

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am Matins

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

Wednesday 1 October, 7.30 pm

NB: NO Choir Practice

Thursday 2 October, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 5 October, 10.30 am

All Age Worship

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. 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/>

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES One of the pleasures of being a minister is to witness generosity in action, so I must begin with a number of 'thank you's'. Firstly, to those who decorated the Church (and we borrowed the decorations for the Hall as well) for Harvest Festival. Secondly, to those who organized the Harvest Barn Dance, which was a great success. Thirdly, to Tina and Jean who organized the All Age Worship for Harvest, and to those who participated in it, not least our younger worshippers. Fourthly, to Janet, Margaret and the combined choirs and guests for a splendid Harvest Worldwide Songs of Praise in the afternoon. Finally, to all of you who contributed so generously to our gifts for the Open Hands project run by Trinity Life Church and to those who delivered them: what a marvellous image of generosity to others is represented in the photograph on the cover of the Newsletter today. And also, as a result of the collection taken from the Harvest Supper and the Songs of Praise, we were able to make a substantial donation to the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. The spirit of generosity is what our faith is about and it is good to see this spirit in our friends as well as our congregation.

Last Sunday I mentioned the Global Day of Action for Climate Change and the comment from Christian Aid that 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.' As Christians we have a responsibility to become better stewards of our environment. Today I would like to draw your attention to a **Prayer Walk for Climate Change** organized by the Knighton Justice Group as part of the Christian Aid weekend of action and prayer for our climate on 18-19 October. The Walk will take place on **Sunday 19 October. Meet at Aylestone Meadows Car Park (access from Aylestone Road) at 1:45pm for a 2pm start. Stop 1:** The River Soar, to give thanks for water and to pray for those who have too much (because of flooding) or too little (because of drought). **Stop 2:** Aldi, pray for fairer trade and more ethical practices in retail and consumer markets. **Stop 3:** View of Church, to give thanks for the energy of Christians to make a difference, and to pray for the strength to keep going. **Stop 4:** Pylons, give thanks for increasing use of renewable energy and pray for further developments. **Stop 5:** Faircharm Industrial Estate, pray for forgiveness for the harm we do through burning fossil fuels. **Or, if you are unable to join the walk, why not use the above points for your own personal prayer and reflection?** The route follows a fairly even and flat terrain using designated footpaths and towpaths. There is a recommendation that participants wear flat shoes or trainers for comfort.

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.

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.

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 (mmbonney@gmail.com) 0116 2125677 or Yolanda Courtney

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 and Linda Billam .

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! Saturday 13th December 2-5.30pm at the Parish Centre. Following the success of our February Saturday Bakehouse, we have invited back Christine Taylor, artisan baker, for our 'Christmas Special - Cakes & Bakes', a demonstration on preparation and presentation of festive treats, plus sweet gift ideas. This will be followed by afternoon tea, raffle, quiz and mystery prize. Source and availability of tickets (£8 to include tea) will be notified in due course.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri-Sun 7th-9th November
Sun 9th November, 10.30am

Sun 9th November, noon

Sun 30th November, 4.30pm

Sat 6th December, 10am

Sun 14th December, 5pm

Thurs 18th December 7.30pm

Sun 21st December, 10.30am

Wed 24th December, 4pm

Wed 24th December, 8pm

Thurs 25th December, 10.30am

WW1 exhibition in HH: Details on noticeboard
Service of Remembrance in church with Bishop Christopher
Official opening of refurbished HH with Sir Peter Soulsby and Bishop Christopher
Advent service: Darkness to Light at St. Mary's with joint choirs
Christmas Fayre
Christingle service
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Nativity Gift Service
Crib service
First Eucharist of Christmas
Christmas Morning All Age Eucharist

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