

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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14 February 2016

10.30 am Communion for All: First Sunday of Lent

Preacher: Canon Johannes Arens

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 February, 7.30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday 18 February, 9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 18 February, 6.45 pm Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 21 February, 10.30 am Second Sunday of Lent: Communion for All.
Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Christopher

Cover image. The return of the Prodigal Son:

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt_Harmensz_van_Rijn_-_Return_of_the_Prodigal_Son_-_Google_Art_Project.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: We are very fortunate as a Church to be led for our first Sunday in Lent by the Canon Precentor, Dr Johannes Arens, and on the Second Sunday by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester, Bishop Christopher. Dr Johannes Arens grew up in Germany and originally trained as a teacher for Music and German and worked in various secondary schools. He is married to Esther and they have two children. He was ordained in the German Old-Catholic Church (in full-communion with the Church of England) in 1996 and has been living in England since 2004. After having worked as a parish priest in Yorkshire he was appointed as Canon Precentor on Palm Sunday 2011, and is responsible for worship, music and the day-to-day running of the Cathedral.

It is revealing to consider the differences between the Western and Eastern Churches in the way that they approach Lent. Invariably in the West, the reading for Ash Wednesday is the gospel from Matthew 6, with its three references to 'hypocrites' and its three references to 'your father who sees in secret'. Though we are told not to 'disfigure' our faces and not to be 'dismal' when we fast, the suspicion is that is what we do. The attitude of the Eastern Orthodox church is quite different. While in the West the chanting of Alleluia ceases during Lent, in the East its use is increased. This is because for the Orthodox, fasting should be joyous (cf. Matthew 6:16), and the sense of unworthiness must always be tempered with hope in God's forgiveness. If there is a theme to Lent, it is to Lenten Joy. Generally, there is no Ash Wednesday for repentance in the Orthodox Church: instead Lent is preceded by the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. Another of the gospels used by the Orthodox during Lent is the Parable of the Prodigal Son (see cover illustration).



**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.

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

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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