

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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7 February 2016

10.30 am 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.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Wednesday 10 February, 7.30 pm Joint Ash Wednesday service at St Mary Magdalen
Thursday 11 February, 9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 11 February, 6.45 pm Knighton Players rehearsal
Friday 12 February, 1.30pm Memory Café
Sunday 14 February, 10.30 am First Sunday of Lent: Communion for All.
Preacher: Johannes Arens

Cover image. Simeon and Anna recognize the Lord in Jesus
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/12/Rembrandt_-_Simeon_and_Anna_Recognize_the_Lord_in_Jesus_-_WGA19102.jpg

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Sibylle Schroll, Sheila Reynolds, Terry Cocks, David Pallot, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Flo McVey** and **Saty French** in our prayers. We pray particularly for Margot Comer, Liz and David Farmillo and their family. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: **Good news is sometimes in short supply.** The Church of England has been paying much attention lately to the welcome and support given to couples who are considering getting married in Church. Does St Guthlac's hold a record for the Diocese? Five children from the same family (the Stevensons) have been married in our Church. Helen (10 July 2004), Claire (24 September 2005), Anna (14 May 2011), Peter (27 July 2013) and now Beth (19 December 2015). Those who have been married remain married and there are also four children from the marriages. This is a source of joy for Mum and Dad and also for our Church. The photo was taken just before the address at Beth's wedding at the end of last year.





**SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN
PARTNERSHIP
CONTEMPLATING HOLY ART IN LENT
Five Presentations by David Lamb**

Christchurch, 105A Clarendon Park Road, Leicester
7.30 pm on Thursdays for 5 weeks
from 18 February

**ALL WELCOME: COME FOR ALL OR
JUST SOME OF THE SESSIONS!**

Visual material, Biblical texts, discussion
and contemplation

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| 18 Feb. | The Life of Christ |
| 25 Feb. | The Miracles of Christ |
| 3 March | The Crucifixion |
| 10 March | The Resurrection |
| 17 March | Walking the Via Dolorosa |
| (an illustrated introduction to the Stations of the Cross) | |

PROPOSED PARISH OF ST GUTHLAC, KNIGHTON Following upon the receipt of documents on 15 January, we are now asked to consider a draft scheme for the establishment of a parish of St Guthlac within the benefice of St Mary Magdalen, Knighton. A successor to the Revd Keith Magee will in due course become Vicar of St Mary Magdalen as well as of St Guthlac, Knighton. I shall be asked to resign as Chairman of the Conventional District as well as Minister and will be licensed instead as Minister in Charge to serve in the benefice of St Mary Magdalen, Knighton with specific responsibility for St Guthlac, Knighton. The change has been requested by the PCC of St Mary Magdalen, Knighton 'in order to enhance the mission and ministry of both churches as well as formalise current practice'.

The scheme does not alter the existing status of the church of Saint Mary Magdalen, Knighton. **It makes provision for Saint Guthlac to become the parish church of the new parish of St Guthlac, Knighton.** A new PCC will have to be formed for the new parish. Notice of these proposed changes is to be posted in both churches on Sunday 24 January, with provision that anyone may make representations for or against part or parts of the scheme provided that they do so by Tuesday 1 March 2016.

We are asked to remind members of the congregation at services that this draft scheme exists so that people may inform themselves of what is proposed. Thereafter what happens depends on whether there are representations against the proposed scheme. If there are, there will be further consultations and delay. If not, the draft scheme will become 'the scheme', which will come into effect as soon as practicable.

EXHIBITION OF BOTANICAL PAINTINGS in Holbrook Hall **TODAY 10am-2pm** by local artists. Please have a look and support your local painting group.

SUPPORTING OPEN HANDS THIS LENT Open Hands works with disadvantaged people in the Highfields area of the city and they have been extremely grateful for the food donations we collect for them each Christmas and Harvest. This Lent we are hoping to build on the support we usually give by collecting items for New Home Hampers which are given to referred people/families who have just been given accommodation and are in need of cleaning and toiletry basics. Please consider donating an item from the list below each week during Lent, or as often as you are able. A collecting box will be made available.

- Washing up liquid
- Dish cloths
- Disposable cloths (blue and white)
- Scouring sponges
- Tea towels
- Antibacterial spray
- Washing liquid (for clothes)
- Toilet rolls
- Black Bags
- Light bulbs (energy saving)

Thank you very much for your support of people in need in our city.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Ali Baba & the forty thieves on **Friday 18th March 7.30pm** and **Saturday 19th March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (adults £6, children £4) are available from Jane Wright (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis (St. Mary's), or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

RAFFLE Could you provide a **raffle prize**? If so, please contact Jane Wright or Judi and Bernard Stone. Thank you

DIARY DATES

Sunday 24th April 12 noon

Monday 2nd May

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

May Fayre

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please contact us at the latest by **10pm Thursday** for material to be included in the next weekly newsletter. administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk