

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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Communion for All

Second 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

Wednesday 19 March 7.30 pm

Choir Practice

Thursday 20 March 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Thursday 20 March 7pm

Knighton Players Rehearsal Parish Centre

Thursday 20 March 7.30 pm

Second SLCP Lent Meeting @ St Thomas More, Church Rooms

Friday, Saturday 21 and 22 March

Dick Whittington (2 performances Sat)

Saturday 22 March 10am-3.30pm

Vocations Day

Sunday 23 March 7pm

Social planning meeting Craddock Arms

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 on this page I appended a copy of the Bishop's permission for the admission of baptised persons to Holy Communion prior to Confirmation. A small group has been appointed by the PCC to consider the implementation of the scheme. It is important now that parents discuss with their children if over the age of 7 whether or not they might wish to follow a course in preparation for receiving Holy Communion at some time later this year or whether it is more appropriate to wait until another occasion. Please discuss this with me if you are interested. Just to remind everyone: this is an opt in not an opt out scheme, i.e. there is no particular expectation that children should receive Communion prior to Confirmation but that our PCC is happy to provide this possibility for families that wish for it.

Your Churchwarden, Tina Jarvis, and I spent Tuesday of this week at a conference discussing All Age Worship, led by the author and communicator (as well as priest) Sandra Millar. She is the author of *Worship Together: Creating All-Age Services that work* and illustrates her talks with stories from Disney films and the like. Sandra also talked about the baptism project of which she is the director (not to be confused with changing the liturgy of baptism). Last year she was interviewed about this project by one of the national newspapers. 'People want to see the christening as a celebration and thanksgiving and we just want to enjoy that and make it a party', she explained. 'Parties are not an unbiblical idea – Jesus went to parties, we have got to find ways of doing that. The church is looking at new and innovative ways of doing things, some of which will be quite radical, some will just be doing ordinary things better.'

Sandra added: 'Between 75 and 100 is a typical congregation for a christening – it can dwarf the regular congregation, especially in some of our smaller villages. If you have got 100 people who are not very familiar with Church it is very important that the clergy make people feel as welcome as possible.' So there is much more that can be done and we have to be aware that the public at large think of the baptism service as part of a 'christening day'. We need to bear these thoughts in mind in our baptism services this year and the welcome we give not just to the immediate baptism family but their guests, who will be at different places in their spiritual journey and may not have much church experience at all.

Henri Nouwen writes: 'When we are baptised in the Spirit – that is, when we have received the Spirit of Jesus as the breath of God breathing within us – that Spirit creates in us a sacred space where the other can be received and listened to. The Spirit of Jesus prays in us and listens in us to all who come to us with their sufferings and pains.'

ELECTORAL ROLL The electoral roll will be revised on the 6th April as set out in the notice at the back of church. Anyone not currently on the roll and wishing to join the roll should complete an enrolment form and hand it to Jane Wright by 6th April. Thank you.

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. **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 20 March, 27 March, 3 April and 10 April. **Please join us.** The theme is: **Church and Culture, Church in Culture, Church through Culture.** 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.**

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.

LENT READING SCHEME AT ST GUTHLAC'S We will hold a discussion evening on Sunday 13 April between 5 pm and 6.30 in the Welcome Area.

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

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

DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE TELLY? BBC Songs of Praise is being recorded in Leicester Cathedral in April, and there's an opportunity for you all to appear – either as choir members or congregation. **Dates: for choir alone Wed 9th April 7pm-10pm at the cathedral. For congregation and choir Monday 21 April, 1pm-4pm and 6pm-9pm at the cathedral.** If you would like to be part of this event, please give your name as soon as possible to me or to Richard, so that we can book you in (and by no later than Wed 26 March to make sure we're in time to register you). Margaret Bonney ([REDACTED]).

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