

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

See the programme of events for Knighton Remembers World War I

Wednesday 5 November, 7.30 pm

Choir Practice

Thursday 6 November, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 9 November, 10.30 am

Remembrance Sunday: Bishop Christopher presides and celebrates Holy Communion

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION There will be a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion at the Remembrance Day service next Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Kath Wadd, Heather Alexander, Baby William Broadbent and Jean Abbott** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Vi Silcock and Lee Parry** who have 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.**

TO ALL AT ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH FROM JUNE PARRY I am very grateful for your kindness and support and prayers for Lee and myself over the recent difficult times. **THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

THANKS TO OUR BENEFACTORS FOR THE DONATION OF A DOZEN CHAIRS WITH ARMS IN MEMORY OF MARGARET MARSHALL. These chairs, which will be used for the first time today in our service, will be blessed by the Revd Richard. He will use the words 'We present these chairs to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this church' to which the Congregation is asked to reply: **We accept these chairs as a sacred trust and will guard and use them reverently.**

EBOLA CRISIS APPEAL (DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE AND CHRISTIAN AID) **Christian Aid envelopes are in the pews for you to support this appeal.** The explosive spread of Ebola in West Africa is not just killing the infected but ripping apart health services, devastating communities, and destroying people's ability to support themselves. More than 4500 people have died and over 10,000 have been infected by the Ebola virus. The outbreak is not only a health crisis, but also a humanitarian crisis with global dimensions. **Donations recently forwarded to Christian Aid amounted to £244.39.**

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; each of us has been challenged to make personal invitations to people we know. 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 As was the case last year, the PCC has suggested that we should give to charity as a collective endeavour to the amount that we would otherwise pay by exchanging Christmas cards between ourselves. In the Christmas season there is

plenty of opportunity to exchange Christmas greetings. Are cards perhaps not best saved for people we know less well or who are outside the Church community?

We have instead envelopes from the Church Urban Fund (CUF) in which we could place our 'Christmas card donation'. The PCC asked me to write a few words about this charity in the newsletter to remind us of what CUF does and why it is worth our support (support which, of course, does not need to be limited to what we would otherwise spend on Christmas cards to ourselves). CUF has a very good website (www.cuf.org.uk) and these comments are drawn from it. 'We believe that people can be impoverished in different ways. As such, we group the multiple and diverse experiences of poverty into three categories: **Poverty of resources** – when people lack sufficient resources, such as income, skills, qualifications or health, to achieve a good standard of living. Where resources are limited, so are people's choices and opportunities. **Poverty of relationships** – when people lack the strong and supportive relationships on which individual, family and community life are built, resulting in loneliness and isolation. Where relationships are under pressure or where communities are fragmented and hostile, it is difficult to thrive in human terms. **Poverty of identity** – when people lack a strong sense of self-worth and a belief in their own ability to respond to challenges. Where these are missing, it can lead to low self-esteem, a lack of resilience and aspiration, poor mental health and even drug and alcohol misuse. These issues are complex and closely interlinked, trapping individuals and whole communities in what we call the 'Web of Poverty' (see diagram below).



We want to help build communities that encourage and allow space for relationships between and among those who live in poverty and those who do not. Not only do such relationships have inherent value, they are also mutually transformative. They help us to learn from one another and work together to address common needs. They also help to restore dignity as we celebrate one another's strengths and enable each other to feel we can belong to and

contribute to our community. Our aim is to inform, inspire, resource and support churches as they work to tackle poverty and build strong, flourishing communities. Set up by the Church of England, we do this primarily through the parish system which offers unparalleled access to England's most deprived and marginalised communities. Through this network we aim to enhance, multiply and transform the Church's engagement with poverty at a local and national level by:

■ *Growing church-based social action.* We offer churches one-to-one bespoke support as they develop and deliver new social action initiatives; providing advice on strategic planning, governance, volunteering and fundraising. We also make small grants available to kick-start new church-based initiatives.

■ *Increasing the capacity of churches to take action.* We run workshops and training events that aim to inform churches about poverty-related issues, share best-practice responses and enable practitioners to develop new skills. This work is supported by our national research programme.

■ *Building partnerships.* We develop partnerships between churches, organisations and agencies in order to increase joined-up responses, enable innovative ways of working and ensure people feel supported in their efforts to tackle poverty. It is through the growing Together Network, and the small grants we make for church-based social action, that local churches can be resourced and equipped to tackle poverty and build flourishing communities.'

Copies of the Knighton Remembers World War I programme are available on request. The full programme is also on our website and on diomail. <http://www.leicester.anglican.org/blogs/details/knighton-remembers-world-war-i>

PARISH WALK This takes place at **2pm TODAY 2nd November 2014**. A 5 mile circular walk from St Guthlac's Church mostly on well-made footpaths and pavements. Simon Britton

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

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS: YOUR HELP NEEDED! Christmas leaflets will be bundled for delivery after the service on **Sunday 16th Nov.** Please help if you can. **More volunteers are needed to deliver leaflets:** many roads in the CD have no volunteer. Please put your name down for a road/roads if you can help in this way (delivery between 16th and 30th Nov ideally) Thank you PCC

CHRISTMAS FAYRE HAMPER The fayre is on **Saturday December 6th 10-1pm** in St. Guthlac's Church. **The raffle prize will be a Christmas Hamper.** There is a list at the back of church of items we would like to include in the hamper. If you are able to donate any of these items please can you sign the list and give the item to Lesley by Sunday 23rd November. **Preserves, cakes** (preferable not fruitcake as we will be selling our mini Christmas cakes) and **buns** for the cake stall and **bottles** of anything for the tombola are also needed. 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