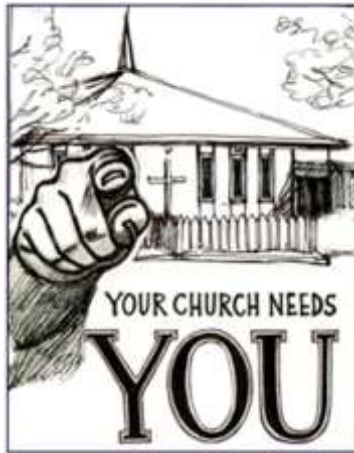


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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5 October 2014
10.30 am All Age Worship

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 8 October, 7.30 pm

Choir Practice

South Leicester Christian Partnership

AGM @ St Thomas More

Thursday 9 October, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 12 October, 10.30 am

Communion for All

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 **Lee Parry** 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!

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Today in our All Age Worship we are focusing on the difference it makes to have everyone in the Church fully engaged in our fundraising ministry. As an appropriate theological context, I thought that some quotations from Henri J.M. Nouwen's *A Spirituality of Fundraising* would be helpful. **It serves as an encouragement to all our other ministries and tasks and makes new things possible**

- 'Fundraising is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful and hope-filled expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's Kingdom.'
- 'Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.'
- 'We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers and your money – in this work to which God has called us.'

We will be challenged

- 'We will never be able to ask for money if we do not know how we ourselves relate to money. What is the place of money in our lives?'
- 'Are we willing to be converted from our fear of asking, our anxiety about being rejected or feeling humiliated, our depression when someone says, "No I'm not going to get involved in your project"?''
- 'The Spirit of love says: "Don't be afraid to let go of your need to control your own life. Let me fulfil the true desire of your heart."'

We will be converted

- 'Fundraising is also always a call to conversion. And this comes to both those who seek funds and those who have funds. Whether we are asking for money or giving money we are drawn together by God, who is about to do a new thing through our collaboration.'
- 'We must claim the confidence to go to a wealthy person knowing that he or she is just as poor and in need of love as we are.'
- 'Every time we approach people for money, we must be sure that we are inviting them into this vision of fruitfulness and into a vision that is fruitful.'

We will be inspired

- 'Once we are prayerfully committed to placing our whole trust in God, and have become clear that we are concerned only for the Kingdom; once we have learned to love the rich for who they are rather than what they have; and once we believe that we have something of great value to give them, then we will have no trouble at all in asking someone for a large sum of money.'
- 'I ask for money standing up, not bowing down because I believe in what I am about. I believe I have something important to offer.'
- 'We do not need to worry about the money. Rather, we need to worry about whether, through the invitation we offer them (the donor) and the relationship we develop with them, they will come closer to God.'

We will become more prayerful

- 'From beginning to end, fundraising as ministry is grounded in prayer and undertaken in gratitude.'
- 'Prayer is the radical starting point of fundraising. To pray is to desire to know more fully the truth that sets us free.'
- 'When we approach fundraising in a spirit of gratitude, our confidence in our mission does not depend on how the person we are with responds to our request! We are free to remain secure in God's love with our hearts set joyfully on the kingdom.'

CHRISTMAS FAYRE There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm** in the welcome area. Everyone who is interested in helping in any way with the fayre is warmly invited to attend this meeting. Many hands make light work!

PARISH WALK Takes place **TODAY 5th October 2014**. A 4 mile circular walk from Shearsby via Bruntingthorpe and Knaptoft. Meet at St Mary's for 2:00pm or the Chandler's Arms in Shearsby 2:20pm. Lifts are available from St Mary's. Good footwear is recommended. Fiona Wingate.

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.

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

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.

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