

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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Communion for All
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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

Tuesday 11 February 7.30 pm	SEMP PMAG meeting
Wednesday 12 February 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 13 February 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 13 February 6.45 pm	Knighton Players Rehearsal

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 such as fixtures and fittings or any unforeseen costs.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. The full bid was submitted for the Biffa Award Scheme by the deadline of 30 August 2013. Our thanks to Steve Bowyer for preparing the bid and for the community group in helping to obtain letters of support. Please hold the aim of improving our facilities in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Sue Bonnett, Liz Singleton** and **Janet Hubbard** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Joan Ingle** and **Freda Neal** who have died recently. 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/>

VOCATIONS DAY 2014. The Revd Richard will be asking some members of the congregation if they would consider accompanying him to this event. Details so far announced are: **Vocations Day Saturday 22nd March 2014, 10am - 3:30pm at St Martins House.** For all those sensing God's calling and considering how to respond. The day will include key note addresses as well as workshops looking at authorised ministries including Ordination, Reader, Pastoral Assistant, Evangelist, Youth & Children's Work, Pioneer Ministry and more. With Guest Speaker The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Aston. Andrew previously led a small church in Redditch, a middle-sized church in Notting Hill and a very large church in Twickenham.

Cover image: <http://blog.lifeassuranceministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/10-new-2-e1329596303874.jpg>

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES The cover image alludes to today's gospel, in which Jesus states that he comes not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfil them.

The new Worship Committee recently agreed that we would introduce from time to time one of the additional Eucharistic prayers to aid the younger worshippers' understanding of what is happening at the Eucharist. The official guidance states this: In 2008, the General Synod asked the House of Bishops to commission Eucharistic Prayers suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present or when it is otherwise pastorally appropriate to meet the needs of children present. Two Additional Eucharistic Prayers are the result. They are intended for occasions such as a school Eucharist, not for use on a weekly basis at the main celebration of Holy Communion in the parish church. The Liturgical Commission has also prepared some guidance on celebrating the Eucharist with children. The task of preparing worship is not simply to facilitate the praying of a liturgical text, but rather to use imagination and allow space for an entire liturgical experience of which the text is a part, leaving room for silence and mystery. The Guidance is intended to help in this task, where a large number of children are gathered.

There are two Eucharistic Prayers, each of which has its own distinctive style while conforming to a classical structure. Both prayers provide for the children to participate. Prayer One offers optional congregational responses which are simple enough to be learned quickly and without needing to be read. Prayer Two uses an optional pattern of asking and answering questions at three different points. Each question reflects on what has just been said and the answer calls the congregation's attention to the next section of the prayer. Prayer Two also includes specially composed proper prefaces, which relate to a range of basic themes (light, creation, cities, sorrow, joy) rather than directly to the seasons of the Christian Year. Local composition of other suitable proper prefaces is permitted.

Though the prayers are relatively brief, brevity was not the primary consideration in composing them. A Eucharistic Prayer is made accessible not only by brevity but also by using appropriate language and imagery, and by good and imaginative presidency.

The language is direct, visual and vivid. Some traditional terms have also been included, in the belief that children will grow into a deeper understanding of the words as the prayers are used. Though there is much fresh composition, the prayers also incorporate core texts which will enter the children's memories and begin to build a familiar liturgical repertoire as they mature in age and experience.

Above all, these prayers give expression to the whole work of the Trinity in creation, redemption and sanctification. The drama of our salvation, by the incarnation of Christ and his death on the cross for our redemption, has been incorporated in each prayer in the form of a story, and in such a way as to encourage a sense of wonder and gratitude.

I shall be happy to receive comments from members of the congregation about these prayers at such time as they are used.

TASTE OF FAITH: JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY, Tuesday 25 Feb., 7.30 pm in the Welcome Area at St Guthlac's. Please book your place or places with Revd Richard because of catering implications.

BEETLE DRIVE Saturday 8th March 5-7.30pm. Tickets available from Ann Swanson [REDACTED] adults £4, family £12, to include sandwiches, cake and drink.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Dick Whittington on **Friday 21st March 7.30pm and Saturday 22nd March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (adults £6, children £4) are available from Jane Wright [REDACTED] (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis [REDACTED] (St. Mary's), or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

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

DIARY DATE: May Fayre Monday 5th May

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.

ST. GUTHLAC'S WEBSITE The website is now online and will be populated with content over the coming weeks. It can be found at <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>. The articles in the series 'the Revd Richard writes' are now published on the website in the section 'our minister writes'. The diary of church events and the weekly newsletters are also reproduced.

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Sheela Bonarjee (Shali's mum) has offered the house at a reduced rate to members of the congregation and will make a **£50 donation to the Memory Café** for each booking from church members. Contact: Shali [REDACTED] 0116 2700559 [REDACTED] 077758407038, www.mallorcanholidays.co.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