

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 1 May 2016

10.30 am Easter 5: All Age Worship

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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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Monday 2 May, 10.30 am	May Fayre
Wednesday 4 May, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 4 May, 7.30 pm	Archdeacon's visitation @ Holy Apostles
Thursday 5 May, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 5 May, 7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist: Ascension Day
Saturday 7 May, 1pm-4.30pm	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. We hold **Michael Fisher**, who died recently, his family and friends in our prayers. Until his last illness Michael worshipped with us when visiting Leicester. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: We had an enjoyable and spiritually enriching visit of the Bishop of Northern Malawi. The Rt Revd Fanuel Magangani, attended St. Guthlac's on Thursday 28 April for Communion, Coffee and Conversation. He is en route to Canterbury and eventually back to the Diocese of Birmingham for the Jubilee celebration of the Birmingham Malawi Link. St. Guthlac's Church helps to support the mobile health clinic in the Diocese of Northern Malawi. The Bishop made it clear that the chief purpose of his visit was to thank members of the parish for their generosity in supporting the mobile clinic. Bishop Christopher, who was Bishop Magangani's predecessor as Bishop of Northern Malawi, received a cheque for £450 as further support for the clinic. The Revd Richard was pleased to acknowledge the generosity of individuals in supporting David Hunt's birthday bash and David's splendid example in donating his birthday gifts to the clinic.

Our special thanks also to Jean Gabbar for the marvellous new hanging donated to the Church combining our new parochial status with the Diocese's image of mission using the parable of the mustard seed. A wonderful piece of tapestry work designed and executed in record time!



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

ORGAN STUDENTSHIP The Parish of St. Guthlac's, Knighton, Leicester is offering a two-year organ studentship for the academic years 2016/17 and 2017/18 covering organ tuition fees and agreed expenses. Applicants will need keyboard skills at the level of Grade 4 or above and will be expected to play at St. Guthlac's services. For further details and an application form please contact Yolanda Courtney The closing date is 1st July 2016; interviews are planned for the week commencing 11th July 2016.

RSCM DIOCESAN FESTIVAL The music for the RSCM Diocesan Festival to be held on Sunday 25th September 2016 is now available. The Festival will take place at Leicester Cathedral, and will be conducted by James Lancelot, Director of Music, Durham Cathedral. Copies are now available from the office at St Mary's Church, Hinckley, or from St Martins Bookshop, St Martins House, Leicester Cathedral, Leicester. The cost of each copy is the brilliant price of £4 for RSCM affiliated choirs, and £6 for non-affiliated choirs. Area Practices for this event will take place in July and early September, dates and venues to be announced. Those of you requiring copies please contact Peter Harris on [07792 863668](tel:07792863668), or email p.harris@ntlworld.com so that I can ensure sufficient copies are available for you. Based on enquiries received so far, I am expecting a large take up on copies, so to avoid disappointment, early take up is advised. Look forward to seeing you at area rehearsals and on the festival day. Peter Harris

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please contact us by **10pm WEDNESDAY 4th May** for material to be included in the next newsletter. administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

MAY FAYRE Monday 2 May, 10.30-2.30pm, TOMORROW! Please come and support us or offer help if you are able. Activities for all the family; stalls, May Queen, maypole dancing, BBQ, games and live music. It is not too late to bring cakes, plants, toys and tombola prizes (tomorrow morning from 9pm).

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 Mary's and St Guthlac's

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 2705251 or cherylybrewer@gmail.com

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP Sat 9th July 10am - 4.30pm at St. Mary's. Led by John Rowlands-Pritchard of Opus Anglicanum. £10 per person to include music and drinks. Please bring a packed lunch. Further details from Yolanda (2120271) yolanda.courtney@ntlworld.com or see leaflet at back of church.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MEMORY CAFÉ! Each year we have to raise money to keep our valuable cafe going. It's much needed and valued by those who attend each month. Please consider sponsoring Margaret as she walks the Coleridge Way – all 67 miles of it! – this May with the joint parish walking group. Every sponsor will be helping to keep the cafe in existence. Sponsorship forms will be in church from now – your support will be most gratefully received.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS have raised **£800** from their recent production of '**Ali Baba and the forty thieves**'. This has been split between two charities, Rainbows Hospice and Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe). Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.