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Sunday 15 May 2016

10.30 am Pentecost: All Age Communion

6.30 pm @ St Mary Magdalen: SLCP Christian Aid service

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 16 May, 7pm	Boiler working party meeting
Tuesday 17 May, 7.30 pm	SEMP Partnership Management Action Group at St Andrew's Aylestone
Wednesday 18 May, 7.30 pm	No Choir Practice
Thursday 19 May, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 19 May, 7 pm	St Guthlac's & St Mary's Youth Group
Sunday 22 May, 10.30 am	Trinity Sunday: Communion for All

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Brenda Lee, 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: The Archbishops have written to every serving parish priest in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from 8th-15th May. The week of prayer will culminate in ‘Beacon Events’ around the country over Pentecost weekend, where people will pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share their faith. In their letter the Archbishops said:

“At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with **Jesus Christ**. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

“We long to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches. Our hope is – for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ – for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel – for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God’s Kingdom from day to day At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer... When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

The dream is this: imagine every Anglican, perhaps even every Christian, in this nation praying that prayer together with the specific intention that all may come to

know Jesus as Lord. We profoundly hope that you and those you serve will want to be part of this great movement of prayer. Evangelism is the work of God, and it begins as we seek him in prayer. It is always good for the Church to pray.

“Our Father in Heaven” “Our Father, who art in heaven” Through faith in Jesus we have the amazing privilege of becoming children of God, with a Heavenly Father who is good and who welcomes us into His presence. We are so precious to our Heavenly Father that He will never forget us. (Isaiah 49:15) **“Hallowed be your name” “Hallowed be thy name”** God’s name is holy and we are to hold it in awe and respect. **“Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven” “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”** God’s Kingdom is established wherever people submit to His reign as King and carry out His will on earth, as it is done in heaven. **“Give us today our daily bread” “Give us this day our daily bread”** As the Lord provided manna in the desert on a daily basis for the Israelites so he has promised to provide for our needs as we bring them to him. **“Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” “And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”** Our sins, like a bag of rotting rubbish, “smell bad” to God and keep us separated from Him. However, because God loves us, he put our sins on Jesus, who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with him (2 Corinthians 5:21). Having been shown such incredible mercy, we are to show mercy to others. **“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” “And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil”** When the devil tempts us he can dangle something that looks attractive in front of our eyes. If we take the bait and act on the temptation, before we know it we can be trapped and enslaved by chains of sin. Jesus leads us on the safe path through life. **“For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen” “For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen”** All things, including each one of us, have been created to bring God glory. For now we catch glimpses of the Lord’s glory but one day it will be different. One day we will see the Lord face to face in all of His glory, power and majesty when His kingdom is fully present.

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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. This could be a school student but older people are also encouraged to apply. For further details and an application form please contact Yolanda Courtney (yolanda.courtney@ntlworld.com or 0116 2120271). The closing date is 1st July 2016; interviews are planned for the week commencing 11th July 2016.

QUIZ NIGHT AND MEAL at Christchurch on **21st May 6pm** to raise funds for Christian Aid. Entry £5/£3 on the door. Please book your place with your food choice (Chicken or Vegetable Fajitas or Jacket Potatoes) by emailing andrewcurry@ntlworld.com by Wednesday 18th May.

KNIGHTON OPEN GARDENS Sat 11 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

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 or see leaflet at back of church.

RSCM DIOCESAN FESTIVAL Sunday 25 September 2016 will take place at Leicester Cathedral, and will be conducted by James Lancelot, Director of Music, Durham Cathedral. Area Practices for this event will take place in July and early September, dates and venues to be announced. Please speak to Margaret if you wish to take part.

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.

BISHOP JOHN'S SERMON on 11 April 2015 is available for consultation (see sheets at back of the Church).

MAY FAYRE £915 was raised; thanks to all who made this such a success!

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.

AGM AND PCC NEWS At the recent AGM David Hunt and Tina Jarvis were re-elected as Churchwardens and a new PCC was elected. Two new members, Steve Bowyer and Peter Lakin, are warmly welcomed to the committee which held its first meeting this week. A list of members and officers is on display in church. If you would like a copy of the AGM minutes or brochure, please ask Lesley.

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