

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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6 April 2014

Passion Sunday

(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

10.30 am Communion for All

**4.30 pm Special Passiontide Service:
'The Cross of Christ'**

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

TODAY 4.30 pm

**Special Passiontide Service:
'The Cross of Christ'**

Wednesday 9 April 7.30 pm

Choir Practice

Thursday 10 April 9.30 am

Planning group for early communion

Thursday 10 April 7.30 pm

Holy Communion

**Fifth SLCP Lent Meeting @ St Thomas
More, Church Rooms: Revd Richard
and Annette Brindle.**

Friday 11 April 11.00am

Holbrook Memory Café

Sunday 13 April 10.30am

Palm Sunday; Communion for All &
Procession of Palms

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 (EXTENSION) 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 starts on the internal refurbishment on Monday 7 April. **HELP IS REQUIRED THIS WEEKEND IN CLEARING THE HALL PLEASE!!!**

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton, Alf Comer** and **Janet Hubbard** 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.

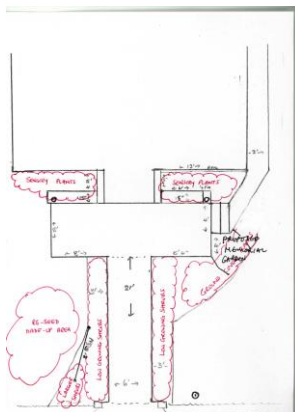
ELECTORAL ROLL The electoral roll will be revised on the 6th April as set out in the notice at the back of church. Anyone not currently on the roll and wishing to join the roll should complete an enrolment form and hand it to Jane Wright by 6th April. Thank you.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES We have been extremely fortunate as a Church that God has blessed our fund raising for our extension and that the extension has now been completed. Members of the congregation will be aware that one outstanding matter remains, which is to restore the garden after the winter rains now seem, thankfully, to be over. Now that our PCC has been able to inspect the plans and approve them, I am able to announce that **we have been blessed by a generous benefaction in memory of family members which will cover the costs of restoring the garden.** I am sure that members of the congregation will wish to join me in thanking the anonymous benefactors for this generous gift.

The tasks include, among others, removing and disposing of existing shrubs from around the central pathway; adjusting the level of the lawn to the left of the central pathway (looking from the Church towards the road); profiling the slope to the right of the path (again looking from the Church) using ten tonnes of good quality imported topsoil; marking out and preparing a 3ft border to the left and right of the central pathway; and forking over and ameliorating the narrow beds to the left and right of the central door to the porch. The persistent weed *Equisetum* (Marestail) is present in some areas. Where possible this will be removed during this work, but a longer term strategy for its control will need to be implemented.

After the preparatory work has been undertaken, low growing, mainly flowering, shrubs will be planted to the left and right of the central path; sensory type shrubs and perennials will be planted to the left and right of the main door; larger, flowering shrubs will be planted behind the church notice board; ground cover plants will be planted to the bank to the left hand side of the main entrance (looking from the Church), including the provision of a small area to act as an area of remembrance. Finally, the lawn area will be raked, levelled and sown with new grass seed where necessary. We hope that this work will be completed in the next month or so. A schematic drawing is shown below.



TODAY 4.30PM SPECIAL PASSIONTIDE SERVICE 'The Cross of Christ'

A service of music, readings and prayers for Lent and especially Passiontide.

PARISH WALK – Due to the commitments of all the regular walkers there will be no Parish Walk on 6th April. Everyone is warmly invited to join the Passiontide service at 4.30 pm. This is the first cancellation since the walks began in 2012 and they will resume on 4th May. Simon Britton

SLPC LENT GROUP MEETINGS The Church Rooms, St Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road LE2 3HN, 7.30pm. 10 April: Living authentic Christian lives in modern times.

MESSY CHURCH The next session will be at Stoneygate Baptist Church on **Friday April 11th. 3.30 - 5.45pm**. Children please bring an adult! All ages welcome. Fun crafts, story, singing and prayer. All followed by food! Do join us. Lots of helpers are needed, please let me know if you are available. Judi Stone
Tel: [REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED]

MAY FAYRE MEETING There will be a short meeting to complete the arrangements for the May Fayre on **Sunday April 11th 12.15pm**.

LENT READING SCHEME AT ST GUTHLAC'S We will hold a discussion evening on **Sunday 13 April between 5 pm and 6.30 in the Welcome Area**.

EASTER FLOWERS Church will be decorated for Easter on the morning of **Saturday 19th April from 9.30 am** and a good number of people will be needed to do arrangements for the windowsills. New helpers are badly needed and no particular skill level is required. It is helpful if you can bring along some flowers (we usually have a yellow and white colour scheme) and any foliage you may have, but there is always spare available and Cheryl will be on hand to give advice if required. Please add your name to the planner at the back of church if you are able to come along to help. If you wish to donate towards Easter flowers there will be a collection basket available.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING This will take place at **12 noon on Sunday 27th April**. Please make a note in your diaries!

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN Sidesmen will be re-elected at the AGM on 27th April. If you don't wish your name to go forward for re-election, please let me know.

PCC AND DEANERY SYNOD NOMINATIONS Three vacancies for the PCC and two for the Deanery Synod need to be filled at the AGM elections. If you would like to stand for election, or would like to know what is involved, please speak to Lesley. Thank you.

DIARY DATE: May Fayre Monday 5th May

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