

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am Communion for All

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

Monday 13 October, 7.00 pm	Worship Committee
Tuesday 14th October 7.30 pm	Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting
Wednesday 15 October, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 16 October, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 October, 10.30 am	Matins

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 Please pray for the soul of **Lee Parry** who has died recently and keep **June Parry** in your prayers. 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 mswyatt350@ntlworld.com <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/legacies/resources-on-legacies/>

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Last Sunday, Mark Wyatt gave an excellent presentation on how we should regard our financial stewardship of the Church and the personal commitment which we as Christians need to underpin it. I have asked him to summarize it here so that we can continue to ponder on his words.

Giving for Growth was the theme of last Sunday's All Age Worship. We were asking ourselves if there is a message for us in the words of the Good Samaritan to the innkeeper at the end of the famous parable. He did not say "What will it cost to care for my neighbour and I'll see what I can do". Nor did he say "Here is some money – care for him until it's gone and then throw him out". He said simply "Whatever it takes, I will repay". Quite a commitment by him and quite a challenge to us.

It's important to remember that the central work of the church is faith-raising not fund-raising. Of course the Church must pay its way-the gas bill and so on but the more funds the Church has, the more it can do to promote a caring community and to grow –

- To support the Memory Café
- To expand work with young people and their families
- To reach out to the community. The PCC members would love to hear specific examples of what you think we could be doing.

David, our Treasurer, has a calm and youthful look and we want to keep it that way. He would sleep better if, each January, he could predict the Church's income for the coming year and let us make plans for what good works the Church can do. He could even have a lie-in if the givers who are taxpayers use Gift Aid. We should try to love everyone and that includes HMRC because it will give the Church some of the tax you have paid. The value of the gift increases by 25% without extra cost. There are various ways to give – money on the plate, money in envelopes and (David's favourite) Standing Order. If you would like to know more please talk to David or Mark.

We are not emphasising the amount of any giving – that's a very personal choice – but we are asking for reasonable predictability. Equally we are not asking for a guarantee – a Standing Order can be changed or stopped at any time. We don't want to make "Giving" a burden – we want it to be a joyful, uplifting act of love.

The PCC invites every member of the Church to Pray Decide and Commit. Prayer Decision and Commitment to the community for the future built the Memorial Hall many years ago. Prayer Decision and Commitment to the Church and the community for the future built the Welcome Area in more recent times. When we adopt the Good Samaritan's approach – "Whatever it takes" – we will all be singing "There's no stopping us now"!

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!

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Rev Ian James Phelps, Priest and Broadcaster will take place at Burton Overy Parish Church on **Sat 25th October at 1.30pm**. All welcome.

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