

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**10.30 am All Age Communion with Admission to Holy
Communion of Aidan, Calum and Edwin Jones**

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

Tuesday 8 July, 6.30pm	Holbrook Hall Regeneration Group meeting
Tuesday 8 July, 7.30 pm	World War I meeting
Wednesday 9 July, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 10 July, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 July, 10.30 am	All Age Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 20 th September, evening	Harvest Barn Dance
Sun 21 st September, 4.30pm	Harvest Songs of Praise
Fri-Sun 7 th -9 th November	WW1 exhibition in HH: Details to follow
Sun 9th November, 10.30am	Service of Remembrance in church with Bishop Christopher
Sun 9th November, noon	Official opening of refurbished HH with Sir Peter Soulsby and Bishop Christopher
Sun 30 th November, 4.30pm	Advent service: Darkness to Light at St. Mary's with joint choirs
Sat 6 th December, 10am	Christmas Fayre
Sun 14 th December, 5pm	Christingle service
Sun 21 st December, 10.30am	Nativity Gift Service
Sun 24 th December, 4pm	Crib service
Sun 24 th December, 8pm	First Eucharist of Christmas
The date of the 9 Lessons and Carols is not yet fixed.	

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. The first phase of work on the internal refurbishment is complete. In the summer holidays, the main hall will be rewired and the ceiling will be tidied up. This will be followed by replacement of the main hall floor 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.** 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 **Rachel Stevens, Liz Singleton, Janet Hubbard, Ray Wood, Mona Cufflin** and **Jean Abbott** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Betty Morris** who has 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.

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES The service of Admission to Holy Communion before Confirmation this morning gives us **the opportunity to think a bit more deeply about what happens in Holy Communion or the Eucharist (so called after the Greek noun εὐχαριστία [eucharistia], meaning ‘thanksgiving’)**. There are ten Eucharistic Prayers authorised by General Synod in current English (eight, Eucharistic Prayers A-H, authorised in 2000), and two more in 2008 for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present. In this service, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer D (instead of B, which we use for solemn festivals, and H which we use most of the time).

Prayer D has been chosen for the service today because of the accessibility of its language and the directness of its imagery. **Jesus, the light of the world, came as our light in a world of darkness:** this echoes the prologue to John’s gospel. **He touched untouchables with love** refers to his healing ministry, especially to lepers. **He washed the guilty clean** recalls his work as saviour of the world, in the past, present and future. The crucifixion, resurrection and ascension are remembered in the phrasing **we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you [God] to plead for us and all the world.** Finally we call upon the Holy Spirit so that by the bread and wine **we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire** (the opened eyes recalling Jesus’ words in e.g. Mark 4:9, while the hearts on fire recalls the words of the two disciples, reflecting on the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus: ‘do you remember how our hearts were burning inside us, as he talked to us on the road, as he opened up the Bible for us?’ Luke 24:32).

Each service of Holy Communion is based on a common structure:

Preparation The people and the priest: ¶ greet each other in the Lord’s name; ¶ confess their sins and are assured of God’s forgiveness; ¶ keep silence and pray a Collect.

The Liturgy of the Word The people and the priest: ¶ proclaim and respond to the word of God [a Gospel reading must be included]; [a Creed or authorized Affirmation of Faith must be included on Sundays or Principal Holy Days].

Prayers The people and the priest: ¶ pray for the Church and the world.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament The people and the priest: ¶ exchange the Peace; ¶ prepare the table; ¶ pray the Eucharistic Prayer; ¶ break the bread; ¶ receive Holy Communion.

The Dismissal The people and the priest: ¶ depart with God’s blessing.

SUNDAY 6TH JULY After the service **TODAY** 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 **TODAY, 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 Bernard Stone and Sue Ardley. Bring your Union Jacks for the finale!

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 or see www.stoneygatebaptist.org.uk

CUMBRIAN WAY WALK. Our intrepid group of walkers walked for six days from Ulverston to Carlisle. Margaret walked for the Holbrook Dementia Café and raised **£500** which will be put towards new chairs with arms.

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.

LEGACIES. We welcome all legacies, 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

<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.

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**