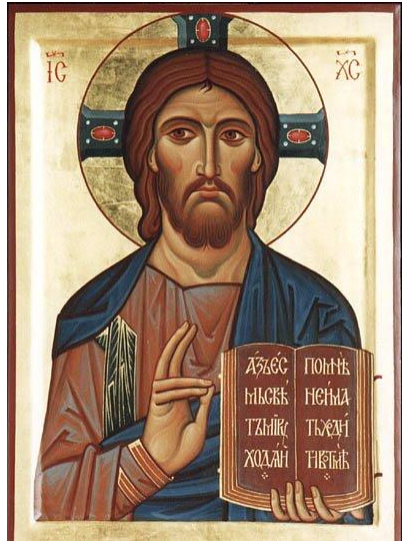


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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22 June 2014

First Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Communion for All

WELCOME TO ANY OF YOU 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 23 June, 6.30 pm	First Communion preparation
Tuesday 24 June, 7.30 pm	PCC
Wednesday 25 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 26 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 June, 10.30 am	Second Sunday after Trinity: Communion for All

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 removal of the asbestos is now complete. 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" on Remembrance Sunday 9 November when all the work is completed (Bishop Christopher and the City Mayor Peter Soulsby are coming). 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**, **Kath Fidoe** and **Janet Hubbard** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Alf Comer** and **Sheila Smith** who have died recently.

Alf Comer's funeral will be held at St. Mary's, Knighton on 30th June, 2pm.

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/>

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.

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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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 fourth is called '**The Beatitudes**'. Being poor in spirit means that we live in knowledge that we need God's help to live lives that are marked by patience, kindness, etc. and shaped by God's will... We cannot do it by ourselves.

Blessedness lies not in fighting for yourself but for others: hungering and thirsting for what is right can mean that we end up in conflict with those whose interests are tied up in what is not right. Jesus calls us to stand up with gentle dignity to those people and to continue to call for justice.

Praying for purity of heart is a prayer that God will untangle our complex inner conflicts so that we can, one day, stand and look at him face to face.

Being people of mercy means that we pay attention not to what we feel but what we do, and that we re-order our lives with actions of compassion and love.

Jesus calls us to 'seek peace peaceably'. This intentional peaceful search for peace reflects the deep character of God who always and everywhere seeks for peace in the world.

Seeking righteousness may mean that we encounter persecution, but this reminds us of the cross and the fact that, despite his own great suffering, Jesus rose again. In his ministry Jesus announced that the kingdom of God was near and called his followers to live as citizens of this kingdom. This means that God's rule of justice and mercy is breaking into the world and we should live as though this is a reality.

As citizens of God's kingdom we are called to live by values marked by God's reign. The Beatitudes summarize what these values are. True happiness – or the experience of knowing yourself to be blessed – is not a right but something that is given us by God as a gift.

The Beatitudes point us to the sure foundations upon which Christian lives can be built, and remind us that happiness lies in responding to the love God shows us.

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.

ANNE AND DAVID HUNT announce the arrival of their first Grandchild; born to Richard and Ailsa on Monday June 16, **James Edward** weighed in at 6lb 4oz.

WISTOW SUNG EVENSONG on **Sunday June 29th 6.30pm** with the Joint Choirs of St. Mary Magdalen, St.Guthlac's Knighton and St.Wilfrid's Kibworth. Everyone Welcome.

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

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

SUNDAY 6TH JULY This All Age Service will be a special occasion as some of the children will be taking their first communion. Please come and support them if you can. There will also be a book presentation to all the Bubbles children. After the service there will be a picnic on Knighton Park, so bring along your lunch and whatever games equipment you may have for what should be a really enjoyable time together. At 2.30pm there will be a tour of Knighton Spinney which is being specially opened for a parish walk. You are very welcome to join this if you are interested. **Everyone welcome.**

AYLESTONE 2014 LOCAL GAMES A free Community fun day with a World Cup theme organised by Aylestone Churches, **Sun 6th July 10.45am-4pm**. Open-air worship service at 10.45am in Aylestone Hall Gardens followed by picnic, games and activities. See poster, leaflets or visit www.aylestone2014.co.uk

CONCERT Melton Mowbray Choral Society (under the direction of James Gutteridge - parish office administrator) present 'Music for a Royal Occasion'. **Saturday 12th July**, 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Knighton. Tickets are £10 (£8 concs) and includes refreshments. Tickets available from the Parish Office (2702705), Molly Clarke [REDACTED] Bernard Stone [REDACTED] and Sue Ardley [REDACTED] Bring your Union Jacks for the finale!

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

CUMBRIAN WAY WALK. 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: £425 collected so far towards new chairs with arms which will be of assistance to the elderly.**