

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am All Age Worship: Mothering Sunday

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

Tuesday 8 March, 7.30 pm	PCC Meeting (Welcome Area)
Thursday 10 March, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 10 March, 6.45 pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Friday 11 March, 1.30pm	Memory Café
Friday 11 March, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice at St Mary Magdalen
Friday 11 March, 7.30 pm	Concert at St Guthlac's: Semper Singers
Sunday 13 March, 10.30 am	Lent 5: Quiet Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 13 March, 6.30 pm	The Cross of Christ for Passion Sunday with joint choirs and guests at St. Mary's

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Terry Cocks, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Flo McVey** and **Saty French** in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: PLEASE VOTE FOR THE CITY OF SANCTUARY. Leicester City of Sanctuary is up for The People's Projects Lottery TV Vote. Leicester City of Sanctuary (LCoS), a charity that supports asylum seekers, is one of just five groups in the Central region that have been shortlisted to compete for the public vote and up to £50,000 of Big Lottery Fund cash in ITV's The People's Projects TV Competition. Voting takes place at: www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk

Public voting online will determine which charities receive the money – the three with the most votes will win. On Thursday 3rd March LCoS will showcase its 'Stepping Stones' project which focuses on giving asylum seekers volunteering opportunities so that they can help themselves and others in the local community. Mick Walker, Co-ordinator, explains 'At LCoS, asylum seekers are our most valuable resource. They have skills and are often highly educated. Our members include teachers, doctors, engineers, cooks and carers. They're not allowed to work while their asylum claim is processed, and as a result they often experience alienation, anxiety, and depression. LCoS knows that asylum seekers don't want to wait for others to do what they can do for themselves. Our project will empower our members to set up their own classes and activities so that they can share skills, build community and help themselves and others. It will also give them the chance to volunteer more widely in the local community. They will experience the dignity of actively giving and contributing to others rather than being passive recipients of benefits and services. LCoS sees the desire of the local community to get involved. The funding would also allow us to tap this goodwill to help our work to grow. As well as covering the resources we will need, the money would pay for the admin support required to run this project, including a project manager and a simple IT system'.



**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)

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.

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| 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.

CONCERT FRIDAY 11 MARCH AT ST GUTHLAC'S, 7.30 pm. SEMPER SINGERS
Presents "**All You Need is Love**". An evening of "love" themed music. With guest singers **Kathleen and Charlotte Pullan**. Tickets £7.50 (available at the door). Children free when accompanied by an adult. Free Interval refreshments. More information at www.sempersingers.co.uk

PASSION SUNDAY The joint choirs and guests will perform **The Cross of Christ** on Passion Sunday, **13 March 6.30 pm** at St Mary Magdalen. All welcome.

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**