

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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Tenth Sunday after Trinity:

Bartholomew the Apostle

10.30 am All Age Communion

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

Wednesday 27 August, 11.45am	Funeral
Thursday 28 August, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 29 August, 5pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 30 August, 12 noon	Wedding
Sunday 31 August, 10.30 am	All Age Communion

Revd Richard is on holiday until Tuesday 26 August.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Phases 1 & 2 of the work on the internal refurbishment, which were funded by **BIFFA**, are complete. **THE NEW FLOOR FOR THE MAIN HALL HAS NOW ALSO BEEN COMPLETED**, with a grant of £3,500 from Leicester City Council, Knighton Ward towards the overall cost of the floor of about £13000. The “Grand Opening” will take place on Remembrance Sunday 9 November. See WW1 diary dates below and on the noticeboard for further information.

Our thanks to Steve Bowyer, Gary Ogg and the team working on the project.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Romayne Brown Victoria Maduma, Rev'd Jane Curtis and Julia Burns**, in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Liz Singleton, Barbara Joyce Whitehead and Rev'd Ian Phelps**, who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard. **Please hold Aidan, Calum and Edwin in your prayers on their journey of faith after admission to Holy Communion.**

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES I am curtailing my comments this Sunday because of the importance of the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Gaza, and also of the dates concerning **Knighton remembers World War I**.

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE APPEAL FOR GAZA. (Christian Aid is a member of the Committee.) The escalation in the conflict between Israel and Hamas has caused the humanitarian situation in Gaza to reach crisis point. Hundreds of thousands of people have fled their homes and are in desperate need of food, water and shelter. All 1.8 million people living in Gaza are without adequate access to medical care because the health system is on the brink of collapse. Safe water is limited, with 1.4 million Gazans with no or very limited access to water sanitation. 65,000 people have seen their homes damaged or destroyed and 24 hospitals and clinics have also been damaged. DEC members, made up of some of the UK's leading aid agencies, are supplying clean water, food and household items, emergency shelter and medical supplies. They are also helping children and other vulnerable people to cope with the psychological effects of the conflict. But they urgently need your help because the humanitarian need is so great. That is why we have launched the DEC Gaza Crisis Appeal. Just £25 can buy 150 bandages for the injured. £50 can feed five families for a day and £100 can provide an emergency shelter kit and blankets for one family. There are Christian Aid envelopes available in Church. Please gift aid if possible.

Knighton remembers World War I - dates for your diaries

Monday 3rd Nov. 7.30pm, St. Guthlac's Church: Talk on the Red Cross, wartime hospitals and the care of the wounded: Lorna Kirk and Jo Wilkinson (open to all, free)

Thursday 6th Nov. 2.30pm-5pm: Exhibition Preview for all contributors and helpers in Holbrook Hall and St Guthlac's Church Welcome area (by invitation only)

Friday 7th Nov. Exhibition open from 10.30am to 12.30, 2.30pm to 5pm, Holbrook Hall and St. Guthlac's Church Welcome area (open to all, free)

Friday 7th Nov. 7.30pm, Holbrook Hall: *Talk: **Mobilise! or How Leicestershire went to War.*** An illustrated talk on the local response to war in 1914: parade, trade and charade: Robin Jenkins from The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland (open to all, free)

Saturday 8th Nov., Exhibition open from 10.30am to 12.30, 2.30pm to 5pm, Holbrook Hall and St. Guthlac's Church Welcome area (open to all, free)

Saturday 8th Nov., 10.30am to 12.30, Holbrook Hall: Workshop: Make a beautiful, silk card inspired by cards sent to loved ones during the war: Linda Harding from Leicester City Museum service (prior booking essential via contacts below, free)

Saturday 8th Nov., 12.30 to 2pm, Holbrook Hall: Ploughman's Lunch (charge £3 per head)

Saturday 8th Nov., 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Holbrook Hall: Talk: Wartime farming and local food production: Sandra Herbert, Whetstone Pastures Farm (open to all, free)

Saturday 8th Nov., 7.30pm, St. Guthlac's Church: Remembrance Concert by Coro Nostro, directed by Lydia Hind (tickets at the door on the night, proceeds to be divided between the choir and Knighton Remembers WWI project)

Sunday 9th Nov.: 10.30am, St Guthlac's Church: Remembrance service led by Bishop Christopher, followed by the official opening of the renovated Holbrook Memorial Hall by Sir Peter Soulsby followed by light buffet lunch (all welcome, donations appreciated)

Sunday 9th Nov, 2.30pm to 5pm, Exhibition open, Holbrook Hall and St Guthlac's Church Welcome area (open to all, free)

For further information about any of these events, and to book for the craft workshop, please contact Richard or Margaret Bonney, 0116 2125677, rjbonney@gmail.com

We still need stories!

We are still looking for people who live in Knighton now and have stories, photographs or mementoes from their forebears about World War I. These stories may be about people who lived in Knighton during WWI and served either in the forces or on the Home Front. But we're also interested to hear from people who live in Knighton now, and may have WWI stories in their family histories. These will appear as part of the exhibition.

Contact Margaret Bonney or Yolanda Courtney

The funeral of Betty (Liz) Singleton will be held at St Guthlac's Church on Wednesday 27 August at 11.45am.

GARDENERS NEEDED to tend the church garden. Please will you sign the plan at the back of church indicating which part of the garden you would be willing to take responsibility for. Thank you.

RIDE AND STRIDE 13 Sept 2014 - a date for your diaries. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and the 25th anniversary of Ride and Stride in Leicestershire. It's a great opportunity to get out and explore the churches of the city and county on bike and foot. It's fun for the whole family - a truly all age event. If that's too energetic for you then why not take a turn during the day to welcome visitors to our church which will also be open on the day between 10:00 and 18:00. Details of churches open on the day and sponsorship forms (whether you are planning to walk, cycle or welcome) are available from Fiona Wingate. A list for volunteers to welcome visitors to St Guthlac's will be available at the back of church in a few weeks' time.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR HARVEST Please sign up on the planner at the back of church if you can offer to decorate a windowsill for Harvest. This will be done on Saturday 20th Sept in the morning starting at 9.30. Please bring flowers and foliage if you can, but there are always extra available if required. Contact Cheryl or Lesley if you would like more information.

HARVEST BARN DANCE Saturday 20th September 7-10.30pm in Holbrook Hall. Suitable for all ages, come and join in the fun. **Two competitions** will be held for Bubbles children and friends, at the barn dance. There will be prizes for the best harvest collage (maximum paper size A3) and the best garden constructed on a dinner plate. Entries should be completed at home and brought along to the barn dance for judging. Further information from Lesley. Tickets available from Ann Swanson, Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15.

HOMEMADE JAMS & CHUTNEY will be needed to sell at the Christmas Fayre on December 6th. If you can make any for church it will be gratefully appreciated. If you require jars please speak to Lesley, Jane or Ann Swanson. Thank you.

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

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

Cover image: Image of 600 representatives of the missing from the visitor centre at the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing. Opened on 31 July 1932 by the Prince of Wales, the Thiepval Memorial was and remains the largest British war memorial in the world. It contains the names of 72,195 British and South African men who have no known grave and who fell at the Somme between July 1916 and 20 March 1918. 150ft high and dominating the surrounding area, the memorial was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.