

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



## CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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***9 March 2014***  
***Communion for All***  
***First Sunday of Lent***

### **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**

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| Monday 10 March 7.00 pm    | Worship Committee                                             |
| Wednesday 12 March 7.30 pm | Choir Practice                                                |
| Thursday 13 March 9.30 am  | Holy Communion                                                |
| Thursday 13 March 6.45 pm  | Knighton Players Rehearsal                                    |
| Thursday 13 March 7.30 pm  | <b>First SLCP Lent Meeting @ St Thomas More, Church Rooms</b> |
| Friday 14 March 11.00 am   | Memory Cafe                                                   |

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.** Discussions are continuing with regard to the pricing of the work on the hall and the appointment of a builder.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL.** We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton** 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/>

**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.

**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.

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**THE REVD RICHARD WRITES** Last week I wrote: '[Today] I am at St Christopher's, presiding at a service of the word and preaching. The congregation divides up into small groups after the sermon and then asks the preacher questions. We'll see what insights this approach produces...'

I was impressed by the way in which the congregation listened carefully to the address before breaking up for refreshments and then going into three or four small groups both to discuss the questions and also to pray together.

When the groups came back together there were some interesting questions and they said that they had a good discussion in the groups. The two groups I observed from a distance showed a good interaction together.

My two reservations: 1) perhaps three questions is one too many when the groups are also asked to pray together. It takes a while to get through it all and without strict time keeping this could make the service rather long.  
2) the service before the refreshment break is self-contained. Participation in the small groups is not a requirement so the congregation does become smaller as a result of some leaving after refreshments. If we were to try the same idea, how many of us would remain for the discussion group?

I append below a copy of the Bishop's permission for the admission of baptised persons to Holy Communion prior to Confirmation.



*The Conventional District of St. Guthlac,  
Leicester.*

*by permission of the Bishop of Leicester  
and in accordance with  
the Holy Communion Regulations Canon  
B15A.*

*has been given permission to admit baptised  
persons to Holy Communion prior to  
Confirmation*

*John Iremitt*  
.....  
(Bishop's Signature)

*26th February 2014*  
.....  
(Date)

**LENT READING SCHEME AT ST GUTHLAC'S** The books are available today!  
We will hold a discussion evening on a date and time to be announced later.

**KNIGHTON PLAYERS** will be performing Dick Whittington on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:knightonplayers@ntlworld.com). Could you provide a **raffle prize**? If so, please contact Judi and Bernard Stone  
Tel: [REDACTED]

**LENT GROUP BIBLE DISCUSSION MEETINGS** The South Leicester Christian Partnership is organising a series of five meetings during Lent on the broad theme of the engagement of the Christian faith with the modern world. **These will be held in the Church Rooms of St Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road LE2 3HN, at 7.30 pm** on 13 March, 20 March, 27 March, 3 April and 10 April. **Please join us.** The theme is: **Church and Culture, Church in Culture, Church through Culture.** 13 March: Celebrating the goodness of creation (with Brenda Lee). 20 March: Jesus who transforms and makes new. 27 March: The kingdom of heaven has come near. 3 April: Following Jesus with faithfulness and service. 10 April: Living authentic Christian lives in modern times. **There is also a Thursday daytime course starting at 10.30am. We are invited to join a group at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, LE2 3AH.**

**ONLINE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT AT THE HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY WEBSITE** A blog at [http://wp.henrinouwen.org/rgroup\\_blog/](http://wp.henrinouwen.org/rgroup_blog/) begins on 5 March for anyone who prefers to follow a Lent course of reflections in their personal time. You can read the entries or post comments and join an online discussion.

**SPECIAL PASSIONTIDE SERVICE Sun 6 April 4.30 pm 'The Cross of Christ'.**  
A service of music, readings and prayers for Lent and especially Passiontide. Choir rehearsals are on Wed. 26 March & 2 April, both at 7.30 pm.

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

**DIARY DATE: May Fayre Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**PARISH MAGAZINE** We are trying to assemble a complete set of Knighton Parish Magazines. There are some gaps, mainly in the 1990's. If anyone has any copies they are willing to donate or have copied, please get in touch with Doreen Macafee ([REDACTED]). Thank you.

**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](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)