



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



## **Newsletter for Sunday 31st August 2025 11th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Collects for this week**

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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 of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking  
your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



## The Week Ahead..

Sunday 31st August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>10.30am Joint Benefice Service</b>
Monday 1st September	1.00pm Teddy Bear Parachute 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 2nd September	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Tree Meeting
Wednesday 3rd September	11.00am Church cleaning
Thursday 4th September	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's) 1.15pm Funeral - Barbara Tomlinson
Friday 5th September	
Saturday 6th September	10.00am Coffee Morning
Sunday 7th September <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist <b>10.30am Worship for the Whole Church</b> 10.30am Eucharist 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 Jenny Worsfold 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:

Our readings for 31st August are Hebrews 11.1-2, 13-16, and 12.1-3 and Luke 21.21, 34-36

## Come together!

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August is the fifth Sunday of the month and so we have a joint benefice service, this time at St Mary's. These services are a great opportunity for our two congregations, from both St Guthlac's and St Mary's, to meet, mingle and, more importantly, to worship together.



On this occasion we'll be remembering one of the great '*cloud of witnesses*', Christians from the past '*commended for their faith*' (Hebrews 11) and who give us an inspiring example to follow:

**John Bunyan** (1628-1688) was an English preacher and author of "The Pilgrim's Progress", one of the most influential Christian books of all time and never out of print since its first publication. Please do join us at St Mary's, 10.30am, as we reflect on how to avoid '*the Slough of Despond*' and '*Vanity Fair*' and keep our focus on what it means today '*To be a Pilgrim*' on the way to '*the Celestial City*'.

*Adrian*

**Communion at Home:** If you find that coming to church on Sundays or for our midweek services is just too difficult, you might appreciate the opportunity for receiving Communion at home occasionally. Please let Adrian know if this would be helpful and we'll see what can be arranged.



## **COMING UP ..... What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in August and September 2025**

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!

- We have an extra Sunday this month, on **31<sup>st</sup> August**, and our joint Eucharist service for the whole benefice will be at 10.30am and at St Mary's this time – please do come.
- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** is the first of the new month and so we celebrate with **Worship for the Whole Church**, our new name for 'All Age Worship', emphasising that there is a place for everyone. We'll be hearing about some Christians who have made their mark on the world ...including (as we begin Creationtide) St Francis.
- We meet together for a Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, the second Sunday of Creationtide.
- On **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** we praise God together in Morning Worship, with the band and choir to lead us.
- The last Sunday of the month is **28<sup>th</sup> September**, and we share a Sung Eucharist.
- Advance notice! Our **Harvest Festival for Everyone** is on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October!**

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.

**Ride and Stride, Saturday 13th September** This annual fundraiser for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust will be with us again soon. It's a sponsored event involving either walking or riding between Leicestershire churches. If you would like to be a 'rider and strider' then you can find a sponsorship form on the table at the back of the church. Alternatively, you could volunteer to help out at the St Mary's ride-and-stride registration table for a 1-2 hour period sometime between 10:00-18:00 on that Saturday. And finally, if you could sponsor a rider-and-strider (churchwarden Sian will be one of them) that would be great. Half of the money raised ultimately is given back to our church. Many thanks,  
*Sian Howard.*

## **Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings**

### **CHANGE OF LOG ON ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September**

There is an online Compline service every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **all are welcome.** You can also join using a phone. You can join the meeting from 7.55 pm.

Revd Adrian will be taking Compline on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a new log on address and telephone number for these two evenings, so he can use his computer at home. James will send this new number out to regular participants with details of the service.

If you are new to Compline you can let James know  
[office@knightonparish.co.uk](mailto:office@knightonparish.co.uk)

## Your Invitation – A special Minster Community meeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you will be aware the process of formation of Minster Communities across the Diocese is underway. Working groups involving individuals from parishes across our Minster Community (MC3 Teal) have been working hard to identify where Parishes are at present and creatively thinking about how all the Parishes across the Minster can work together in the future.



Each of the seven working groups has now developed a short report and alongside these there will be a summary document which we would like to share with all the Parishes by mid-September. We are then going to hold a '*Sense Making*' meeting – at which the reports will be reviewed and any gaps can be filled or further ideas be contributed from the parishes themselves.

The '*Sense Making*' meeting will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at St Hugh, Eyres Monsell. We will gather at 9.30am for a 10.00am – 12.30pm meeting. Refreshments will be provided. **Everyone in your Church is invited to come along – even if they haven't been part of the discussions so far. We will have the report ready for you before the meeting – meanwhile please put the date in your diary.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Kurinczuk ([jenny.kurinczuk@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jenny.kurinczuk@npeu.ox.ac.uk)) , Fiona Wingate ([fiona.wingate@talktalk.net](mailto:fiona.wingate@talktalk.net)) or Adrian Jones ([adrian.jones@zoho.com](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com)) who are members of the MC3 Teal Co-ordinating Group.

Thank you and very best wishes,

Jenny Kurinczuk

On behalf of the MC3 Teal Minster Community

## **“Journey in Faith” – could this be your next step in the growth of your Christian faith and life?**

The ‘Journey in Faith’ course is an opportunity to meet regularly with other Christians of all sorts, over a few months, and to discuss and learn about our faith in an enquiring and supportive environment. This year ‘Journey in Faith’ will run in Knighton and a special invitation is being extended to everyone from our partner churches in the proposed Minster Community to join us. There are more details in the item elsewhere in the newsletter.

**This year’s course will be launched with an introduction for anyone curious or interested, on Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm at St Martins House, next to the Cathedral.**

If you would like more information beforehand please feel free to contact [Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org) – or just turn up! Talk to me too for more information.

*Adrian*

### **Journey in Faith Course**

#### **What is the Journey in Faith Course?**

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

#### **Who can join?**

It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

#### **What does a previous participant say?**

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then Jif is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."



#### **Course Details**

##### **Introductory Session**

Saturday 13th September  
9.30-12.30 at St Martin's House

##### **Course Venues**

Monday evening	Nanpantan
Tuesday evening	Frisby on the Wreake
Wednesday evening	Ellistown
Wednesday evening	Knighton, Leicester



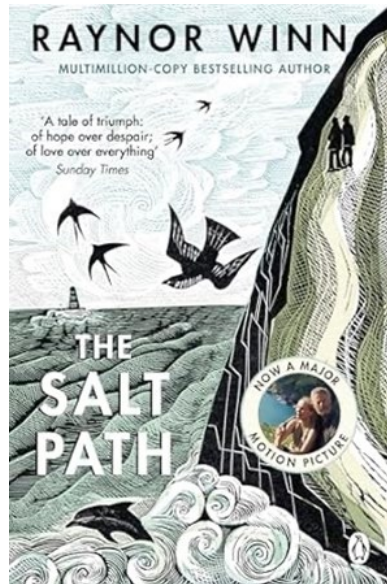
Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs

#### **How do I join a course?**

For more information email:  
[liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org)

To book a place:  
visit the Hub or email  
[mmbookings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:mmbookings@leicestercofe.org)  
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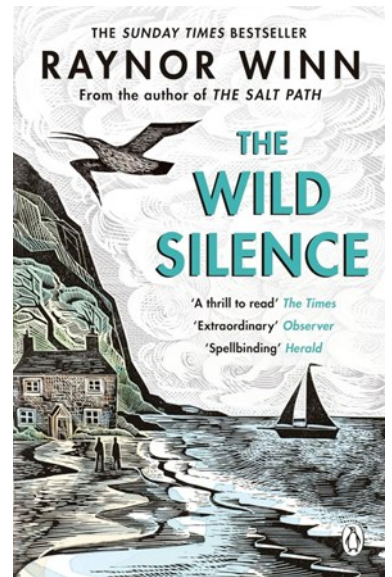




## Tea & Talk Summer Read

### The Salt Path & The Wild Silence

by Raynor Winn



**Have you read one or both books? These books have been in the press and on social media recently. What do you think about them? Come and join us to talk about the books and the role of the media at St Guthlac's church, Holbrook Road on**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 (with tea & cakes)**

## COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

From 10 am - 12 noon

St Mary Magdalen Church,  
Brinsmead Road, Knighton

Stalls to include  
Cakes, Books & Jigsaws,  
Gifts & Raffle

Just come along      Everyone welcome



## **Knighton Craft Workshops 2025**

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival Team has been running a series of very successful Craft Workshops this year. These take place on **Tuesdays from 10.30-12.30** in St. Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road, Knighton.

We provide a warm welcome, craft activities, tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*No previous skills or knowledge required - just a willingness to have a go!*

We plan to sell the items made at the next festival. However if you would like to take your creations home you are welcome to, for a small donation.

We hope to see you there! The April, May, June and July workshops have been completed. There is no workshop in August .

### **New dates for the remainder of the year:**

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- December - no craft workshop in December

### **Save the date:**

This year's Festival will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Any queries please contact: knightonctf24@gmail.com

Sue Siesage and the CTF Team

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### Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **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 #

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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](mailto: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 for each other this month** Please continue to pray for other members of our church family and community, and especially this month for all those whose surnames begin with E, F, G and H. Pray for time spent well with God, family, friends and in re-creation.

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for all those affected by floods in Pakistan and wild fires and droughts across Europe...and all people around the world who experience the direct effects of our climate crisis.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for all those churches currently in the discussions that will lead to the formation of Minster Communities across our diocese. Pray for wisdom, understanding and generosity of spirit.

**Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends:** Please pray for the peace and well-being of the pupils and staff of **Overdale Infants School, Overdale Junior School, The Lancaster Academy, Sir Jonathan North Community College, Leicester High School for Girls, Leicester Islamic Academy.**

**Continuing Prayers Please....** Please remember all those on our 'Continuing Prayer' list, and especially: **Irving Byer, David Holland, John Orme, Dale McCullough and Adri Cook.**

**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 **Brian Arnold, Miranda Willder, Margaret Roff, Geoff Merry, Katherine Swanson, and Ian.**

Please remember all those who have died in recent days –especially **Barbara Tomlinson and Peter Patterson ('Paddy')**. Ask God to bring comfort and peace to their family and friends, even in their sadness.