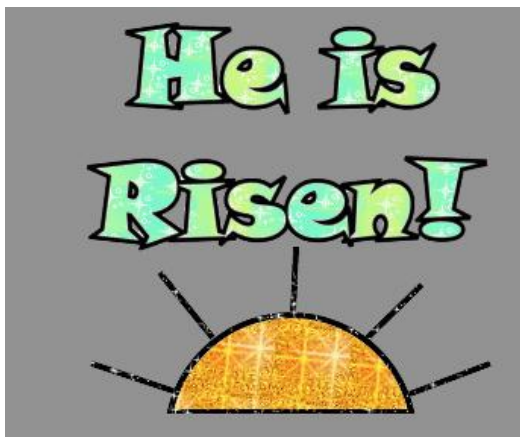


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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4 May 2014

The Third Sunday of Easter (Easter 2)

**10.30 am All Age Worship and Holy Baptism of Noah Jude and
Seb Jesse Miners**

WELCOME TO ANYONE VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME!

Please announce yourself to one of our welcomers and sign in the welcome book so that we get to know you by name! Also, please introduce yourself to Revd Richard or one of the Churchwardens. St Guthlac's is YOUR local church. We feel part of the local community and we hope that you will feel part of the church community. **We have a welcome sheet:** please ask for one if it is not handed to you on arrival.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Monday 5 May, 10am-1pm

Wednesday 7 May, 7.30 pm

Thursday 8 May, 9.30 am

Friday 9 May, 11am-1pm

May Fayre

Choir Practice

Holy Communion

Holbrook Memory Café

For more information about St Guthlac's, **please consult the notice board** or our website <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>

BUILDING BEYOND 2012 – WELCOME AREA FOR ST GUTHLAC'S. Many thanks for your kind generosity in helping us meet our target! This is a great blessing. We are still receiving donations to ensure that we can complete the project in terms of any extra needs or any unforeseen costs.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Work started on the internal refurbishment on Monday 7 April. Our thanks to Steve Bowyer and the team working on the project.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton, Alf Comer, Janet Hubbard** and **Allan Nicholls** in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

LEGACIES. We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Please consider leaving a proportion of your estate as a gift in your Will to our parish. For confidential advice to anyone at St Guthlac's, please contact Mark Wyatt [REDACTED]
<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/legacies/resources-on-legacies/>

TO ALL INTERCESSORS Please remember to keep a watch on the rota for your turn to prepare intercessions. If you swap with someone else, please let Jane and the Revd Richard know by email to avoid any possible confusion. Thank you.

BUBBLES MEETING. Parents and children are strongly encouraged to attend a session on Sunday 18 May in the Welcome Area when we will discuss materials and issues related to the course on young people receiving Holy Communion before Confirmation.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS have raised **£900** from their recent production of Dick Whittington. This has been split between three charities, Menphys (Wigston), Rainbows Hospice and Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe). Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES What is the importance of today, 4 May? I understand that it is Star Wars Day, a day of international celebration, with the movie's fans all over the world (and galaxies far, far away) being encouraged to use the greeting, 'May the 4th Be With You', don their favourite Star Wars costume, speak wooki or wield a light sabre whilst providing matching voice-generated sound effects. The former Bishop of Leicester, Tom Butler, gave his address at the confirmation service last Sunday on the parallels between Star Wars and the Christian story so I have it on good authority that this could be a subject of discussion in Church.

But for Noah and Seb and for the Miners family and their friends and supporters, today Sunday 4 May is a much more important day because it is the occasion of a double Christening party and a double Baptism in Church. It is equally important in the life of St Guthlac's Church. For Christening / Baptism (they are different words for the same thing) is about making new Christians. The newly baptized immediately join the community of believers (that is, the Church) in spite of their relatively tender years (just 3 months in the case of Seb!). They become pilgrims on the long journey of faith. Our focus for the service is *On being a Christian*, using the four themes which Rowan Williams, formerly archbishop of Canterbury, talks about in his book with this title: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer.



Fans Udomsak Ratanotayanonth (L) and Suttinan Boonsomkiat (R) dress as stormtroopers while giving blood in aid of Star Wars Day (Picture: EPA/RUNGROJ YONGRIT)
<http://metro.co.uk/2014/04/28/the-force-is-strong-with-you-stormtroopers-give-blood-for-star-wars-day-2014-4711029/>

MAY FAYRE Monday 5th May 10am-1pm.

PLEASE HELP WITH MOVING TABLES INTO CHURCH AND CLEARING THE CHAIRS, AFTER CHURCH TODAY, IF YOU ARE ABLE, THANK YOU!

We would like donations of bottles, toys, cakes and raffle prizes please. These can be brought to the fayre tomorrow or 4-5pm this afternoon. Offers of help to set up this afternoon at 4pm or to run a stall will be gratefully received. Thank you.

PARISH WALK: This afternoon's (4th May) parish walk is about 5 miles from Bruntingthorpe to Peatling Magna and back. We will leave from St Guthlac's Church at 2:00pm. There is usually enough transport so please do come along.
Fiona Wingate

PARISH QUIZ Sat. 10th May, 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. Enter as a team (max 6 people) or come along and make up a team when you arrive. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Tickets £2 from Tanya Willis, Jane Salt, Caroline & Andrew Oldershaw. Proceeds to St. Mary's Church funds.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Could you help? Can you spare just a few hours to help some of the poorest people on earth? I am short of volunteers to collect for Christian Aid week (**11th-17th May**) and will not be able to cover all the roads allocated to us without more help. Please talk to me if you can volunteer or would like to know more. Thank you **Lesley Meakin**

CUMBRIAN WAY WALK, 10 May-17 May. Our intrepid group of walkers are walking for six days from Ulverston to Keswick. Margaret is walking for the Holbrook Dementia Café and appeals to the congregation and others to support this cause. Sponsorship forms are available.

AN INTRODUCTION TO JAINISM, Wed 28 May, 6pm to 7.30 pm at St Philip's Church, Evington Road, LE2 1HN. To book a place if you are interested, contacted admin@stphilipscentre.co.uk

MAGICAL MIDSUMMER MUSIC with Boobs & Brass – the acclaimed all female brass band **Saturday, 21st June 2014, at 7.30 pm** St Mary Magdalen Tickets: £10 & under 16 £5 including refreshments available from Knighton Parish Office (open 9am – 1 pm) **0116 2702705**, Carolyn Oldershaw [REDACTED], Peter Carr [REDACTED], Sue Ardley [REDACTED] and Fiona Wingate.

MESSY CHURCH The next messy church will take place on **Friday 13th June**, 3.30-5.45pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church

BUSY BEES This year's holiday club for children aged 5-11 years, takes place on **16th, 17th, 18th July 2014** at **Stoneygate Baptist Church**. The club is free of charge but places are limited to 40 children so please book your place in advance by phoning Judi Stone [REDACTED] or see www.stoneygatebaptist.org.uk

INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please contact us at the latest by 9 am Friday for material to be included in the next weekly newsletter. administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk