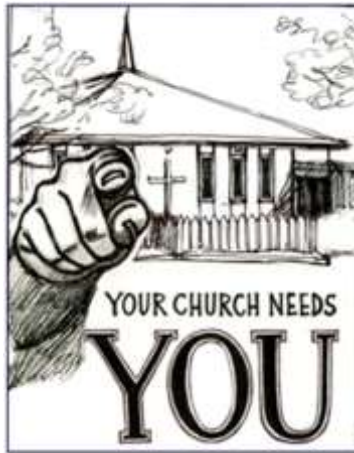


## ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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***23 November 2014***  
**10.30 Matins**

### **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**

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| Monday 24 November, 7.00 pm    | Memory Cafes Steering Group                                           |
| Tuesday 25 November, 12.30 pm  | Funeral of Kathleen Stringer                                          |
| Wednesday 26 November, 7.30 pm | Choir Practice                                                        |
| Thursday 27 November, 9.30 am  | Holy Communion                                                        |
| Thursday 20 November, 6.45 pm  | Knighton Players Rehearsal                                            |
| Sunday 30 November, 10.30 am   | Advent Sunday: Communion for All                                      |
| Sunday 30 November, 6.30pm     | Advent Evening Service: 'Come, Lord, Come' at St Mary Magdalen Church |

**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 will take place at St Guthlac's on Tuesday 25 November at 12.30 pm with a reception following in the Welcome Area. The committal 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** Thanks to David Hunt for putting the images of the exhibition panels for Knighton Remembers World War I on our website: <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>

Today I am briefly introducing the new feedback form that we will be using from now on to learn more about your reactions to our services. The Worship Committee will consider comments received at each of its meetings and will try to provide some response on occasions when this seems to be necessary. Our aim is to work consistently at ways to improve our worship. Please familiarise yourself with the form which looks like this (but laid out on an A5 sheet):

## **St Guthlac's**

### **Improving our Worship**

We are keen to provide services that cater for everyone. Your views are important.

#### **Do you have a comment on a specific service?**

Date.....

Please tick the appropriate service

All Age Worship  
All Age Communion  
Communion for All  
Matins  
Other .....

Aspects you liked or valued in this service:-

Things that could have been done differently:-

Other comments

**Do you have a comment about existing services in general or ones we might offer in future?**

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**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY 28TH DEC AT ST GUTHLAC'S BUT THERE WILL BE A 10 AM EUCHARIST AT ST MARY'S THAT DAY.**

**KNIGHTON MOTHERS' UNION MEETING, Tuesday 25 Nov., 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.** Knighton Mothers' Union welcomes Joe (Lay Chaplain at Leicester Royal Infirmary) and Eileen Smith to our meeting. They will take "A Closer Look at Creation". A warm invitation is extended to all. Please let Lorna Pollard or Anne Squires know if transport is required.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** Cheryl will be making Christmas holly wreaths for the fayre. If you are able to pre-order one it would be very helpful to her. Costs are £8 small, £12 large, with additional decoration £15. Thank you

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL "CAKES & BAKES"** A demonstration on preparation and presentation of festive treats will be given by local artisan baker, Christine Taylor, on Saturday, 13th December, 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Centre. To be followed by afternoon tea. There will be a quiz, raffle and mystery prize. Tickets are £8.00 (to include afternoon tea) and are available now from Cora Paul, Judi Stone, Lorna Pollard, and Margarete Booton.

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NATIVITY GIFT SERVICE Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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! More volunteers are needed to deliver leaflets:** many roads in the CD have no volunteer. Please put your name down for a road if you can help in this way (delivery between 16th and 30th Nov ideally) 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](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)