

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



PARISH CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am Easter 4: Communion for All

12 noon APCM

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.

COVER IMAGE. The traditional view of the Church as the Church militant. Note that the army of the Righteous on the right is confronting the army of Satan on the left.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_militant_and_church_triumphant#/media/File:Blessed_Be_the_Host_of_the_King_of_Heaven%E2%80%A6_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26th April, 7.30 pm	Joint Choir singing for M U (Parish Centre)
Wednesday 27 April, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 28 April, 9.30 am	Holy Communion. Communion, Coffee and Conversation with Bishop Fanuel Mangangani, Bishop of Northern Malawi and Bishop Christopher
Thursday 21 April, 7 pm	St Guthlac's & St Mary's Youth Group
Sunday 1 May, 10.30 am	All Age Worship
Monday 2 May, 10.30 am	May Fayre
Wednesday 4 May, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 5 May, 9.30 am	Holy Communion.
Thursday 5 May, 7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist: Ascension Day
Saturday 7 May, 1pm-4.30 pm	Choir workshop for Saints Alive!
Sunday 8 May, 10.30 am	Matins (note: not in the usual sequence)
Sunday 8 May, 5 pm	Saints Alive! By Roger Jones. Joint choir and guests at St Guthlac's
Tuesday 10 May, 7.30 pm	First meeting of new PCC

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **David Pallot, 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: The shorter collect for today has these words: 'Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve to the glory of God the Father.' What this prayer tells us is that we need both courage and compassion in our ministry to love and serve others. Courage is insufficient without compassion; but, without courage, our compassion is unlikely to achieve its purpose. They are, it is said, two sides of the same coin. Let us pray that as a Church our ministry will be marked both by courage and compassion for those we serve as part of God's purposes in this world.

BRANDING OF ST GUTHLAC'S For the service on 11th April I was asked to produce a logo for St Guthlac's. Once I got into thinking about this, I thought that it might be good to have a few products that could be sold at only modest mark up to help to project the image of the Church. These are: St Guthlac's mug £8; notebooks £10; pens £3. There could be t-shirts too, but I would need to know who would be interested and what sizes would be required. Please show your support by helping to project the image of St Guthlac's as a parish Church. Thank you. Richard



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Bishop John: 'Lift up your heads, you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in.'

A MUSICIAN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY: KNIGHTON ORGAN STUDENTSHIP

It is proposed that the Parish of St. Guthlac's sets up a two-year organ studentship, starting, we hope, in autumn, 2016. The aim is to develop a musician within the community, by training someone to become an organist. This could be a school student with minimum Grade 4 piano, but someone older would be a distinct possibility and older people will also be encouraged to apply. The organ student will be someone who could become an organist for local churches. The proposal was approved in principle by St. Guthlac's PCC on 26th January. The project is being funded by Yolanda Courtney and the student will be overseen by Margaret Bonney. It will pay for an individual's organ tuition and all associated costs (music, exam fees etc.). The project will be taken forward by a small group reporting back to St. Guthlac's PCC. We hope to move into a recruiting phase soon. So, please pray for the success of the project, and please encourage anyone you know with keyboard skills, younger or older, to think about it.

ALL IN THE APRIL EVENING - the next meeting of Knighton Mothers' Union is on **Tuesday, 26th April**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Members of the joint choirs of St. Guthlac and St. Marys will provide a musical treat with some well-loved pieces, and we shall also celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday with sherry and cake! Friends and visitors would be very welcome to join with us

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF NORTHERN MALAWI, The Rt Revd Fanuel Magangani, will be attending St. Guthlac's on **Thursday 28 April, 9.30am, for Communion, Coffee and Conversation**. He is en route to Canterbury and eventually back to the Diocese of Birmingham for the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Birmingham Malawi Link. St. Guthlac's help support the mobile health clinic in the Diocese of Northern Malawi. Please do join us, everyone welcome.

MAY FAYRE Monday 2nd May 10.30-2.30pm. Activities for all the family. Stalls, May Queen, maypole dancing, BBQ, games and live music. **Please come and support us**. We would be pleased to receive donations of **tombola prizes, toys, plants and cakes**. These can be donated next Sunday or Monday from 9am.

MESSY CHURCH Friday 6 May, 3.30–5.45pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church. Join in a celebration of the birthday of the Church at Pentecost with craft activities, worship and delicious food (inc. veggie option), Especially for primary age children and their parents/carers. No charge (donations will be welcome to help cover cost of food etc). Tell us you're coming if you can. We need to know of any special dietary needs (contact Rita on 0116-270-4270/rita.h.shepherd@btinternet.com). A joint venture of Stoneygate Baptist Church and St Marys and St Guthlacs

SAINTS ALIVE! By Roger Jones. St Guthlac's Church, Sunday 8 May 5 pm. Come along and just listen to our two choirs perform this work, or if you are in touch with any of our singer-friends please let them know that they would be most welcome to join the choirs in the rehearsals and performance.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MARGARET ASHER
This will be held at St. Mary's on **Saturday 14th May at 2pm** and afterwards at Ramada Leicester Stage (formerly Wigston Stage). All welcome.

KNIGHTON OPEN GARDENS Sat 11th June. The local community are holding an open garden event to coincide with the celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. As the church is being used to serve refreshments it has been suggested that we **decorate the church with flowers. Naturally to do this we need volunteers!** If you are interested, keen and available please let me know. I intend to hold a small informal meeting to discuss ideas etc. in the next couple of weeks. Thank you, Cheryl

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**