

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am Matins: Third Sunday of Lent

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 2 March, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 3 March, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 3 March, 6.45 pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 6 March, 10.30 am	Mothering Sunday: all age worship

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: Our cover illustration this Sunday is the presentation of a cheque for £750 from PCC funds to 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. 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. Image below: Bishop Christopher celebrating communion before the flag for Malawi.





**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

Disposable cloths (blue and white)

Tea towels

Washing liquid (for clothes)

Black Bags

Dish cloths

Scouring sponges

Antibacterial spray

Toilet rolls

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

EASTER FLOWERS Please sign up on the planner if you would like to decorate a windowsill for Easter on Easter **Saturday 26th March** starting at 9.30 am. New helpers are needed and you don't have to be an expert. The usual colour scheme is yellow and white. Please bring your own flowers and foliage if you are able, but there are always some available if you can't. For those who would like to donate towards Easter lilies, a collection container will be available. Thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL. If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete a form which can be found on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church. Completed forms must be returned to Jane Wright by March 27th if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. Thank you.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is on **Sunday 24th April 12 noon**.

MAY FAYRE Monday 2nd May. Does anyone have a large **gas BBQ** which could be used at the 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.

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