



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



Newsletter for Sunday 27th September 2026 17th Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Week Ahead..

Sunday 27th September <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist ~(trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's
Monday 28th September	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 2.30pm Bell Inspection 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 29th September	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 10.30am CTF Craft Workshop
Wednesday 30th September	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 1st October	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church cleaning
Friday 2nd October	2.00pm Harvest flowers preparation
Saturday 3rd October	9.30am Harvest flowers preparation
Sunday 4th October <i>Harvest /</i> <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 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 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 27th September** are:
Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end and **Matthew 21.23-32.**

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

Sonia Bullough - Like me, you will be very sad to hear that our friend and faithful member of St Guthlac's, Sonia Bullough, has died peacefully at home. She was a gentle and graceful presence amongst us, sincere and thoughtful in her Christian faith and always concerned that the church should be welcoming to everyone. Despite frailty and difficulty moving about, as recently as last week Sonia was determined to come to church - she enjoyed equally the worship and the fellowship that came afterwards over coffee and biscuits (or the cake that she would always encourage us to eat!). She will be greatly missed by us all and we send condolences to all of her family at this sad time. *Adrian*

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.

Another successful Coffee Morning was held and raised £546.50 towards running the Parish Church.

The Social Committee thanked all who came, enjoying the coffee/tea and the many items for sale. Also to add to the enjoyment of the morning our church musicians plus Tom played beautiful music and sang.

I personally thank all helpers, without whom this event could not happen.

Beryl Bonfield

Ordinations in the Diocese of Leicester

As the Michaelmas ordination season approaches, we would like to encourage everyone to pray for all those who are to be ordained priest and deacon this year.

In the diocese, we will ordain five new priests and six new deacons, four of whom were licensed as Lay Workers on the 1 July 2026, offering both stipendiary and self-supporting ministry, and coming from the breadth of the Church of England across all its diversity in theological conviction, practice and understanding.

To be ordained Priest on Saturday 3rd October 2026

Michael (Mike) - Chaldecott Bottesford, Muston, Redmile, Barkestone and Plungar

Ralph Chamberlain - Newbold De Verdun, Barlestone, Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton

Joshua (Josh) Crick de Boom - The Martyrs

Michal Kmet - Scraptoft and Saint Chad

Sneha Ninan - Rothley

To be ordained Deacon on Sunday 4th October 2026

John Andrews - St Anne's, St Paul's & St Augustine's, Leicester

Paul Armstrong - Lutterworth with Cotesbach & Bitteswell

Henry Booth - Benefice of Leicester Forest East and Braunstone Town with Thorpe Astley

Jake Godsell - Emmanuel Loughborough

Chris Judson - Bottesford, Muston, Redmile, Barkestone and Plungar

Cameron Lewis - Benefice of Groby and Ratby

*God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for all your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants soon to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
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.*

Ordination Prayer Cards are also available at the back of the Church.

Leicester City Deanery
Invite you to join us for an Open
Deanery Eucharist to Celebrate
the Centenary of the Diocese.



Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7.30 pm
At Saint Luke's Church, Stocking Farm
1 Packwood Road, LE4 2ER

President: Bishop Christopher Boyle

Preacher: The Very Revd Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester

The service will be followed by
refreshments.

RSVP to:
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Celebrate Harvest
at
St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton

"Harvest of Hope"
Harvest Festival
for everyone
Sunday 4th October
10.30am

Come and join us!

*Please bring a donation of tins or packets
of food for the local foodbank
and/or donate to Christian Aid*



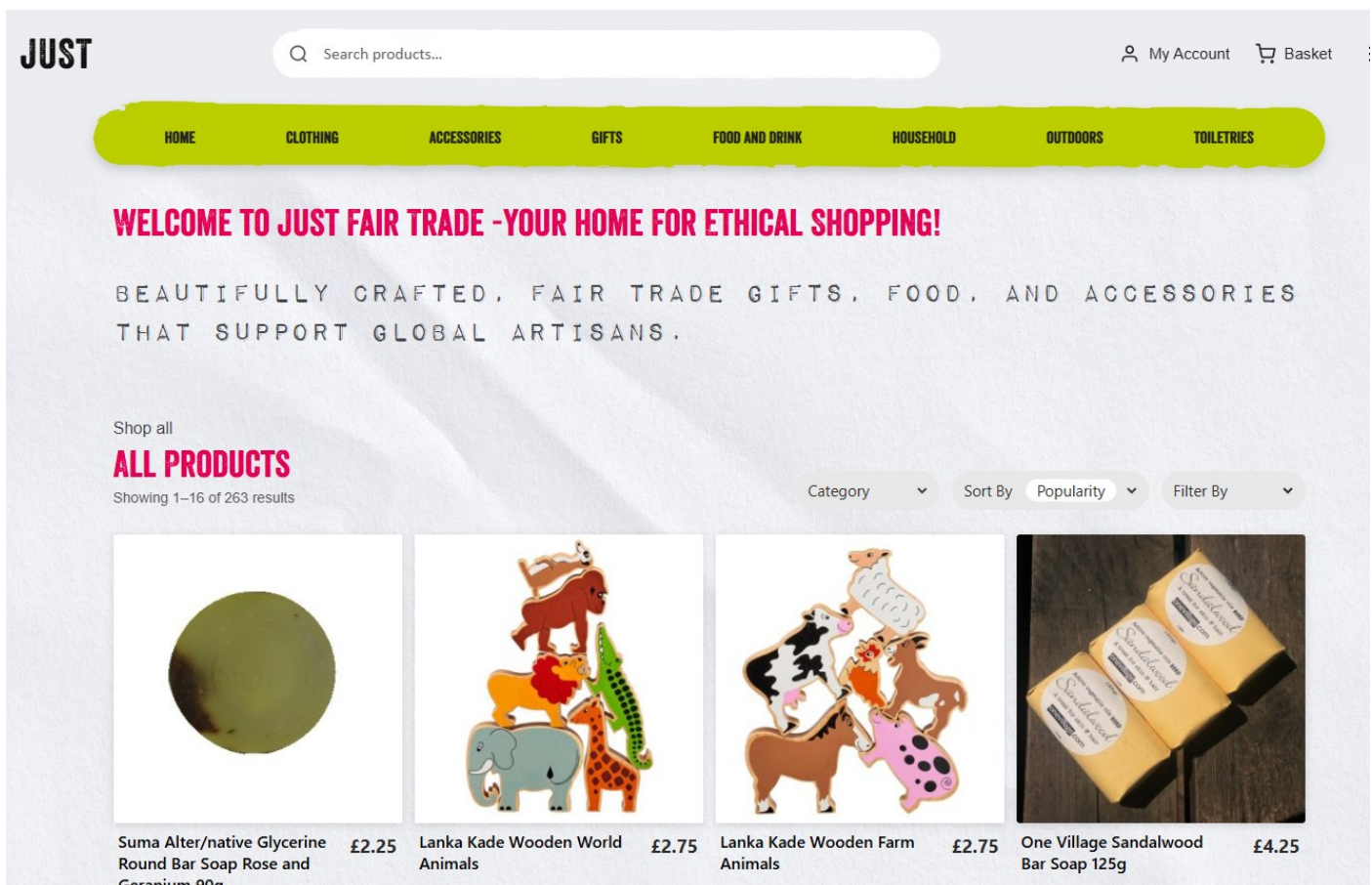
COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in October 2026

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!

- On the first Sunday of the new month, **4th October**, we come together in our Harvest Festival celebration for everyone. Our theme is 'Harvest of Hope'. Please bring a donation of tins/packets of food for the local foodbank, or donate to Christian Aid.
- On **Sunday 11th October** we worship together in a service of Sung Eucharist and say farewell to our curate Cecilia and her family.
- Our Morning Worship on **Sunday 18th October** will take the theme of '*Be a Bodybuilder!*' and will help us to reflect on what *our* Church needs now to grow and flourish.
- The final **Sunday** of **October, 25th**, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll focus on "*Wellness and Working Out*".

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).

Sunday 4th October is the last day of **Fairtrade Fortnight** and Eileen and I will be encouraging you to do a couple of things to support both Fairtrade and our status as an Eco-Congregation as it is also Harvest and Creation season. Eileen will have some **home-made cakes** made with as many Fairtrade ingredients as she can (donations to the Fairtrade Foundation). I will have a display of Fairly Traded items and eco-swaps to look at (no stall this year) - you are challenged to **choose one new idea** to take up to support workers and the planet. Our local Fairtrade Just Shop is now online - please take a look at its updated website by following this link <https://justfairtrade.com/?orderby=popularity> Take a look and order lots of goodies. Thank you! Alison & Eileen x



(screen shot from their website)

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

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.





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: *A Prayer from Apollo 8*

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

- Frank Borman

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Ashby de la Zouch & Breedon on the Hill (known as the Flagstaff Family of Churches), and Christ the Redeemer in Blackfordby & Woodville. Please pray also for the retired clergy of our Diocese who hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate, especially this week those in the Guthlaxton Deanery.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Heddington Way, Ramsbury Road, Roehampton Drive, Heddington Close, Baldwin 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 **Molly Clarke**.

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 **Sonia Bullough**.