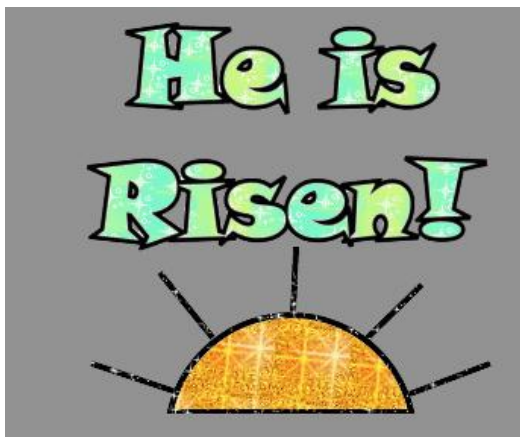


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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11 May 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Easter 3)

10.30 am Communion for All

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday 11 May, 6.30 pm

SLCP Unity Service for Christian Aid Week, Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road

Monday 12 May, 7.00 pm

Memory Cafes Steering Group, Progressive Jewish Synagogue

Tuesday 13 May, 7.30 pm

SEMP meeting, St Christopher's

Wednesday 14 May, 7.30 pm

Choir Practice

Thursday 15 May, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Friday 16 May, 7.30 pm

Holbrook Hall Revitalisation meeting: Welcome Area

Sunday 18 May, 10.30 am

Matins

Meeting with Parents and Children about Early Communion, Welcome Area

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, Margaret Ellershaw, Alf Comer** and **Janet Hubbard** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Sir Timothy Brooks, KCVO** who 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/>

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.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES One of the things that used to happen in Sunday School but which certainly doesn't happen today because it is now distinctly out of favour is 'rote learning'. Rote learning or memorizing is out of favour because it denies the individuality of the pupil and his or her journey to knowledge. But in fact, you can do nothing in terms of learning a language without some rote learning. And the Bible has a language that speaks to us still today, whichever translation we use, so that a degree of memorization remains desirable. Without it, there is a danger that we are lost and float around without a firm Scriptural foundation. It is one of the most obvious differences between Christians and Muslims: Muslims can recall precise passages of the Holy Qur'an in a way we can't recall passages of the Old or New Testaments.

Yet in 1919 one Dr William Evans wrote a little book entitled *How to Memorize the Bible* which you can consult for free at <http://memorizethebible.com/> (beware there is another website which tries to sell you the same book which is long out of copyright). Here is Evans' example from John 3:16. Choose the shortest passage that makes sense, he suggests, and then add to it, writing down the phrase as you do so.

God loved

For God loved

For God so loved

For God so loved *the world*

For God so loved the world, *that he gave*

For God so loved the world, that he gave *his Son*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his *only begotten* Son,

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, *that whosoever believeth in him*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him *should not perish*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, *but have life*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have *everlasting* life.

'Is it not clearly evident that, by this method of procedure,' Evans observed, 'the matter is memorized without almost any perceptible effort? Try it, and see for yourself. You will really be surprised at your success. Be sure to *write* the words; it is not enough to merely repeat them aloud. *Write them*. Write. WRITE. This method must be adopted irrespective of the length of the selection to be learned. It may seem like a hazardous task, and almost too long to put into practice; but you will save much time in the end. What you have learned in this way will become your permanent possession.'

MAY FAYRE Monday 5th May 10am-1pm. Thanks to all those who made this an enjoyable occasion for everyone, young and less young. Over £900 has been raised for 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