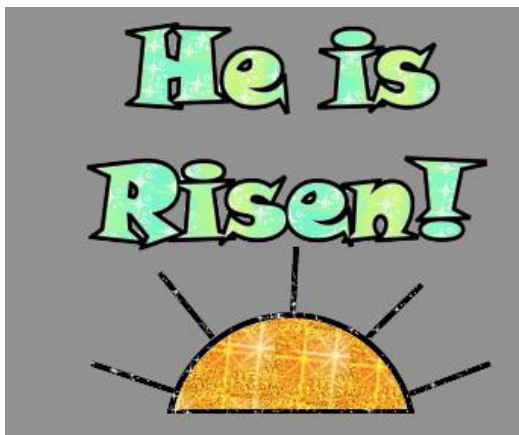


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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20 April 2014
Easter Sunday
10.30 am All Age Communion

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 23 April 7.30 pm

Thursday 24 April 9.30 am

Sunday 27 April 10.30am

12 noon

NO Choir Practice

NO Holy Communion

Communion for All

Annual General Meeting

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, Janet Hubbard** and **Allan Nicholls** 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 
<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 Today is the most important date in the Christian year: the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the reason for our faith. Yet as Christians we must be challenged by the fact that there are so many people ostensibly of Christian heritage who do not know what Easter is really about and why Christians celebrate as their greatest day. **There is more to Easter than Easter eggs!** Most important of all is that we should acknowledge our own shortcomings. Only then are we in a position to go out into the world as true Easter People to proclaim the Easter Message to those who have never heard it. Let us pray:

Father, we are often not the Easter People that we should be,
living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love.
Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice,
or hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path.
Forgive us, we pray;
restore the love that we first had,
a faith that can endure.
We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord,
and with you at our right hand
we shall not be shaken. Amen.

Our PCC has decided that there should be a small memorial garden as part of the restoration of the garden after the building work. This coincides with a nationwide campaign to ensure that poppies will be grown in the grounds of parish churches and Church of England schools across the country as an act of remembrance for the centenary of World War I by the Church of England. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are both urging church schools and churches to plant poppy seeds with them on April 30 to commemorate the centenary of World War One and help make the country awash with poppies. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in an Instagram message, urges people to plant the seeds 'to remember the terrible events of the First World War and as a sign of our hope in Jesus Christ for peace in the future'. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu welcomed the poppy planting initiative and said: 'I encourage parishes and church schools across the country to join together to make many thousand flowers bloom as a tribute to the sacrifice of past generations Here in the grounds of Bishopthorpe, we too, are getting behind this community initiative. I have been inspired by the parishes of the new Diocese of Leeds (West Yorkshire and the Dales) and their shared efforts to mark the 100th anniversary of the Great War.' Some dioceses – like Oxford, Exeter, Manchester and the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales – have sent packets of poppy seeds to all their churches and/or church schools to create their own memorial gardens or flower pots. The Rt Revd Nick Baines, the new bishop designate for the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales said: 'I'm delighted that churches and schools across our new diocese will be planting poppies, both recognising the past, while looking to the future. A century is not a long time, but only 100 years ago the world fell apart in the most violent way. This simple act of growing poppies reminds us of our past and is a very visual way of pledging ourselves to serve together in the future.' Packs of Flanders poppies are on sale and can be bought at B&Q for £2 with a pound being donated to the RBL.

Here is a prayer to say when planting poppies: Loving God, as we plant these poppies together with people across our diocese, we remember with gratitude and love all those who gave up their lives in the First World War. We pray that as we remember their sacrifice, so shall we use our lives today and the freedom and peace we enjoy in the service of our neighbour and for the coming of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

MAY FAYRE Monday 5th May, 10am-1pm. We would like donations of bottles, toys, cakes and raffle prizes please. These can be left at the back of church. Perishables can be brought on the day or 4-5pm on Sunday 4th May. Thank you.

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 will be available shortly.

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.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS have raised **£900** from their recent production of Dick Whittington. This has been split between three charities, Menphys (Wigston), Rainbows Hospice and Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe). Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

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