



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



Newsletter for Sunday 13th September 2026 15th Sunday after Trinity

Collects 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.

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 13th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (Trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 14th September	7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 15th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Wednesday 16th September	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 17th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 18th September	
Saturday 19th September	
Sunday 20th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's 3.30pm Interment of ashes

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 on **Sunday 13th September** are:
Genesis 50.15-21 and **Matthew 18.21-35.**

Church Family News

Cecilia's licensing service in her new post: Our beloved Curate Cecilia will be "collated and inducted" into her new post as Vicar of St Denys, Evington at a special service on Wednesday 28th October, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome - if you can offer a lift or would like a lift to the service, then please add your name to the list at the back of church, text or call 07919 262399 or email me adrian.jones@zoho.com We'll then get in touch and try to match people up.

If you would like to contribute to Cecilia's farewell gift then please place your contribution in a labelled and sealed envelope for the collection plate, or pay directly using the St Mary's church bank details and the reference 'Cecilia'. The account is 'Knighton PCC', Sort Code - 20 49 17 and account number - 43592286.

Cecilia's last service at St Guthlac's will be on Sunday 4th October and then at St Mary's on Sunday October 11th.

Adrian

Four Waters Minster Community: After almost five years, our diocesan plans to reorganise ministry and mission across all or parishes are bearing fruit. Our own proposed partnership with other local churches has now been comprehensively described in a document that will be considered by all the relevant PCCs this autumn, and by the Archdeacons Joint Mission Committee, before being redrafted in a final form that can be sent to the Bishop and formally voted on within every church. This process could see a launch early next year.

Our proposed Minster Community has taken the name of "Four Waters" because the rivers Sence and Soar, together with the Saffron/Washbrook and the Grand Union Canal feature across our parishes and join together as a symbol of both diversity and unity. The St Mary's PCC has had a first discussion of the proposal document, and the St Guthlac's PCC is about to do so. When the final draft is produced we will organise occasions for everyone in our churches to hear the detail and to ask questions and make comments about the implications for the future - before our PCCs take the important vote about joining or not. Do talk to me, Fiona Wingate or Lesley Meakin to find out more. *Adrian*

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in September 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 13th September: Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20th September: Morning Worship

Sunday 27th September: Sung Eucharist

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.



Latest St Mary's Foodbank donation

The food collected during June-August 2026 has been taken to the Leicester South Foodbank distribution centre in Wigston. It weighed in at 32 kg. The staff there asked me to thank you all for the donations.

Sian Howard

Mothers' Union Fellowship. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 22nd September when our guest speaker will be Bishop Mlula from our link Diocese of Kiteto, Tanzania. On this occasion we will meet in St Mary's at 1.30 for a 2pm start. As always, non-MU members are very welcome to join us. LP

HARVEST FESTIVAL : SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2026

We will be decorating St Marys from 2pm on Friday 2nd October and continuing from 9.30am on Saturday 3rd.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along with your ideas and do a window sill or help decorate the pillars. No experience is necessary, it could just be a simple vase of flowers. Donations of autumnal greenery or flowers should be brought to the church on Friday please.

It will help me to know who is coming and when, so please sign up at the back of the church or let me know.

Thank you Deborah (0116 2707525)



Craft Workshops

Craft Workshops for the Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Narthex, 10.30-12.30, on the following dates. Please note change of date for October. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 29th September (Bring along egg boxes if you can)

Tuesday 20th October

Tuesday 3rd November



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 #

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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: This month please pray for all those in our congregations whose surnames begin with the letters I, J, K and L - pray that they would know the goodness of God across all areas of their lives, and in response be thankful and generous to others.

Praying for the World: This week there has been renewed focus on two enduring conflicts, in Ukraine and in the Middle East. Please pray for the protection and well-being of the ordinary people caught up in the violence and suffering. Pray too for a deep change of heart and conviction in those who make the decisions that result in the suffering. Pray for those of us on the outside - that we might know how to help, and that we might be inspired to acts of kindness and community building here at home where we can make a difference.

Praying for the Church: This week the Archbishop of Canterbury visits our own Diocese and City, as the Diocese of Leicester celebrates its 100th birthday. Pray that her visit will renew hope and faith for all Anglicans, and be encouraging for people of other Christian denominations and other faiths as well. Pray for the Minster Community process and all the PCCs currently considering proposals for the future partnership of local churches and ministers. Give thanks for Archbishop Sarah and for our own Bishops Martyn and Saju, and pray for their wisdom, discernment and compassion in days to come.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: 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 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** 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 **Irvine Byer**.