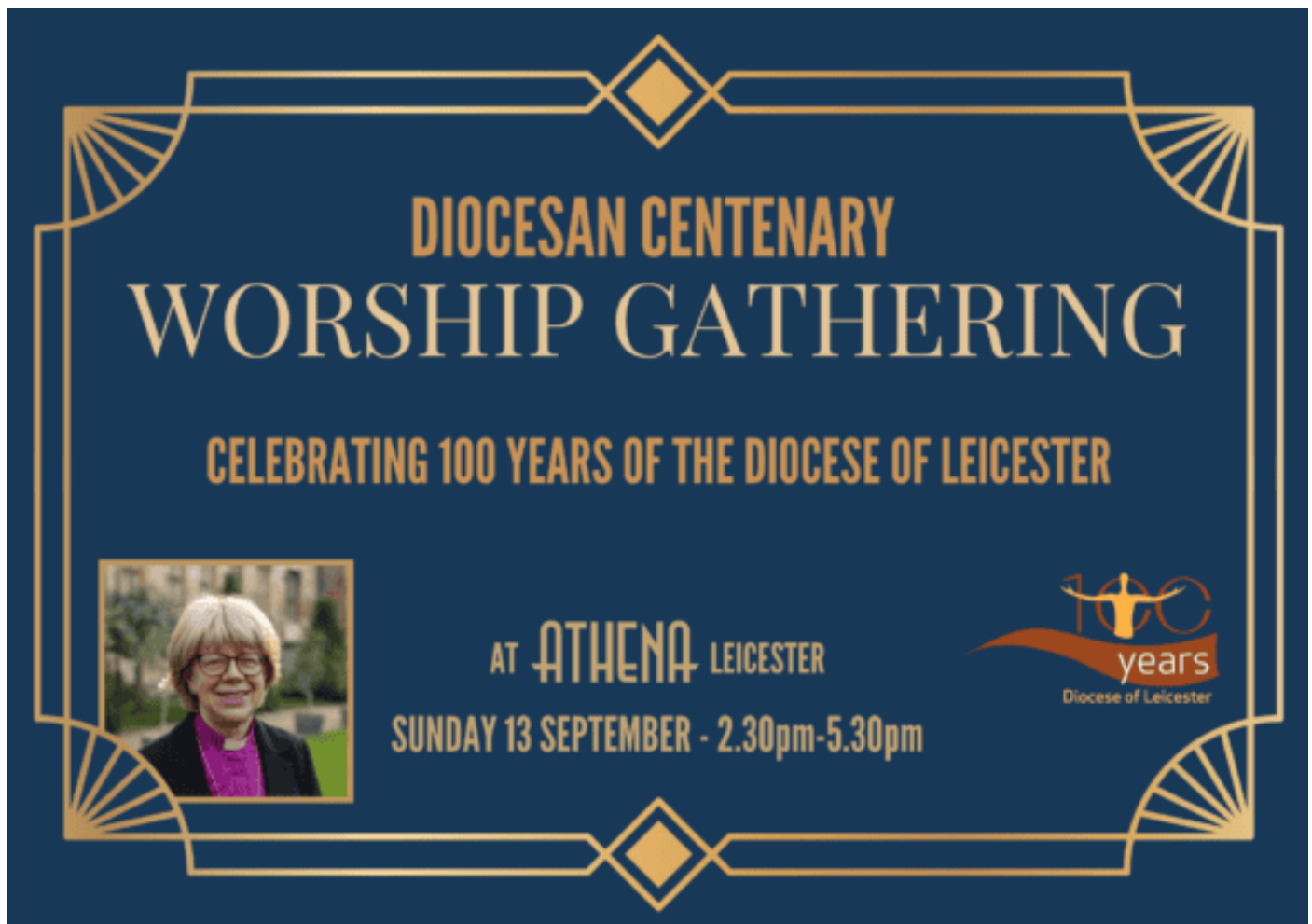
Tombola, tea, coffee and cakes

— in aid of —

Saint Mary Magdalen Church bellringers

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The Diocese of Leicester invites you to its Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering with special guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Taking place on Sunday 13 September at the Athena in Leicester, the event will celebrate 100 years of the diocese and bring together parishes, church schools, the cathedral, chaplaincies and wider communities in worship and thanksgiving.

We hope many of you will join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer, music, liturgy, food and drink, presentations, and more. All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult.

We are honoured to be joined for the occasion by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally.

Tickets can be booked [through Eventbrite](#). FAQs on the booking page include parking and group booking information.

For further questions, please contact bishops.office@leicestercofe.org



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DESREE * ERIN BOLENS * HANNAH DAVIES
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PAUL COOKSON * RENSOLL * YASMIN JENKINS

THEATRE & COMEDY

ANCESTORS BY PETER BRATHWAITE
COMEDY CLUB WITH JONATHAN MAYOR * KAYLEIGH JONES * MATT GREEN * RIA LINA
FOLK ON * HUG BY LEVANTES DANCE THEATRE
LUISA OMIELAN WITH GOD IS A WOMAN THE MUSICAL
MATT WINNING WITH SOLASTALGIA * NO DIRECTION HOME
REC.ON(STRUCTION) BY MAX CALAF & LUCAS RUIZ * REGGIE WATTS
ROLL PLAY BY SIMPLE CYPHER * SAINTS ON THE BRIDGE BY TESTAMENT
SORRY (I BROKE YOUR ARMS AND LEGS) BY MAYBE YOU LIKE IT
THE LIGHT HOUSE BY ALYS WILLIAMS

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

ANDY SQUYRES * CARRIE GRANT
FRANCESCO BY DANIEL ZAPPI * SEKRET * WILDERTHORN

VISUAL ARTS

MALAK MATTAR * MUSSON*RETALLICK, MIGRATION

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BUNGALOW BILL * CIRCUS KAOS * DIZZY O'DARE * DJ JOZZY
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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.

Prayers

God of our longing,
hear our prayers protect our dreams,
and listen to our silent hopes.
Deal gently with our pain, speak to our sadness,
and remove the barriers that imprison our spirit.
Shed your light where shadows are cast,
that we may feel your warmth and know your presence.
Give us courage to hold fast to our vision
that we may build our world
and create our future.
Amen.

Prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Christ our light,
your love burns in our hearts
and builds in us a thirst for justice.
Jesus, light of the world,
you taught us how to reach out to others, open our ears to the stories that
beg to be heard.
You who are light and warmth, banish the darkness
and bring us hope. Jesus, light of life, enfold us all with your love
and incline our hearts
to the leading of your healing spirit.
Amen.

Prayer by Matthew Dear and Susy Brouard

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 **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 **Teresa Hogg** and **Irvine Byer**.