

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am All Age Worship: Harvest
4.30 pm Harvest Worldwide Songs of Praise

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Wednesday 24 September, 7.30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday 25 September, 9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 September, 10.30 am Matins
NOTE: NO CHOIR PRACTICE on 1 October

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 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 **Antony Lane** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Alan Marvin** 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.**

REVISED SERVICE ROTA Please note that there is a revised service rota. The main changes are that 2 November becomes an All Age Worship service and 23 November becomes a Matins service.

SEASON OF INVITATION For the rest of this year we are focusing on inviting family, friends and acquaintances to join us for the many services and events which will be on offer. Every house in the CD should by now have received a card promoting Harvest and Remembrance events, but each of us has been challenged to make personal invitations to people we know. There is a range of invitation cards at the back for you to select from as well as spare cards listing all the events. **Please come along to this afternoon’s Harvest Songs of Praise and bring a friend if possible!** There is plenty of time for you to consider who you might be called to invite to the Remembrance and Christmas season events. The Christmas leaflet has already been produced and Christmas invitations will be available. Let’s make the Season of Invitation a success!

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
<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/legacies/resources-on-legacies/>

Cover image: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/harvest/help-sunflowers-transform-lives-in-Burundi>

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Two very different services are taking place at St Guthlac's this Harvest Sunday: our All Age Worship this morning and then, of equal importance, our Harvest Worldwide Songs of Praise at 4.30 pm this afternoon. Anyone who has watched the harvest being gathered in closely cannot fail to marvel at the change that comes over the landscape in just a few days as a result of the mechanisation of agriculture – and also to marvel at the size of the output from the fields, measured in the height of hay bales or lorry loads of grain moving to the local depot. Ours has been, remains, and will always be a generous God: but the spread of agricultural prosperity worldwide is hampered by other factors, especially climate change, and here it is important to note another event that is taking place in Leicester and elsewhere this Sunday: **today is the Global day of Action for Climate Change**. Christian Aid says: 'There are a million ways we can take action to change our world, build a safe, clean future and stand against the greed and wastefulness that fuel climate change.'

The Climate Coalition emphasises two important objectives. These are to

1. Make Climate Change a priority in the UK. This includes:

- Meeting all commitments in the UK's Climate Change Act, including medium-term targets as part of the fourth carbon budget.
- Making our electricity almost entirely carbon free by 2030 by moving to clean energy generation and phasing out fossil fuels.

2. Make Climate Change an international priority. This includes:

- A fair and equitable global deal to keep climate warming well below two degrees, with the UK backing an ambitious EU climate and energy package and a strong EU position in UN climate negotiations.
- Support for all elements of a fair binding, transparent international agreement that reflects both science and equity, including a phase out of dirty energy and phasing in a 100% clean energy future by 2050.
- Ensuring that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) introduced to replace the Millennium Development Goals in 2015, reflect the need for urgent and ambitious action on climate change by integrating climate action across all relevant goals as well as including a specific goal on addressing climate change.

As Christians we have a responsibility to become better stewards of our environment. Let us pray earnestly for progress in this area this Harvest Sunday.

Knighton remembers World War I – dates for your diaries: please see the noticeboard outside the church.

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 0116 2125677 or Yolanda Courtney

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.

KNIGHTON MOTHERS UNION After a summer break during August, our meetings recommence on **Tuesday 23rd September**, at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, and this will be our Harvest Bring and Buy, followed by a selection of Readings by members. Please support this event and bring good as new products, cakes, etc. for the sales table if you can. We look forward to meeting up again. Friends are also welcome.

MEDIEVAL BANQUET My Lord of Washbrook's stewards are now selling tickets for this feast which will take place on **Saturday 25th October at 4.30pm**. The cost is £10 per person and tickets are available from Judi Stone, Cora Paul, Ida Stanyer, Linda Billam.

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.

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