

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Asking the Lord for more ordinations

CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am Communion for All: Second Sunday of Lent

Preacher and Celebrant: Bishop Christopher

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 24 February, 7.30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday 25 February, 9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 25 February, 6.45 pm Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 28 February, 10.30 am Matins
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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 second Sunday in Lent by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester, Bishop Christopher. At its recent meeting the PCC agreed to make the Bishop's 'Mobile Clinic' in northern Malawi its foreign charity for the foreseeable future and a cheque from PCC funds will be presented to Bishop Christopher today. There is also a display of information about the work of the mobile clinic in the Welcome Area. Please note that individuals are welcome to support the mobile clinic at any time, in addition to the PCC's support. Please speak to David Hunt for details.

This Lent, Christian Aid suggests that we reflect each day on the blessings in our lives and in giving thanks. We are provided with a number of copies of **Count your Blessings 2016** which we can share as a personal journey or share with family, friends or the church community.

Asking the Lord

Jesus instructs us to pray for more workers in His vineyard. Throughout February the Church of England nationally is encouraging people to pray for every Christian to know how God is calling them (as **the question is not is God calling me, but how is He calling me**). This will include callings to short and long term vocations, to both those formally recognised within the life of the Church (like clergy, Pioneers, Readers, Pastoral Assistants and the like) and also, perhaps more importantly, those not recognised formally but which the vast majority of Christians are engaged in. It's about what happens at 11am Monday morning just 11am on Sunday mornings. Ministry and calling is about the 'overflow of the abundance of her hearts' so it was perhaps fitting that the day designated for the whole nation to pray for Leicester was Valentine's Day, 14th February! Please continue to pray especially during Lent that God will help each of us to recognise our calling. Within this, we do particularly pray for more people to be called to ordination: not because it is more important than other ministries, but because we have a shortage of those we need.



**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

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.

MOTHERS UNION A.G.M. takes place this Tuesday, **23rd February**, at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge. Revd. Neil has very kindly agreed to chair the meeting. Subs of £16 for the coming year are payable.

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

MAY FAYRE Does anyone know of a music group who would be willing to play at the fayre for a nominal sum? If so please speak to Ann, Anne, Lesley or Jane. If you have any contacts who would like to have a stall at the fayre, please speak to Yolanda. 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