

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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Matins

Third Sunday before 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

Tuesday 18 February 7.30 pm	Holbrook Hall working party meeting
Wednesday 19 February 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 20 February 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 20 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. Our thanks to Steve Bowyer for preparing the bid and for the community group in helping to obtain letters of support. **PRAYERS ANSWERED! PLEASE SEE THE REVD RICHARD WRITES**

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.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES A great deal of the Christian life is about prayerful waiting and prayerful anticipation. We know that patience is a virtue, but it is a virtue that can be in short supply when we are very much hoping and praying that something specific will happen. Well, in the case of the proposed internal refurbishment of Holbrook Memorial Hall it has. A grant letter has been received from BIFFA, the local landfill operator, stating that we have been awarded a grant of £55,000. This sounds like a lot of money, but building work (and VAT) between them consume resources so it will not be possible to achieve everything we might wish.

The grant will be used to revitalise Holbrook Memorial Hall, with new toilets and kitchen, and work to the electrics and main hall area. It is hoped that the work will be completed by early May. Although every attempt will be made to minimise disruption, some inconvenience to users of the hall will be unavoidable – please bear with us while this is happening. The money has been secured through hard work by both the church and the local community groups that use the Hall – a truly collaborative process.

One of the grant conditions, which was proposed by us, is that an exhibition of World War I memories and photographs should be held to coincide with the centenary of the outbreak of the war. If you have any memorabilia which might be helpful to us in organising this exhibition, would you please draw it to my attention. Many thanks.

LENT GROUP AND LENT READING SCHEME AT ST GUTHLAC'S 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, at 7.30 pm on 13 March, 20 March, 27 March, 3 April and 10 April. Details will be announced shortly. In addition, we have a sheet describing two Lent books. Please state your willingness to participate in the reading scheme and your preference for a particular book so that we know how many copies to order. We will hold a discussion evening on a date and time to be announced later.

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.

KNIGHTON MOTHERS UNION At our meeting on **Tuesday 25th February, 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre, our Leader, Lorna Pollard, will deliver a talk entitled 'Cuba - a History Lesson in the Sunshine'. Please come along.

LENT LUNCH March 8th, 12.30-2.15. in Knighton Parish Centre, Brinsmead Road. A simple lunch of home made soup and bread, followed by cheese and biscuits. Tickets £5 from Cora Paul (), and Judi Stone (). All proceeds will go to the Behala Children's Home.

BEETLE DRIVE Saturday 8th March 5-7.30pm in Holbrook hall. Tickets available from Ann Swanson (); 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 () (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis () (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 0116 2700559 /07758407038
() 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