

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

Wednesday 22 October, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 23 October, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 October, 10.30 am	Matins

REVISED SERVICE ROTA Please note that 2nd November becomes an All Age Worship service and 23 November becomes a Matins service.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Baby William Broadbent** and **Jean Abbott** in our prayers. Please also 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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF LEE PARRY. This will take place on Monday 27 October at 12.30 pm, after a private cremation service at Gilroes. A choir is requested. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Welcome Area.

REVITALISATION OF HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. Work on the internal refurbishment, which was funded by **BIFFA**, is complete. The new floor for the main hall has now also been completed, with a grant from Leicester City Council, Knighton Ward towards the cost of the floor. **The “Grand Opening” will take place on Remembrance Sunday 9 November.**

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 *STOP PRESS* DATE OF OPENING OF THE MEMORIAL HALL AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENT RECOVERED. The apparent lack of any surviving parish magazine for Knighton between 1914 and 1922 has made it difficult to ascertain how the Memorial Hall was funded, the role of the community in supporting the effort, and the date of official opening of the new facility. It is now known that the date of the official opening was Saturday 23 October 1920 and that there are surviving photographs of the event. What follows is a summary of three newspaper reports.

Knighton's tribute to the fallen comprises a war Memorial Hall on the Holbrook Road and a beautiful marble tablet in the Church of St Mary Magdalen. The quaintly-built and commodious hall, which adjoins St Guthlac's Church, was opened by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough (Dr Woods) on Saturday afternoon. A large number of parishoners assembled in the Memorial Hall on Saturday afternoon for the opening. The Hall was designed by Messrs Stockdale, Harrison and Sons,* and built by Mr H. M. Dudgeon and the approximate cost is nearly £5,000.

The Vicar (the Rev R E Roberts) said they were particularly grateful to several Nonconformists who had been kind enough to subscribe to the fund, and also to the large number of subscribers who had never attended either of their churches. (Hear, hear.) Acknowledging the splendid service of the Memorial Committee, the vicar said that it had seldom fallen to the lot of a parish priest to be surrounded and supported by more competent or more willing lay workers than he had in th[is] parish. He reminded his hearers how badly equipped with centres of social activity the parish of Knighton was left when it was split up [by the formation of St John's in 1917], and said that was the reason it was decided that the war memorial should take that form. They had met with unexpected difficulties, however, and although they had raised up to the present £1,000 in excess of the original estimate of the cost, they had still some way to go before they had cleared the actual expense involved.

They wanted the hall to serve as a social centre and for the stimulation of intellectual interests – not to deteriorate into a mere billiard or dancing saloon. Mr Oram had offered to start a library with 100 first-class books, and Mr Mallory had some excellent schemes. But they must not merely become a smug, prosperous, self-contained family, but remember that it was only by taking an increasing share in the general work of the church that they would find in their midst a memorial that was at all worthy of those who served them so faithfully and fell so gallantly in the great war. (Applause.)

THE BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH ON THE LESSON OF NEIGHBOUR-LINESS

The Bishop warmly congratulated the parish upon its achievement, because it marked that which was needed more than ever to-day – the social side of the work of the Church. He hoped they were coming back to the idea that the Church was the social centre of the parish...

The Church had to teach the real root secret of neighbourliness. Social distinctions must have no meaning within their borders, and there must be nought but service and love and goodwill. Every hall like that should be the workshop in which people of various social grades and various outlooks in life and various schools of thought should be able to meet on terms of equality. (Hear, hear.) Knighton had perhaps known its cliques and sets of people who looked askance at one another. But everyone should know those who were their fellow worshippers. There were many things the Church needed to try to teach other people, and indeed learn herself, but there was no greater task they were concerned with than the teaching of true neighbourliness, and he believed that hall would prove a powerful instrument for carrying out that task... (Applause.)

* This information was not previously known. It could be a mistake (confusing the Hall with St Guthlac's Church); but if correct then it makes the Hall of particular architectural significance.

MOTHERS' UNION We have our next meeting on the afternoon of **Tuesday, 21st October**, starting at **2.30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre, when we welcome Revd. Pam Harvey, Diocese Chaplain, who will give a talk entitled 'Believing and Belonging'. Please join us if you can for this very special event, and bring a friend, too.

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.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS. Rehearsals for **Sinbad** will begin on **Thursday 6th November 2014, 6.45-8pm** in St. Guthlac's Church. New members (year 4 upwards) welcome. Jane Wright knightonplayers@ntlworld.com

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 –Please see the noticeboard outside the Church and/or the programmes at the back of Church.

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