

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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14 December 2014 Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Communion for All

5.00 pm Christingle

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 17 December, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 18 December, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 December, 7.30 pm	9 Lessons and Carols @ St G
Friday 19 December, 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 20 December, 1 pm	Wedding: Michelle David and Paul Stirk
Sunday 21 December, 10.30 am	Advent 4: Bubbles Nativity Gift Service in Holbrook Memorial Hall
Sunday 21 December, 6.30 pm	9 Lessons and Carols @ St MM
Wednesday 24 December, 4 pm	Crib Service
Wednesday 24 December, 8 pm	First Eucharist of Christmas
Thursday 25 December, 10.30 am	All Age Communion for Christmas

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY 28TH DEC AT ST GUTHLAC'S. THERE WILL BE A 10 AM EUCHARIST AT ST MARY'S THAT DAY AND 10.30AM SERVICES AT STONEYGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, 315 LONDON ROAD AND CLARENDON PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD ROAD.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **John Norman, Grace Mason, and Jeanine** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Kath Wadd, Marcel, 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.**

The funeral of Kath Wadd will be held at St. Mary's on Thurs 18th December at 1.30pm, with a reception afterwards at The Craddock Arms. We have been asked to wear bright colours.

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!

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES It is sometimes difficult to talk about the role of the prophetic witness in the contemporary church without talking in tongues! So to avoid this, I shall try to keep my address brief and to the point today by talking solely about the report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Hunger in the United Kingdom entitled *Feeding Britain. A Strategy for Zero Hunger in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland*, a report funded by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Charitable Trust.

The Inquiry's terms of reference were:

1. To understand the extent and geographical spread of hunger and food poverty in this country
2. To investigate the underlying causes of hunger and food poverty in this country
3. To identify the circumstances behind the rising number of people requiring emergency food assistance in this country
4. To understand the extent, nature and organisation of emergency food assistance schemes in this country
5. To discover the food choices and other forms of support available to clients when using emergency food assistance
6. To investigate the source of emergency food assistance providers' supplies – how much is supplied by consumers and institutions?
7. To consider the effectiveness of emergency food assistance in meeting immediate and long-term needs, and the possibility of these schemes becoming permanent features of the welfare state
8. To examine the effectiveness and sustainability of our food model in providing universal access to healthy, affordable food in this country
9. To consider approaches to improving household food security in this country
10. To make recommendations.

In this column next week I shall try to summarize the conclusions of the inquiry and the recommendations, the task of my sermon this morning.

I have asked for a number of copies of Chris Howson's article to be placed on the table at the back of the Church. In this he describes in more detail the EARS model, which could be of considerable interest and potential importance in developing and shaping the future ministry of St Guthlac's. Please take a copy and reflect on it, as well as making suggestions about possible changes for our consideration. The slips and pencils are also on the table at the back of the Church for your suggestions.

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 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.

SING CHRISTMAS 2014 Monday 22nd December 7pm–8pm at The Old Horse London Road. Join in with this live BBC Radio Leicester interactive sing-along carol concert. Carol sheets can be downloaded at <http://www.singchristmas.org.uk/resource-downloads/>

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thankyou to everyone whop helped or supported this event. We have raised in excess of £950 so far for church funds and there are still a few items left for sale at the back of church.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION thanks St Guthlac's for the sum of **£145.88** collected (including the leaving gift at the Remembrance Sunday service).

THE RED CROSS received £50 from the Nursing and the Red Cross during World War I event. We are waiting to hear from the Royal British Legion how much was collected in their tin that night.

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WORLD WAR I EXHIBITION for further information see <http://www.leicester.anglican.org/blogs/details/knighton-remembers-exhibition>

WARNING OF TELEPHONE SCAM Parcel Delivery Service. Royal Mail and the Trading Standards office are making people aware of the following scam: A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 66119** (a premium rate number, partially censored). If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655. For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website (external). Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS. Please make sure your colleagues, family, friends and neighbours are aware of the above.

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER W/C SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER. Information to be included in the following newsletter must be received by 31st December. Thank you.

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