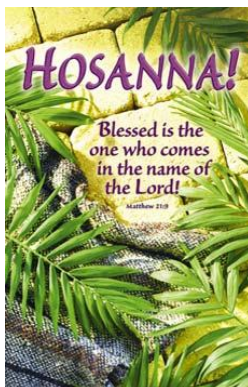


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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13 April 2014
Palm Sunday
(Sunday Next before Easter)
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.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

TODAYSunday 13 April 12.15pm

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Wednesday 16 April 7.30 pm

Thursday 17 April 9.30 am

Thursday 17 April 7.30 pm

Friday 18 April 10.30 am

Sunday 20 April 10.30am

May Fayre Planning Meeting

Lent Discussion Group

Choir Practice

[no practice on 23 April]

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion

[no Holy Communion on 24 April]

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion

Good Friday: All Age Worship

Easter Sunday: All Age Communion

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 started on the internal refurbishment on Monday 7 April.

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.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES

My attention was drawn at Ecumenical Prayers last Friday morning to the importance of the endhungerfast.co.uk campaign and the reflections that it has been producing during Lent. What follows is drawn from the materials for Palm Sunday

“When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’” Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem always [reminds us] of that great British tradition of ‘Mayor Making’. Barton, at what was the outskirts of Gloucester, is one of the few places where this still takes place. The original purpose was to make fun of the authorities who, for political reasons, chose to keep them on the outside. And here we have a nomadic and poor Galilean preacher, no king or Roman procurator, riding in as though he owned the place. The one who taught us to listen to those on the edges, by riding in on that donkey, brought the edges to the centre. In this fast that’s exactly what we’ve done: brought corporations paying low wages on temporary contracts into the centre of the conversation. Acting in solidarity with those who have been punished for lack of employment through workfare or welfare sanctions, we ride into Jerusalem, the centre of power, and say “Hosanna in the Highest” and hope for the New Jerusalem to descend.

Prince of Peace,
Who exposed the unjust rule of tyranny,
and announced the reign of God.
May your kingdom come,
May your will be done,
Amen

<http://endhungerfast.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/End-Hunger-Fast-Forty40-Bible-study.pdf>

Collect Prayer for the Think Hunger Campaign

God of mercy and of plenty,
your Son fasted in the wilderness
and shared food with the people in a desert place:
give us courage to resist the injustices around us,
the will to end the hunger that shames our society
and a share in your vision for a new world
where all shall have a place at the table of the feast;
through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Michael Perham, Anglican Bishop of Gloucester
<http://endhungerfast.co.uk/bishopprayer/>

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.

KNIGHTON MOTHERS UNION look forward to guest speakers Revd Richard Bonney and David Hunt at their meeting on **Tuesday, 22nd April, at 7.30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre, to talk about **the planning and building of the extension to St. Guthlac's Church**. We are sure that the stories behind this achievement will prove fascinating and interesting, and we extend a very warm welcome to visitors. *Anne Squires, Hon. Secretary.*

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

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.

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