

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHERING SUNDAY

THERE HAS BEEN CONCERN IN CERTAIN CIRCLES THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN STARTING TO CALL THIS ANCIENT FESTIVAL 'MOTHERS DAY' INSTEAD OF 'MOTHERING SUNDAY'. I THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

THE SIGNING OF
A PETITION



THE SETTING UP
OF A WEBSITE



THE WRITING OF STATEMENTS
BY SOME BISHOPS



THE LOBBYING
OF PARLIAMENT



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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30 March 2014

**All Age Worship: Mothering Sunday
(Fourth Sunday of 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

Tuesday 1 April 7.30 pm	PCC meeting
Wednesday 2 April 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
	Planning group for early communion
Thursday 3 April 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 3 April 7.30pm	SEMP meeting @ St James the Greater Church Rooms
Thursday 3 April 7.30 pm	Fourth SLCP Lent Meeting @ St Thomas More, Church Rooms

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 or any unforeseen costs.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Discussions are continuing with regard to the pricing of the work on the hall and the appointment of a builder.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL. We have been asked to keep **Liz Singleton, Alf Comer** and **Janet Hubbard** in our prayers. Please pray for the soul of **Michael Reynolds** who 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/>

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL The electoral roll will be revised on the 6th April as set out in the notice at the back of church. Anyone not currently on the roll and wishing to join the roll should complete an enrolment form and hand it to Jane Wright by 6th April. Thank you.

Cover image: Mothering Sunday from <http://shootingparrots.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/mothering-sunday1.gif.jpg>

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Do you know when and how the revival of Mothering Sunday came about? In 1913 Constance Penswick-Smith (1878-1938), the daughter of the vicar of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, had the idea of reviving it after reading about its revival in the USA. Later, in 1921 Constance wrote a booklet asking for a full revival of Mothering Sunday, eventually founding The Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday and spending more than 25 years promoting the celebration of the festival. Thanks mainly to Constance's efforts, Mothering Sunday – which has its roots in the pre-Reformation Church – has been widely observed and re-established across the Church of England, and celebrated in wider society. Constance is buried in the churchyard of All Saints', Coddington.

Mothering Sunday came to be widely observed across the British empire. It provided a focus for remembrance and celebration of the home country, the unity of the Anglican Church, and the strength of family whose members lived far away. The First World War facilitated the dissemination of the idea of Mothering Sunday. Army chaplains distributed leaflets and hymn sheets to men serving the imperial cause. By 1938 it was claimed that Mothering Sunday was celebrated in every parish in Britain and in every country of the empire.

This Sunday had its origins in the pre-Reformation *Laetare* Sunday, on which the Introit, the first prayer of the Mass, says: 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her ... and be filled from the breasts of your consolation.' *Laetare* Sunday's connections with mothers came through it being the day to visit the mother church or cathedral. Some customs of the day outlived the Reformation. These included making a simnel cake and taking it to Mother. 'I'll to thee a Simnel bring, / Gainst thou go'st a Mothering,' wrote the celebratory poet Robert Herrick in the mid 17th-century.

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham composed a new prayer for Mothering Sunday last year:

Mothering God who loves us passionately, we thank you for this love.
We thank you too for the love of mothers for their children everywhere.
Where being a mother is hard give wisdom and strength;
where it is a joy and delight give hearts of thankfulness.
For those for whom this day brings sadness because of the loss of a mother,
or motherhood, bring comfort.
And may the church as mother show forth your love to all
We pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who knew the care of his mother Mary. **Amen**

SLPC LENT GROUP MEETINGS The Church Rooms, St Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road LE2 3HN, 7.30pm.. **3 April:** Following Jesus with faithfulness and service. **10 April:** Living authentic Christian lives in modern times. **There is also a Thursday daytime course starting at 10.30am. We are invited to join a group at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, LE2 3AH.**

SPECIAL PASSIONTIDE SERVICE Sun 6 April 4.30 pm 'The Cross of Christ'. A service of music, readings and prayers for Lent and especially Passiontide. Choir rehearsal is on Wed. 2 April, at 7.30 pm.

MESSY CHURCH The next session will be at Stoneygate Baptist Church on **Friday April 11th. 3.30 - 5.45pm.** Children please bring an adult! All ages welcome. Fun crafts, story, singing and prayer. All followed by food! Do join us. Lots of helpers are needed, please let me know if you are available. Judi Stone [REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED].

LENT READING SCHEME AT ST GUTHLAC'S We will hold a discussion evening on **Sunday 13 April between 5 pm and 6.30 in the Welcome Area.**

EASTER FLOWERS Church will be decorated for Easter on the morning of **Saturday 19th April from 9.30 am** and a good number of people will be needed to do arrangements for the windowsills. New helpers are badly needed and no particular skill level is required. It is helpful if you can bring along some flowers (we usually have a yellow and white colour scheme) and any foliage you may have, but there is always spare available and Cheryl will be on hand to give advice if required. Please add your name to the planner at the back of church if you are able to come along to help. If you wish to donate towards Easter flowers there will be a collection basket available.

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

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN Sidesmen will be re-elected at the AGM on 27th April. If you don't wish your name to go forward for re-election, please let me know.

PCC AND DEANERY SYNOD NOMINATIONS Three vacancies for the PCC and two for the Deanery Synod need to be filled at the AGM elections. If you would like to stand for election, or would like to know what is involved, please speak to Lesley. Thank you.

DIARY DATE: May Fayre Monday 5th May

DICK WHITTINGTON The raffle, which was held at each of the performances, raised a grand total of £304.10p! Thank you for your donations of prizes and your support in buying tickets. J & B Stone.

PARISH MAGAZINE We are trying to assemble a complete set of Knighton Parish Magazines. There are some gaps, mainly in the 1990s. If anyone has any copies they are willing to donate or have copied, please get in touch with Doreen Macafee ([REDACTED]). 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