

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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10.30 Remembrance Sunday Eucharist

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

See the programme of events for Knighton Remembers World War I

Wednesday 12 November, 7.30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 13 November, 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 16 November, 10.30 am All Age Communion*

* Our younger worshippers will join us in reflecting on the exhibition and events mounted as part of 'Knighton Remembers World War I'.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Kathleen Stringer John Norman, 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 were used for the first time today in our service last Sunday. The Revd Richard blessed them using 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 responded: 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.

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. There is plenty of time for you to consider who you might be called to invite to the Christmas season events. There is a range of invitation cards at the back for you to select from and Christmas ones will be available soon. The Christmas leaflet has been produced. Let's make the Season of Invitation a success! **PLEASE HELP IN THE BUNDLING UP OF CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS AFTER OUR SERVICE ON 16 NOV. THANK YOU.**

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Today, we warmly welcome for our Remembrance Sunday service Bishop Christopher, who will preside and celebrate Holy Communion. Bishop Christopher will notice some significant changes to the Church since he was last with us: then, he jointly 'cut the first sod' for the extension with the late Lee Parry. Now we have a completed Welcome Area in which today we are displaying some of the exhibits from World War I.

Today we remember in our intercessions some of those who died at a very young age in a single battle in the conflict. We have discovered that 4 men on our war memorial died in one of the Leicestershire Regiment's most deadly actions, the attempt to storm the massive German defences of the Hohenzollern Redoubt, in the battle of Loos on 13 and 14 October 1915. In the first few minutes of this attack, over 3,000 men died. We pray for each of our local men of the Leicestershire Regiment who died in this futile attack and who have no known graves:

We pray for Corporal William Quinton Lander, son of Tom Lander of Home (or Church) Farm, Knighton who enlisted on 1 Sept 1914 and died on 13 Oct. 1915, aged 21. He was already orphaned when he joined up.

We pray for Lieutenant Thomas Whittingham, the son of the vicar of Knighton, born at Knighton Vicarage and trained to become a chartered accountant. He died on 13 Oct. 1915, aged 22. His father's role was to bring comfort to those who suffered – but what pain he and his wife must have felt when they received this news.

We pray for Captain Reginald Alfred Faire, son of Sir Arthur & Lady Faire of Elms Road, who died on 14 Oct. 1915 aged 25. He was a professional soldier before war broke out, and his family would have been all too aware of the risks this career carried, but it wouldn't have made the news of his death any easier to bear.

We pray for 2nd Lieutenant Frederick William Walters, son of William & Bertha Walters who lived in Woodland Avenue. He died on 14 Oct. 1915 aged 32. Unlike the others, Frederick had had more of a life before the war – he worked in Leicester, he went out with his friends and enjoyed socialising in Leicester. But this life ended in the carnage on the Western Front.

Lord God, we can only begin to imagine the pain and suffering the deaths of these 4 men and hundreds like them brought to their families and friends. We remember also those who returned from the war with permanent scars in body, mind and spirit – who were never the same. We pray for them and for their families who had to live with this legacy of this war throughout their lives.

Lord God, today we remember the courage of men who fought in the First World War to defend this country. We remember the endurance of those who waited at home for news of their loved ones at the front. We also remember the courage of men and women who stood out against the war and refused to fight and endured hostility and hardship because of their beliefs.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS. Rehearsals for **Sinbad** continue every **Thursday 6.45-8pm** throughout November, in St. Guthlac's Church. New members (year 4 upwards) welcome. Jane Wright knightonplayers@ntlworld.com

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS: YOUR HELP IS 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.

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. Tickets (£8 to include tea) from Cora Paul, Judi Stone, Lorna Pollard, Margarete Booton.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. The PCC would like to suggest that members of the congregation make a donation to the **Church Urban Fund** instead of exchanging cards with one another. If you would like to do this then CUF envelopes will be available at the back of church from the beginning of December together with a collection box and a large card for everyone to sign. If you wish to gift aid your donation please fill in your details on the envelope. Thank you.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NATIVITY GIFT SERVICE Sun 22nd December. Open Hands have let us know that the following 4 food items would be particularly welcome: Cereal, long life milk 500ml, small bottles of cooking oil and tinned meat items. These items are for individuals and families so please note the pack sizes requested and add to your shopping list! The food will be delivered after Christmas.

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