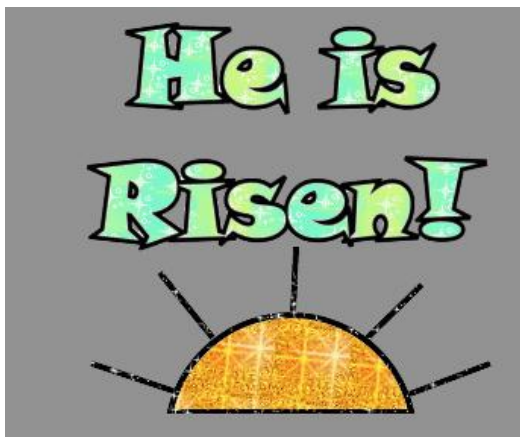


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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25 May 2014

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Easter 5)

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

Wednesday 28 May

Thursday 29 May, 9.30 am

Thursday 29 May, 7.30 pm

Sunday 1 June, 10.30 am

No Choir Practice (Half Term)

Holy Communion: Ascension Day

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All Age Worship [RJB preaching at St John's]

For more information about St Guthlac's, **please consult the notice board** or our website <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Work started on the internal refurbishment on Monday 7 April and the first phase is nearing completion. This has involved a complete refit and rewiring in the kitchen, backroom and the toilets. The new decoration in this area makes it look very vibrant and clean. The next stage of the work will see the removal of a small amount of asbestos in the hall. Then in the summer holidays, the main hall will be rewired and the ceiling will be tidied up. The PCC has also approved the replacement of the main hall floor, which is breaking up quite badly and is becoming a safety hazard. This will happen later during the summer at a cost of about £13000 and will give us a new floor made of similar timber to the current floor, which will hopefully last another 100 years. There will be some fund raising events to help pay for this. Finally, we are thinking about a "Grand Opening" when all the work is completed. There's a lot going on! Our thanks to Steve Bowyer, Gary Ogg and the team working on the project.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton, Margaret Ellershaw, Tom Skinner and Janet Hubbard** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Mary Mitchell** and **Sir Timothy Brooks, KCVO** 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/>

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 When the announcement came on 20 May it was brief. 'The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Professor Richard Bonney as Co-Convenor of the Southern Edge Mission Partnership for a period of six months. He succeeds Revd Jennie Appleby and co-convenes with John Raven. This is in addition to his existing role and commences with immediate effect.'

What does it mean? The Mission Partnership contains seven churches at present including ourselves. The primary role of a Partnership Convenor is to be a powerful advocate and personal promoter for mission, growth and renewal. They are there to help ensure the Mission Partnership (MP) rigorously keeps effective Spirit-led mission as their key priority, and as a litmus test to which all possible activities and ways of working are held. They act as a 'first among equals', with the model being one of 'servant leadership'. They are authorised by the Bishop. There is considerable flexibility in how this might look in different partnerships, but in all places the Mission Partnership Convenor will:

- work collaboratively with ministerial colleagues to promote mission within the MP
- enthuse and motivate others to work together to promote mission locally
- cultivate an environment where colleagues (lay and ordained) learn from one another and cooperate with one another for the sake of mission;
- be mindful of the particular needs and aspirations of each of the member churches, so the missional vision of each individual church is considered as the wider MP vision is formed;
- ensure effective team-working, including levels of support and accountability.

At least, this is what it says on the 'Shaped by God' website. In addition, the Diocese is undertaking a review of the Shaped by God strategy that has underpinned much of diocesan planning and decision making since 2005.

The Nine Marks of Mission

The initial Shaped by God document discusses these in much more depth, but in summary the nine marks are:

- lives and communities transformed, through the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- worship in a way that renews and inspires, echoing the praise of heaven;
- self-giving service to the community, because the Church is called to be local and outward looking;
- being rooted in prayer, because prayer is part of our loving response to the needs of the world;
- confident and sensitive evangelism, responding to Jesus' call to share our faith in word and deed;
- lifelong Christian nurture, because our mission overflows from our own discipleship;
- the welcome of newcomers , helping those who come close to the church to feel welcomed and cherished by God;

- becoming child friendly, following our Lord's example of putting children at a central place in His ministry;
- celebration of people and places, because godly celebration is at the heart of the gospel.

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, contact admin@stphilipscentre.co.uk

MESSY CHURCH The next messy church will take place on **Friday 13th June**, 3.30-5.45pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church

YOUNG WIVES I have booked a table for lunch at Foxton Inn on **19th June** to eat at 12.30. Any former Young Wives wanting to go should telephone me on [REDACTED] or e-mail me at [REDACTED] before 16th June because the Inn wants definite numbers by that date. Many Thanks. Margaret Grindall

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.

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

MAY FAYRE Thanks to all those who made this an enjoyable occasion for everyone, young and less young. Over **£960** has been raised for church funds.

CUMBRIAN WAY WALK, 10 May-17 May. Our intrepid group of walkers walked for six days from Ulverston to Carlisle. Margaret walked for the Holbrook Dementia Café and appeals to the congregation and others to support this cause. Sponsorship is still possible.

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