



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

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**Newsletter for Sunday  
25th September 2022  
15th Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect for this week**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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.



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday 25th September</b> <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) <b>10.30am Sung Eucharist            for Creationtide'</b> 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs
Monday 26th September	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 27th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.30pm Mothers' Union
Wednesday 28th September	8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 29th September	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G) 12.30 Church cleaning 4.00pm Interment of Ashes
Friday 30th September	11.00am Healing Prayer with Communion 2.00pm Interment of Ashes 2—5pm Flower arranging 7.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 1st October	9.30am Flower arranging 11.00am Interment of Ashes
<b>Sunday 2nd October</b> <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist <b>10.30am Harvest Festival followed            by Bring and Share Lunch</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?

## Church Family News

### Grateful thanks

Dear friends. Thankyou so much for your generous parting collection. I had planned to buy a new stole but the sum was so much more, I am now going to get an ebike to help me up the hill between Anstey and Thurcaston (and keep up with Clare on hers). I am settling into working with the two churches, with two very different contexts. This suits me well, working with both proper rural villages as well as the urban edges and demographics of a town like community. I am enjoying how key to civic life the church is, taking a lead role in the gala, Remembrance planning with the Legion and Parish Council as well a church school. I realise how much ministry in Knighton has been a good grounding for leading worship as well as having the confidence to try new things. Unfortunately there is no housing on the horizon and so I commute. Though it has meant this has worked well for the continuity of the girls' schooling. Lydia is having a great time travelling alone round Europe having just completed a week at L'abri Christian community in Switzerland. I think and pray regularly for you. God bless and God save the King (I still keep saying mistakenly Queen)!! *Matthew*

**Social Committee 'Friends'** We really need people to offer to help with social events. We don't need new committee members, we just need people to be prepared to do things with us. Please speak to Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to be a 'friend' of the Social Committee.

**Mothers' Union** Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 27th September at 2.30 in St. Mary's. We have had to make a change to our programme and the Rev Janet has kindly agreed to be our speaker and tell us about her experiences as an au pair in France. We shall also need to discuss where to hold future meetings now that winter approaches. As always, visitors will be very welcome. LP

### Listening to God's Word

Our Bible readings for **Sunday 25th September** are:

**James 5.1-7 and Matthew 15.32-39**

**'Before we say goodbye'** : In last week's Sunday service we considered the truth, sadness and hope that we find in facing the fact that we will each, one day, die. As a result you may now be thinking ahead - about being in the right place with God and with other people, about plans for your own time of dying and about the funeral to follow. Please do get in touch if you'd like a conversation over a cup of tea about any of these things - they can feel difficult to bring up but we can all gain much peace from talking gently together and making some plans.

If you would prefer to talk, listen and think as part of a friendly small group then you might want to join me at the Vicarage on **Wednesday 5th October**, either at **10am** (until 11.30) or later, at **7.30pm** (until 9pm) when we'll discuss together some of the good advice provided in the book *'Before we say goodbye'* by Ray Simpson - there's no need to have the book itself, as I'll lead our conversation. Please do let me know if you'd like to come.

The Church of England has webpages that may help:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals>

and I can also point you towards other useful things to read, if that helps. There are some leaflets at the back of the church that you are free to take. As usual, you can reach me by email [adrian.jones@zoho.com](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com), or phone 0116 270 4268 or 07919 262399, or of course at church on Sunday. *Adrian*

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

**AFRICA INSPIRES - UGANDA 2022** As many of you might have read in the Benefice Magazine, my wife Sue is visiting Uganda shortly. From Sunday 25th she will be visiting three schools in Kampala to see the development of the 'Develop with Dignity' programme and to see how the money raised by three Leicester/Leicestershire schools has been used. She is visiting with a group from Teams4U. If you would like to see her adventures, please follow her blog from Sunday 25th September at this web address <http://www.getjealous.com/Uganda22> *Nigel Siesage*



This year we will be celebrating our traditional Harvest Festival at St Mary's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am. Our theme will be 'Treasuring and Thanking', and as part of the Creationtide Season we'll be thinking about our own place in creation, alongside the plants and animals that we live amongst.

This is a wonderful opportunity to remember how good God has been to us, and specifically through the bounty of the natural world. As usual we're inviting everyone to express their gratitude and generosity by sharing something of this blessing with others, through bringing tinned or packet food that we will then pass on to the South Leicester Foodbank.

After the service we are also planning a **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch** in the church, starting about noon, after our normal tea/coffee. This is a good opportunity to spend a little more time with other church folk, and perhaps get to know new people as well. Please see Church Warden Beryl Bonfield if you'd like to plan what you might bring – **everyone is very welcome!**

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 2nd October**

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Friday afternoon, 30th September, 2pm and Saturday morning, 1st October, 9.30am. Everyone is welcome and no experience necessary.

As well as our usual types of arrangements in autumn colours, it would be lovely to have some new ideas for the window sills. Perhaps you have a vase to use instead of oasis, some dried seed heads in the garden or other ideas that reflect the idea of harvest.

**Please sign up at the back of the church or let Deborah (0116 2707525) know if you can help.**

Gifts of greenery, flowers etc will be welcome. Please bring these to the church on the Friday.

Thank you. *Deborah*



# 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 have obviously had to change our plans in the light of the death of Her Majesty, but we will still be thinking about 'Sowing, Growing and Gathering' on Sunday 25th September and 'Treasuring' at our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October.

You might like to use this prayer through the coming week:

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth, to preserve and shape it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new and healed creation,  
Founded on the faithfulness of your love.

Amen

*Adrian*

**'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.

## **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**

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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](mailto: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 that there will be wise and calming voices on the world stage, so that all may feel secure and we may move towards peace rather than more conflict in Ukraine. Give thanks for the truce that is holding in Yemen and pray that the negotiators may be able to build a lasting peace agreement.

**Praying for the Church:** Pray that, as we remember through this Harvest season God's great generosity towards us in creation and in the gift of his son, our Saviour, we too will be inspired to generosity and kindness towards all in need, and towards the 'family of communities' that make up the church in our city, our diocese, our nation and across the world.

**Praying for the Parish:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Lambourne Road, Fairholme Road, Cairnsford Road, Ferndale Road, Northdene 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 **Diane Stockton, Flick Titley, Val Stubbs, John Orme, Peter Relph, 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: **Iain Davidson**. We particularly remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.