



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



Newsletter for Sunday 2nd August 2026 9th Sundays after Trinity

Collects for this week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in
our day,
and make her holy,
strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 2nd August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Monday 3rd August	2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 4th August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 11.30am Funeral of Elizabeth Andrews
Wednesday 5th August	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 6th August	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's) 11.30am Church Cleaning
Friday 7th August	
Saturday 8th August	
Sunday 9th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 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]

NB. Over the school holidays, there will only be Sunday Club on the following Sundays: 12th July, 9th Aug, 16th Aug. There will also be no St Guthlac's Church Club on 26th July or 23rd Aug. Thanks - Alison.

Church Family News

Elizabeth Andrews, a good friend to our Knighton churches, has, sadly, died. Elizabeth was a talented designer, artist and craftsperson who had a long association with the churches but more recently had been living in Kibworth Harcourt. Some of you will know that our altar rail kneelers, the design on the etched glass doors (which is also our letterhead and logo) and the Lenten Altar Frontal and Chasuble, are all her work, and in the 1990s she led the group of tapisseries that produced the kneelers at St Mary's and St Guthlac's. **Elizabeth's funeral will be on Tuesday 4th August at 11.30am. Everybody welcome.**

Summertime - over the school holidays. Adrian and family, and Cecilia and family, will be taking holidays at various points. If you can't get in touch with one or other of us, and the need is urgent, then please do try to contact another member of the Ministry Team. Emails and phone messages can be left as usual but please be aware that there may be a delay in getting back to you. Thank you for your understanding.

Do you have any spare books?

Veronica Brown, now house-bound in a wheelchair, finds it very difficult to access the library. She would really appreciate it if you have any books to lend her, particularly books of British and European history (not wars though), Folklore, serious biographies, nature (mainly birds), travel, art and architecture. If you are able to help Veronica, please call her on 288 9284 between 10.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday. She has asked to please allow 10 minutes to get to the phone. Thank you.

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 2nd August** are:

Isaiah 55.1-5 and **Matthew 14.13-21.**

At our 10.30am Worship for the Whole Church, the reading is
Zechariah 8.3-6, 9.

COMING UP What's happening at St Mary's on Sundays in August 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 2nd August Worship for the Whole Church

Sunday 9th August Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16th August Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd August Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th August Joint Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Mary's

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.



Fire at St Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street

A statement from the Diocese of Leicester regarding the fire at St Andrew's Church in Jarrom Street, Leicester.

"We are deeply saddened by the fire at St Andrew's Church in Jarrom Street and our immediate concern is for the safety and wellbeing of everyone affected.

We are grateful to the emergency services for their swift response, and we thank them for all they are doing.

We appreciate the support and understanding of the community at this difficult time."

We at St Mary's offer our prayers and support to Fr Johannes and everyone at St Andrews.

CREAM TEA at St. Mary's. Thank you to all who came and made this event a huge success. Thanks to your generosity we made **£230.00** to Church funds. Next event is our Coffee Morning Saturday 5th September 10am to 12 noon. Beryl

Latest St Mary's foodbank donation The food collected during April-June has been taken to the Leicester South foodbank distribution centre on Clarkes Rd, Wigston. It weighed in at 37kg. Many thanks for all your generous donations. *Sian Howard*

Latest St Mary's GrifAid (Wateraid) donation The coins in the Wateraid tin have been processed and found to contain £48.18, which we will round up to £50 and pay to the GrifAid Charity. Many thanks for your donations to this wonderful, life-giving charity. The empty tin is once again at the back of the Lady chapel awaiting our donations of small change. *Sian Howard*

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 #

Learning and Growing – local opportunities organised by the Diocese

Growing in Pastoral Care

Five sessions to develop confidence, skills and experience in pastoral care. Suitable for people with some experience and those beginning to explore pastoral care.

Saturday 19 September – 10am-3pm, venue TBC

Tuesday 29 September – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 6 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 13 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Saturday 31 October – 10am-1pm, venue TBC

For more information or to book a place
email Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Journey in Faith Course 26/27

Journey in Faith is a three-term course that provides time, space and companionship to:

- grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- deepen your relationship with God
- explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory Session:

Saturday 26 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House

Three course groups are planned:

- Tuesday evenings: Frisby on the Wreake
- Wednesday evenings: Western Park, Leicester
- Thursday evenings: Market Harborough

For more information: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org and talk to Adrian, Janet, Sian or Cecilia!

To book a place: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org

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

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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

Pope Leo XIV's prayer for peace

A prayer offered by Pope Leo XIV at a prayer vigil for peace on Easter Saturday 2026.

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power with the strength of peace.
Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.
Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.
Inspire us to trust like Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,
firm in the faith that you would rise again.
May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!

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 **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 **Elizabeth Andrews and Martin Stevenson.**