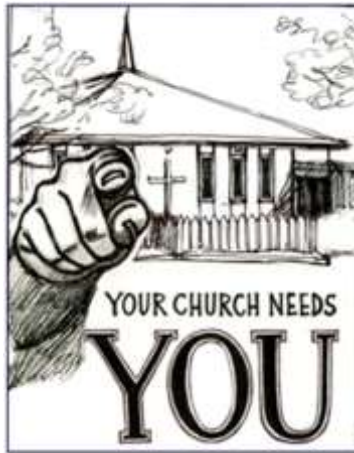


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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16 November 2014
10.30 All Age Communion

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 17 November, 7.00	Worship Committee
Wednesday 19 November, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 20 November, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 20 November, 6.45 pm	Deanery Synod at St Peter's Braunstone Park
Sunday 23 November, 10.30 am	Matins

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **John Norman, Kath Wadd, Rebecca Magee, Rhiannon Jones, Baby William Broadbent** and **Jean Abbott** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Kathleen Stringer, 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.**

FUNERAL OF KATHLEEN STRINGER This is expected to take place at St Guthlac's on Tuesday 25 November at 12.30 pm with a reception following in the Welcome Area. The committal, probably for family only, will take place at Gilroes at 3.15 pm.

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!

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
<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/legacies/resources-on-legacies/>

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Today, instead of the usual sermon slot, we invite the congregation, young and less young, to reflect on our Remembrance experience this year and how it fits into our strategy mentioned on page (the Season of Invitation) and more generally into the growth of the church.

Today's gospel is the parable of the talents, and we have certainly tried to use our talents to good effect in God's service. **My thanks to everyone who helped bring about this excellent series of events. I am particularly grateful for the spontaneous local leaflet drop organized by some of more senior members of the congregation. I am sure that this was very helpful, because quite a few people arrived with their leaflet.**

The headline news to consider:

1) Grand Totals

Total attendance all events except Remembrance Sunday service at St Guthlac's: 915, of whom Under 16: 148; Over 16: 767

2) The extent of the attention on remembrance generated by the events certainly boosted figures of those attending our Remembrance Day service with Bishop Christopher. 2013 church attenders: under 16:3; over 16: 29; 2014 church attenders: under 16: 18; over 16: 81.

3) Positive feedback in the comments book, which will be summarized by Tina in our presentation.

4) Knighton Remembers World War I panels. These have travelled to Overdale Infant School this week and at the time the newsletter went to print, were scheduled to go to the Town Hall on Friday evening for future display.

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.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Christmas leaflets will be bundled for delivery after the service **TODAY**. 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 from the PCC

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

FAITH IN MUSIC CONCERT AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, Evington Road, LE2 1HN Saturday 22 November, 7-9 pm with refreshments. FREE EVENT. A musical finale to Inter Faith Week 2014 featuring musicians from different faiths in the city and county drawn together by their ability to give expression to the spiritual by taking us to the heart of their faith. Showcasing choral, solo and group performances. Warmly recommended by those who enjoyed last year's event.

ADVENT SUNDAY, 30 November. Evening Service at 6.30pm at St Mary Magdalen Church. 'Come, Lord, Come': Advent readings, music and prayers in expectation of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God.

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.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NATIVITY GIFT SERVICE Sun 21st 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