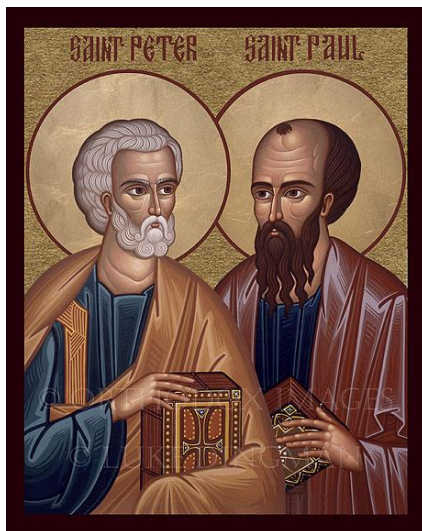


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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29 June 2014

Peter and Paul, Apostles

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Monday 30 June, 6.30 pm	First Communion preparation
Wednesday 2 July, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 3 July, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 4 July, 8.00 am	SLCP Morning Prayers @ St Thomas More
Sunday 6 July, 10.30 am	Third Sunday after Trinity: All Age Communion and Admission to Holy Communion

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. **We have been successful in obtaining a grant of £3,500 from Leicester City Council, Knighton Ward towards the cost of the floor.** 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, Janet Hubbard, Ray Wood, Mona Cufflin** and **Jean Abbott** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Alf Comer** and **Olive Gant** 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.

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.** Any remaining tokens can be left in the box at the back of church **TODAY** or deliver to [REDACTED] by Tuesday at the very latest. 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 Both Peter and Paul were strong personalities. It is not surprising to find that on occasion they clashed: one such occasion was at Antioch over the requirements to be placed on Christian converts of Gentile origin to enter into table fellowship with established Christians formerly of Jewish background. The story is told by Paul in Galatians (2:11-14):

(11) When Peter came [back] to Antioch, since he was to be pronounced guilty I opposed him to his face.

(12) For until some of James' assembly [had] arrived he was [still] eating with the Gentiles, but when they [had] arrived, he drew back and separated himself [from the Gentiles] – being afraid of those of circumcision.

(13) And the rest of the Jews also played along with him, so that Barnabas [too] was carried away by their hypocrisy.

(14) But when I saw that they were not upright with the truth of the Gospel, I told Peter in front of everyone: If you – [already] being a Jew – are living in the manner of a Gentile, that is not in the manner of a Jew, why do you urge to judaize the Gentiles?

The 'Antioch Incident' has led to much comment and discussion among New Testament scholars. The issue of admission to table fellowship and thus to the Lord's Supper was clearly important, but the underlying conflict, it seems, was about the requirements to be placed on Gentiles before they were considered of equivalent status / commitment to Christians of Jewish origin. In the case of males, was circumcision a requirement (in other words, did you have to become a full Jew first, in order to become a Christian?). Paul argued against this, and accused Peter of backsliding.

Peter 'lives' and 'eats' like a Gentile Paul tell us – that is, until the delegates arrived from Jerusalem. Gentile converts, proselytes (circumcised converts), and pagans open to the traditions of Judaism were often seen in a positive light. There were so-called God-fearers, Gentiles with a fundamentally open attitude towards Judaism, but it is not certain to what degree these were expected to keep the Torah. James Dunn thinks Peter withdrew from table fellowship (Galatians 2.12) either because he felt the demand was reasonable and he could not deny the authority from Jerusalem ('James' assembly': 2.12), because he could also sense the national tension in that period, or that he simply yielded to the demands to not risk open conflict between Jewish groups and interests. Perhaps, he even felt convinced by the large number of Jewish recruits that were willing to live righteously, in full attendance.

Paul on the other hand was advocating a new type of 'equality in Christ'. If the Gentiles of the Christ-believing community were found to be sinners, then that would count for Jews as well. For Dunn it means that the predominant view of Paul was that the covenant could not be everything: Faith also played a big part. Paul saw for the first time that justification through faith in the atonement of Christ meant a new way of thinking about the Jewish covenant as a whole.

WISTOW SUNG EVENSONG TODAY 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. TOMORROW Monday 30th June 6pm starting at the Cradock Arms. Cost £1 treasure hunt only. 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.**

PARISH WALK. The next parish walk will be on **Sunday 6th July**. This month's walk explores the hidden wonders of Knighton Spinney. This area is usually closed but Yolanda has kindly arranged for the Spinney to be opened for us to go in and discover all it has to offer. If you want to enjoy this wonderful piece of Knighton Park meet at St Guthlac's Church at 2:00 pm to walk over to the Spinney or meet us at the Spinney at 2:30pm. Bring your binoculars and books and see what is hiding in the trees.

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!

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: £470 collected so far towards new chairs with arms which will be of assistance to the elderly.**

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.