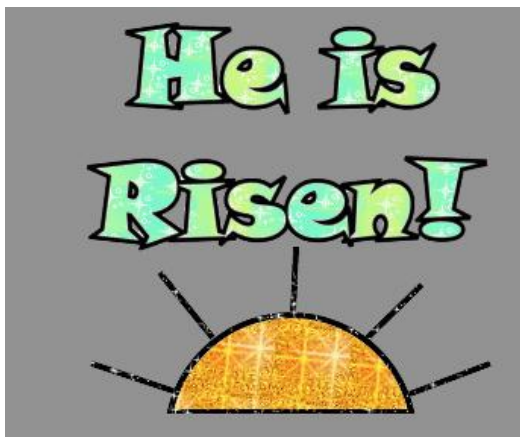


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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27 April 2014

The Second Sunday of Easter (Easter 1)

10.30 am Communion for All

12 noon St Guthlac's AGM

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

TODAY 27 April 12pm

Monday 28 April 7pm

Wednesday 30 April 7.30 pm

Thursday 1 May 9.30 am

Thursday 1 May 7.30 pm

Sunday 4 May 10.30am

Monday 5 May 10am-1pm

Annual General Meeting

Worship Committee meeting

NO Choir Practice

Holy Communion

Archdeacon's Visitation (held at St

Denys' Evington)

All Age Worship and Holy Baptism of

Noah Jude and Seb Jesse Miners

May Fayre

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 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 or any unforeseen costs.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Work started on the internal refurbishment on Monday 7 April. Our thanks to Steve Bowyer and the team working on the project.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton, Alf Comer, Janet Hubbard, Ali and Baby Josiah** and **Allan Nicholls** in our prayers. 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/>

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.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Today is our Annual General Meeting. It is an important occasion in the year for our Church governance. Yet it is also an occasion to take stock. The most important development taking place at the moment is the long awaited internal refurbishment of Holbrook Memorial Hall. Here is the press release, a summary of which appeared in the *Leicester Mercury* on 15 April:

Refurbishment work is underway at Holbrook Memorial Hall, on Holbrook Road, south Leicester, following a recent grant of £50,000 from Biffa Award under its Community Building regeneration programme.

Holbrook Memorial Hall was built in 1922 by public subscription to commemorate the fallen of World War I; so it is particularly timely, that this award has been made in 2014, the centenary of the outbreak of the War. The funds will be used to refurbish the Hall, including providing new toilets, kitchen facilities and undertaking essential repair work. Apart from work carried out by the Hall owners, the local parochial church council, and voluntary work by the local community, this is the most significant work that has been carried out at the Hall in living memory.

Revd Richard Bonney, Chair of St Guthlac's PCC, welcomed the news: "Holbrook Hall has played a vital role in the life of the local church and community for almost a hundred years. It was built by local subscription and it is a much-loved local asset: it is a great space where the church congregation and the wider community can come together."

There are many groups that use the Hall, ranging from young people's dance and ballet to botanical illustrators. The Hall is also used for monthly social gatherings. Cathy Charlton of the South Knighton Community Events group was also positive at the news: "We often get 50-60 people coming to our events every month and although we all love the Hall, the facilities are in a poor condition. This money will enable the whole community to use the building more and create a real hub of activity right at the heart of South Knighton."

The Biffa Award grant has been made to ensure that the facilities in the Hall are fit for purpose and suitable for the 21st century. A spokesperson for Biffa Award commented: "We are really pleased to be able to support this project. It is clear that there will be a real community gain from our help. We hope that this work will provide the Hall with a future for the next hundred years."

The first phase of work will take place over the Easter holiday period, and will recommence in the summer holidays to try to minimise impact on the Hall user groups. Further events are being planned, not only to celebrate this work, but also to reflect its very existence, by commemorating the fallen of WWI. You can keep up to speed with progress of the work and forthcoming events at www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk, or for local community events, at www.southknighton.com.

TODAY 12pm Church AGM. All welcome

CONFIRMATION Peter Downing, a member of our congregation, is being confirmed **TODAY** at St. Mary's Knighton at **3pm**. All are welcome to come and support Peter at this special time in his journey of faith.

MAY FAYRE Monday 5th May 10am-1pm. We would like donations of bottles, toys, cakes and raffle prizes please. These can be left at the back of church. Perishables can be brought on the day or 4-5pm on Sunday 4th May. Offers of help to set up on Sunday at 4pm or to run a stall will be gratefully received. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Could you help? Can you spare just a few hours to help some of the poorest people on earth? I am short of volunteers to collect for Christian Aid week (**11th-17th May**) and will not be able to cover all the roads allocated to us without more help. Please talk to me if you can volunteer or would like to know more. Thank you **Lesley Meakin**

CUMBRIAN WAY WALK, 10 May-17 May. Our intrepid group of walkers are walking for six days from Ulverston to Keswick. Margaret is walking for the Holbrook Dementia Café and appeals to the congregation and others to support this cause. Sponsorship forms will be available shortly.

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**, Carolyn Oldershaw [REDACTED], Peter Carr [REDACTED], Sue Ardley [REDACTED] and Fiona Wingate.

MESSY CHURCH The next messy church will take place on **Friday 13th June**, 3.30-5.45pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church

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

KNIGHTON PLAYERS have raised **£900** from their recent production of Dick Whittington. This has been split between three charities, Menphys (Wigston), Rainbows Hospice and Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe). Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

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