

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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Communion for All

Second Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 23 February 2.30 pm	Private blessing of marriage
Tuesday 25 February 7.30 pm	Taste of Faith: Judaism
Wednesday 26 February 7.30 pm	No Choir Practice
Thursday 27 February 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 February 6.45 pm	Knighton Players Rehearsal
Sunday 2 March 10.30 am	SEMP Pulpit Exchange: All Age Worship with Revd Keith Magee (Revd. Richard to St Christopher's)
Sunday 2 March 6.30 pm	SEMP Songs of Praise at St Andrew's Aylestone. All Welcome.

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

BUILDING BEYOND 2012 – WELCOME AREA (EXTENSION) FOR ST GUTHLAC'S. Many thanks for your kind generosity in helping us meet our target! This is a great blessing. We are still receiving donations to ensure that we can complete the project in terms of any extra needs such as fixtures and fittings or any unforeseen costs.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Our thanks to Steve Bowyer for preparing the bid and for the community group in helping to obtain letters of support. BIFFA has awarded us a grant of over £50,000 for the work which we hope to complete this year.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton** and **Janet Hubbard** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Joan Ingle** and **Freda Neal** 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/>

VOCATIONS DAY 2014. The Revd Richard will be asking some members of the congregation if they would consider accompanying him to this event. Details so far announced are: **Vocations Day Saturday 22nd March 2014, 10am - 3:30pm at St Martins House.** For all those sensing God's calling and considering how to respond. The day will include key note addresses as well as workshops looking at authorised ministries including Ordination, Reader, Pastoral Assistant, Evangelist, Youth & Children's Work, Pioneer Ministry and more.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES **Knowing Your Worshipping Community** is the title of a piece written by Barry Hill about one of the most useful tools a church can develop about its worshippers. He writes this: 'Growing churches are places where people are known. God knows us by name. We know that churches who keep an up to date list of who is part of the worshipping community and regularly review it to note and respond to who has joined, who has left, who might be thinking about leaving, who has particular pastoral concerns which need greater attention and the like, are much more likely to grow.'

'Obviously we don't love and care for each other in order to see our churches grow, we do it in response to the love, compassion and welcome we have known from God, but being more intentional about it is also a major contributing factor to numerical and spiritual growth. As attendance and membership patterns, and missional and pastoral needs change, less prominence is being given to traditionally used measures, like Electoral Roll and Usual Sunday Attendance, and much more to the overall size of, and change within, the worshipping community. This has many advantages, not least it includes all ages and is based on those who regularly worship as part of a given community (or would if illness did not prevent).

'That the response of some churches when asked has been 'we don't know where to start' underscores the need for such a list and its regular use. So, whilst the measure is important for diocesan life and will take much greater prominence in the years to come, the missional practice for the local church which makes measuring it possible is significantly more important. We are reminded in the scriptures and at some of the liminal points in our lives that God calls us by name. The church is called to mirror God in knowing the names of those He has sent to be in fellowship together.'

LENT GROUP AND LENT READING SCHEME AT ST GUTHLAC'S The South Leicester Christian Partnership is organising a series of five meetings during Lent on the broad theme of the engagement of the Christian faith with the modern world. These will be held in the Church Rooms of St Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, at 7.30 pm on 13 March, 20 March, 27 March, 3 April and 10 April. Details will be announced shortly. In addition, we have a sheet describing two Lent books. Please state your willingness to participate in the reading scheme and your preference for a particular book so that we know how many copies to order. We will hold a discussion evening on a date and time to be announced later.

TASTE OF FAITH: JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY, Tuesday 25 Feb., 7.30 pm in the Welcome Area at St Guthlac's. Please book your place or places with Revd Richard because of catering implications.

KNIGHTON MOTHERS UNION At our meeting on **Tuesday 25th February, 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre, our Leader, Lorna Pollard, will deliver a talk entitled 'Cuba - a History Lesson in the Sunshine'. Please come along.

LENT LUNCH Saturday March 8th, 12.30-2.15. in Knighton Parish Centre, Brinsmead Road. A simple lunch of home made soup and bread, followed by cheese and biscuits. Tickets £5 from Cora Paul [REDACTED] and Judi Stone [REDACTED]. All proceeds will go to the Behala Children's Home.

BEETLE DRIVE Saturday 8th March 5-7.30pm in Holbrook hall. Tickets available from Ann Swanson [REDACTED] adults £4, family £12, to include sandwiches, cake and drink.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Dick Whittington on **Friday 21st March 7.30pm and Saturday 22nd March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (adults £6, children £4) are available from Jane Wright [REDACTED] (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis [REDACTED] (St. Mary's), or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING This will take place at **12 noon** on **Sunday 27th April**. Please make a note in your diaries!

DIARY DATE: May Fayre Monday 5th May

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.

ST. GUTHLAC'S WEBSITE The website is now online and will be populated with content over the coming weeks. It can be found at <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>. The articles in the series 'the Revd Richard writes' are now published on the website in the section 'our minister writes'. The diary of church events and the weekly newsletters are also reproduced.

MALLORCA HOLIDAY HOME Charming family home in rustic Mallorcan style, close to both mountains and sea. 5 mins walk from Soller town in Northwest. 3 beds, sleeps 4-6. Fantastic mountain views. Ideal for walking, swimming, cycling, sightseeing & scenic drives. Price: £350 for four people, including summer holidays. Sheela Bonarjee (Shali's mum) has offered the house at a reduced rate to members of the congregation and will make a **£50 donation to the Memory Café** for each booking from church members. Contact: Shali [REDACTED] 0116 2700559 / 07758407038 [REDACTED] www.mallorcanholidays.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