



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



Newsletter for Sunday 10th August 2025 8th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 10th August <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (Trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Mattins at St Guthlac's
Monday 11th August	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 12th August	9.30am Holy Communion 12 noon Funeral—Marjorie Braint
Wednesday 13th August	
Thursday 14th August	9.30am Eucharist (St Guthlac's) 5.30pm VJ Day Service - Leicester Cathedral
Friday 15th August	
Saturday 16th August	
Sunday 17th August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Come As You Are Communion 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's

Holidays - Over the summer weeks the members of the clergy team will be taking holidays at various points. If you have an urgent pastoral need then please call other members of the team if one of us is not able to respond. Thank you!

Over the school summer holidays there will often be Sunday Club on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month apart from the 20th July. There will be no Church Club at St Guthlac's on the 4th Sunday of August. There are always activity bags for younger and older young people hanging on the hooks just outside the kitchen door - please help yourself and replace afterwards. Thank you. *Alison*

Listening to God's Word:

Our readings for 10th August are Genesis 15.1-6
and Luke 12.32-40.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

The Revd Jane Sharp It is with sadness that we heard last week of the death of the Revd Jane Sharp, on Friday 18 July 2025, aged 70.

Jane was ordained in 1997 and after serving her Curacy in Aylestone she spent eight years from 2000-2008 as a Non-Stipendiary Minister here in the Knighton parishes. From 2008, Jane served as an Associate Minister at St James the Greater and from 2014, she also served as Chaplain at Leicester Community College.

Please be praying for her husband Andrew and children Hope, Abraham and Rebecca.

Jane's funeral will take place on Saturday 16 August 2025, at 12noon at St James the Greater, Leicester. All are welcome to attend the service.

Thank you! We would like to thank everyone for your love, care, thoughts and prayers as we prepared for our marriage. We had the most amazing day at Normanton Church, Rutland Water. The sun broke through the clouds as we stepped out of the church and it was really magical. We then had a lovely time at our reception with family and friends. We have spent the last week on the beautiful island of Madeira. It's hard to come back down to earth but we're getting there slowly! Thank you all so much for your cards and gifts. Your love and support has been amazing. *James & Neill*



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

- On **Sunday 10th August** we celebrate with Sung Eucharist, as we '*Learn with Luke*' about being 'Ready and Waiting'.
- On the third Sunday of the month, **17th August**, everyone is invited to share in a "*Come as you are*" Communion service.
- On **Sunday 24th August** we worship with a Sung Eucharist that falls on St Bartholomew's day.
- We have an extra Sunday this month, on **31st 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.

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.

VJ Day 80th Anniversary Service :

Thursday 14 August, 5.30-6.30pm

Leicester Cathedral

A civic service marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the Second World War, with music and bellringing.

All welcome.

South Asian Heritage Special Service : Sunday 17 August, 6.15 pm
(doors open at 5.30pm) – Church of the Martyrs, Leicester

This special gathering will include South Asian worship, traditional and contemporary music, and expressions of faith through dance, spoken word and storytelling. After the service, stay and enjoy a taste of South Asian food—alongside Christian fellowship.

For more info, please email Shobha.Gosa@LeicesterCofE.org

Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ! On the feast of St Peter and St Paul we remembered how all of us have an important place in the Body of Christ on Earth today - the local church. I invited all of us who feel part of St Guthlac's and/or St Mary's to pray over the summer about the many different roles in church life - giving thanks for those who serve so faithfully, asking for guidance about our own roles, and praying for people to 'fill gaps'. Copies of my leaflet. "Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ!", including prayer suggestions for each day of the week, are available at the back of the church. Please take one and pray!
Adrian

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.

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 27th 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) , Fiona Wingate (fiona.wingate@talktalk.net) or Adrian Jones (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

From the Bishop of Leicester's Office: *New Archdeacon of Leicester.*

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of **The Revd Richard Trethewey**, currently Rector in the Benefice of Glenfield and Newtown Linford, as Archdeacon of Leicester.

Richard is well known by many in the diocese for his work as Assistant Archdeacon and Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Commenting on the appointment, Bishop Martyn said: "I am particularly pleased that Richard has agreed to become the next Archdeacon of Leicester. His appointment provides continuity at a time of considerable change in the diocese, and I know that he will bring real wisdom and energy to the work of supporting parishes through these changes. Richard has rich parish experience himself, both in this diocese as well as Birmingham and Lichfield. I am looking forward to working with him in this new role."

Reflecting on his new role, Richard said: "It is nearly 10 years since I was interviewed to take up a post in the Diocese of Leicester, and in that time a lot has changed for me personally and in the diocese. Over those years I have been privileged to have been able to contribute to the life and mission of the diocese, primarily of course in my parishes of Glenfield and Newtown Linford, then as Area Dean, Chair of the DAC and most recently Assistant Archdeacon.

"I am aware that I have a lot to learn as I move from one side of the diocese to the other, but I am looking forward to stepping up to the responsibility and stepping across to the Archdeaconry of Leicester to continue to serve the churches and people of this county and city as we pursue our vision of the Kingdom of God."

Richard will be installed as Archdeacon of Leicester on Thursday 2nd October at 5.30pm at Leicester Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. From Monday 27th October, Richard will be contactable on Richard.Trethewey@Leicestercofe.org and on 07534 225320

“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 – 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

To book a place:
visit the Hub or email
mmbookings@leicestercofe.org
stating your preferred venue



Teddy Bear Zip Line &

Parachute Jump!

25th 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.

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and cakes

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Did you know that we're registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us in 2025 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/>

Book space for YOUR event, meeting, party or group now, at Knighton Parish Centre!

Knighton Parish Centre, on the corner of Brinsmead Road and Church Lane, has a large hall, kitchen, lounge and smaller group meeting room, all of which can be hired for an hour, a session, an evening, a day or for a regular booking. We are currently taking bookings for weekdays, evenings and weekends in the summer holidays and into the autumn.

Contact Steph, our bookings secretary, for details of our competitive rates and availability—or just to come and take a look.

Phone: 07525 000 511 or email kpcbookings2020@gmail.com
or visit the front page of our website **stmarysknighton.co.uk**

We are friendly, local and flexible - with free onsite parking!

An ideal venue for your next room hire.



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Fundraising Group



Invites you to the Marie Curie

Autumn Lunch

Taste Restaurant

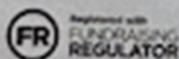
The Leicester College, Freeman's Park
Campus, Aylestone Road
Leicester, LE2 7LW

Thursday 16th October 2025

12pm for a 12.30pm start

£25 per person

**For tickets please contact Shirley Wills
on 01162 811 401**



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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 30th 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



There will be **NO Compline on Wednesday 13th August**
There will be virtual Compline services on all other
Wednesdays in August at 8.00 as usual.

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 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: Although our 'home news' is often quite in the summer, around the world ordinary people continue to suffer from preventable disease, hunger and from violence and oppression. Pray that all those who need food will be able to find it safely, and that richer nations will be generous in supporting the development and flourishing of poorer countries.

Praying for the Church: Pray for the continuing process of choosing a new Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray too for our moving Archdeacon Richard (and Jenny) and for our new Archdeacon (from September) also Richard (Trethewey). Pray that God will call and equip new leaders from amongst all our congregations.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on of Skelton Drive, Shrewsbury Avenue, Chiltern Green, Woodcroft Avenue, Barmouth Avenue, Oakdene Road.

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 **Margaret Roff, Geoff Merry, Katherine Swanson, Ian, and Kate Adams**

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We especially pray for **Revd Jane Sharp.**

We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.