



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



Newsletter for Sunday 14th June 2026 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Collects for this week

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never
fails: deepen our
faithfulness to you and
to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Week Ahead..

Sunday 14th June <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St Guthlac's
Monday 15th June	10.00am Social Committee Meeting 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop-In (Parish Centre) 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice
Tuesday 16th June	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 17th June	8.00pm Online Compline
Thursday 18th June	9.30am Holy Communion (St Guthlac's)
Friday 19th June	
Saturday 20th June	
Sunday 21st June <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Morning Worship 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]

Church Family News

Sad news about Ruth Smith : No doubt, like me, you'll be very sad to hear that our dear friend and long-time member of St Mary's, Ruth Smith has died. After a recent fall and then a move to a care home in Market Harborough, she was settled until more falls and a deterioration. Ruth has been such a part of St Mary's for such a long time and she will be sadly missed by all of us. She was always a great encourager and did many unseen kindnesses. Please pray for her family as they adjust to her death and their life without her. **Ruth's funeral will be at St Mary's on Monday 29th June, and everyone is welcome.**

Adrian

Overdale School Summer Fair 2026, Saturday 27th June

This year, the fair will take place from 12-2.30pm.

It is a great annual outreach opportunity for the church and, as usual, we have been asked to run a little 'stall' there. This takes the form of some fun activities for children; handing out various freebies; and just generally chatting with people. We would like to put a small team of volunteers together so, if you will be available and would like to help out, please let Sian know via her usual contact details at the end of the newsletter - or just mention it to her on a Sunday. *Sian Howard*

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who bought daffodils for the Marie Curie Charity last month. I raised **£249.00**. *Shirley Wills*

Listening to God's Word:

The set readings on **Sunday 14th June** are:

Exodus 19.2-8 and **Matthew 9.35-10.8.**

At our 10.30am service, the readings are

Exodus 14.5-31 and **Luke 9.28-36.**

Our theme at 10.30am is

"Crossing the Sea"

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

- The service on the second Sunday of the month, **14th June**, is a Sung Eucharist, and our focus in Exodus is the crossing of the Red Sea.
- Our Morning Worship on **Sunday 21st June** will help us to reflect on what we can learn today from the experience of God's ancient people in the desert: *"Water, manna and quail"*.
- The final **Sunday** of **June, 28th**, is again a service of Sung Eucharist, and we'll recall the meeting of Moses and Jethro, in the Book of the Exodus.

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).



LESSONS FROM THE DESERT



Lessons from the Desert

Moses emerged from the desert to confront Pharaoh and to lead God's ancient people to the Promised Land – but only after 40 years in the desert once again! Sometimes life today can feel as if we're wandering in a desert, weary and with far to go – but just as God stayed with his people long ago, so he stays with us today and even uses the desert experience to teach us and to shape us.

On each of the six Sundays following Trinity Sunday we'll be looking at some of these '*Lessons from the Desert*' as we follow God's people in their escape from Egypt and into the wilderness, as it's described in the Bible's book of the Exodus. Join us each week at 10.30am for the whole adventure! *Adrian*

Sunday 7 th June	<i>"Let my people go!"</i>
Sunday 14 th June	<i>"Crossing the Sea"</i>
Sunday 21 st June	<i>"Water, Manna and quail"</i>
Sunday 28 th June	<i>"Moses and Jethro"</i>
Sunday 5 th July	<i>"Fire on the mountain"</i>
Sunday 12 th July	<i>"The Golden Calf"</i>

Arrangements for Holy Communion at our 10.30am services

At the recent PCC meeting we had a helpful discussion about the best way in which to administer the elements at Holy Communion, within our 10.30am Sung Eucharist. We wanted to address two sets of concerns.

Firstly some folk prefer to dip their wafer into the wine once received, because they are concerned about picking up or passing on infections through sharing the Common Cup. This is called 'intinction'.

Other people are concerned that the practice of intinction might be contaminating the Common Cup with viruses or bacteria from hands, and is almost certainly adding gluten to the wine, causing problems for those who are gluten-intolerant.

At the PCC we heard the views from both perspectives and also the official Church of England position (that intinction be discouraged for health reasons). The PCC decided that we should try administering the bread and wine at Communion in a slightly different way for a few months.

We will continue to have the priest stand centrally to give out wafers (including gluten-free) and the chalice assistant standing to their left (that is, the south side) to offer the Common Cup (including the option of non-alcoholic wine).

IN ADDITION:

There will also be a small table just in front of the priest, covered with a cloth and positioned so as not to get in the way. On the table will be standing an additional chalice of consecrated wine. **Anyone who wishes to dip their wafer will be asked to use this chalice and the other will be kept for standard sharing.**

After a trial period, the PCC will review these arrangements and your feedback will be appreciated. In the meantime, please think about how you wish to receive the bread and the wine at Communion before we start our new arrangements on **Sunday 14th June.** *Adrian*

Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union:
Join Us, Join In – Lighting the Way for Generations to Come



2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded and here are some of the events taking place nationally and locally that you might be interested in:

- ✚ There are still tickets available for the **National MU Anniversary Service at St. Paul's Cathedral** in London on the **10th June** – *they are hoping to live-stream this service and we will endeavour to put the link in the church newsletter nearer the time.*
- ✚ Within the diocese we are holding a **Teddy bear's Picnic on the 28th of June in Coalville**, where we have both an outside and inside option available to allow for the British weather! Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own picnic.
- ✚ On the **5th of June**, we are going to meet at Christ Church Coalville to cheer on Deb Lee, a Trustee from York diocese, who is cycling from York to St Paul's Cathedral.
- ✚ **Diocesan 150th Anniversary Service at Leicester Cathedral – 3.30pm Sunday 9th August – all welcome!**

To find out more about what's happening near you or how to become a member, visit www.mothersunionleicester.org.uk or www.mothersunion.org;
speak to Lorna Pollard or Alison Roche after church
or contact our Diocesan Administrator - Kate Cooper: kate.cooper@leicestercofe.org

The 150th anniversary service in London is going to be live-streamed onto the MU Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MothersUnion> . It starts at 5pm. The aim is to put the order of service on the national MU website by the end of the week for those that want to follow along from home. We don't think you need to have a Facebook account to watch it - just click on the link!

INEQE Safeguarding Audit of the Diocese of Leicester

The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral will soon be taking part in an independent safeguarding audit carried out by the INEQE Safeguarding Group.

INEQE has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to take an independent look at safeguarding across Church of England dioceses and cathedrals, as well as the National Safeguarding Team.

They want to check how things are working day to day and help us make sure our churches and worshipping communities are places where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This audit is a chance to celebrate what we do well, be honest about what we could do better and learn and improve together.

It's an important part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and being open, accountable and willing to learn.

The INEQE Safeguarding Audit will begin across the Diocese of Leicester in June 2026, with online surveys opening for up to 8 weeks. The team will submit evidence of our safeguarding practices via INEQE's 360° audit tool, with auditors on site in the diocese and cathedral between 5–9 October 2026. Once published, INEQE's independent safeguarding audit report will be made available on their website, as well as our diocesan and cathedral sites. You can take part in the survey online or by using the QR code.



**Safeguarding Survey
2026**

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY...**

Take the survey:



What's working well?
What could we do better?
Share your views on safeguarding and help us be a safer church for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

INEQE
SAFEGUARDING GROUP



A Summer Cream Tea Event



On Sunday 28th June 2026

From 2.30pm - 4.30pm

In St. Mary Magdalen Church

Cream Tea or Cake, Tea or Coffee

Tickets £3

Available from Beryl Bonfield

0116 2702202

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 #



A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CUP

God of glory,
as the world gathers
to celebrate the beautiful game,
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security
for players and officials on the pitch,
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God
in the creativity of every curving free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective
on the miskicks, missed penalties,
and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team
– even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory
be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more
of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation
and people who share your glory.
Amen.



Easy Fundraising

Did you know that we're registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us in 2026 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/>

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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: As we approach the halfway point of the year, this June please pray for all of those in our congregations, wider church family and community whose surnames begin with the letters U, V, W X, Y and Z! Pray that they would each know themselves to be remembered by God and special to him as a unique individual, created with unique gifts to share with the world.

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those around the world, who have had to leave their homes because of warfare, conflict, threats of violence, persecution, natural disasters, climate change and poverty. Pray that they will keep hope and find peace alongside a new home. Pray that those of us who receive them might do so with welcome, generosity and kindness - and that our Governments would treat them well and with common humanity, whilst also seeking to solve the problems that have driven them to leave their own countries.

Praying for the Church: Please give thanks for the successful three year project to nurture Intercultural Worshipping Communities in our diocese, and which is now coming to an end. Pray that these new groups of Christians will be encouraged and built up in their faith, and that the work will continue into the future. Please also give thanks for the continuing work and worship of all our parish churches, and in particular, please pray with others across our diocese for the people and leaders of the churches in St. Catharine's, Houghton-on-the-Hill; St Luke's, Thurnby (with St Mary's, Stoughton and Living Hope, Thurmaston); and Kibworth, Smeeton, & Saddington.

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Craighill Road, Craighill Walk, Milford Road, Welford Road, Houlditch 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 **Valerie Thompson, Margot Comer, 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 **Ruth Smith.**