

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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13 March 2016

10.30 am Passion Sunday: Quiet Service with Communion

6.30 pm The Cross of Christ (readings and music for Passion-tide at St Mary Magdalen. Joint choir and guests)

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

Monday 14 March, 7.00 pm	Memory cafes steering group
Wednesday 16 March, 7.30 pm	Choir practice
Thursday 17 March, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 March, 7pm	Knighton Players rehearsal-Parish Centre
Friday 18 and Sat 19 March	Knighton Players: Ali Baba and 40 thieves
Sunday 20 March, 10.30 am	Palm Sunday Communion for All. Liturgy of the Palms and Dramatised Gospel of Luke

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: Good news at last! I am very pleased to report that the Church Commissioners have received no opposing arguments and that the 'proposal' which has been advertised since January now becomes the 'scheme' with regard to St Guthlac's becoming a parish in its own right within the incumbency of Knighton. Why is this so important to this Church? I am just making a few simple points. They are not a conclusive list.

- 1) A Conventional District is not a permanent but only a temporary arrangement. A negotiated 'outcome' was required. The pastoral measure will make the Conventional District a parish in its own right. This is not a temporary but a permanent arrangement.
- 2) The arrangement was negotiated and concluded with the unanimous approval of Knighton PCC representing the interests of the parish and church of St Mary Magdalen. The expectation is that relations between the two churches will continue to improve as a result of the stability provided by the pastoral measure.
- 3) Under Church law a Conventional District is not supposed to have its own PCC but a DCC. This is not how we have operated but the status of the PCC as custodian of the interests of the parish and Church of St Guthlac cannot now be questioned in the future.
- 4) Under the pastoral measure the Revd Richard is relicensed as minister of the parish Church of St Guthlac. He remains as before the sole ordained ministerial presence in the Church.
- 5) In all future reviews of parochial organization, St Guthlac's will be treated on a basis of equality with other PCCs. This will not guarantee the outcome of any discussions, but it does mean that the viewpoint of the PCC representing the congregation as a whole cannot be ignored.



**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.

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

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.

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN Re-election of sidesmen will take place at the AGM on 24th April. If you do not wish your name to go forward, please let Lesley Meakin know no later than Sunday **April 3rd**. Thank you.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PCC Could you offer to serve the church by joining the PCC for a term of 2 or 3 years? New members are needed for election at the AGM. If you would like to put your name forward or would like to know more about what is involved please speak to Lesley Meakin or one of the Churchwardens. 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**