

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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Pentecost

10.30 am Communion for All and Double Baptism

WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTENING PARTY AND ANY OTHERS 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

Monday 9 June, 6.30 pm	First Communion preparation
Wednesday 11 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 12 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 13 June, 11 am to 1 pm	Memory Café (Welcome Area)
Sunday 15 June, 10.30 am	Trinity Sunday: Matins

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 £13,000 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, Michael Arnison, Kath Fidoe** 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, 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/>

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES The Church of England has introduced a new 'Course for the Christian journey' entitled 'Pilgrim'. Attractively produced, it has two stages, firstly the 'Follow stage', and secondly the 'Grow stage'. I thought it would be good to introduce some key points from the first four booklets that have been produced so far, which are in the Follow stage. The second is called 'The Lord's Prayer'. Here are some key points: Lord, teach us to Pray (Luke 11: 1): prayer is something we need to learn to do. Each line of the Lord's Prayer is rich and powerful. Pray then in this way, Jesus tells us. We are invited to call God our Father. This gives us a sense of place in the Universe and relationship with God and with each other.

'Hallowed be your name' reminds us of the awe and majesty of God. He is our Father in heaven and his name – that which expresses his very nature – is something we reverence. By doing this we place ourselves firmly on God's side. The Old Testament often describes God as King. God's kingdom is the place (= heaven) where God's ideas of justice are lived out perfectly. We worship God in the whole of loves by loving justice as much as he does. When we pray for God's kingdom to come, we are asking for our world, our communities and our lives to be marked by the justice that God loves so much. As Christians we long for God's kingdom to come but also do everything that we can to ensure that we live justly now.

Jesus teaches us the importance of asking God for what we need. At the same time it reminds us only to ask for 'just enough' – not everything we might want, simply what we need. Praying for daily bread encourages us to give thanks for everything in our lives, from the most basic upwards. It also reminds us that we have spiritual as well as physical needs.

We can be forgiven for what we have thought, said and done. We all need forgiveness and reconciliation both with God and with each other and in the Lord's Prayer we pray for this forgiveness each time we say it. There is a strong link between our forgiveness of other people and God's forgiveness of us. We cannot expect God to forgive us while we are unwilling to forgive others. Forgiveness is a vital ingredient in every community – without it the community falls apart.

We need to be aware of the reality of evil: despite the progress of the world in which we live, we will all be tempted from time to time and we have certainly all seen quite how terrible the consequences of evil are. This should give fervour to our prayer. One of the ways in which we can avoid temptation is through protecting ourselves by wearing God's own armour, which includes consciously adopting the values of truth, justice, peace and integrity. The full purpose of our lives is to praise God. As we do so we begin to recognize more and more that everything comes from God and to feel even more thankful and full of praise.

Worship helps us to recognize who God really is, it opens our hearts to what is good and catches us up into the life of heaven. It is something we are called to every day of our lives and is fulfilled, among other ways, when we say the Lord's Prayer.

GARDEN OF LIFE A festival for the people of Leicestershire to which all are welcome, including the Diocesan Assembly and the opening of the brand new Cathedral Gardens. **Saturday 5th July from midday** . Free! No booking required. For more on the day and on Cathedral Gardens see the notice board or visit www.leicester.anglican.org/garden-of-life

CASH FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. South Knighton Community Events group have been included in the **big cash giveaway** being run by the Leicester Mercury. Any cash received will be used for **additional storage cupboards for Holbrook Hall kitchen**. To maximise the amount of cash received they need to collect as many tokens as possible; these will appear in the Leicester Mercury from Monday 2nd June until Saturday 28th June. These can be left in the box at the back of church until 29th June. **Please collect as many tokens as you can.** Thank you

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** and Fiona Wingate.

SEMP TREASURE HUNT around Knighton. **Monday 30th June** starting at the Cradock Arms on Knighton Road from **6pm**, with cold buffet afterwards at the Cradock. Cost £6 including food, £1 treasure hunt only. Contact Robert Pike by Monday 23rd June to book place (including food choice) on [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED] A great mission opportunity for friends and family!

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK We raised an excellent total of £1,196.07 from donations our street collection Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to collect, as well as to everyone who made a donation. You really do make a difference!

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

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