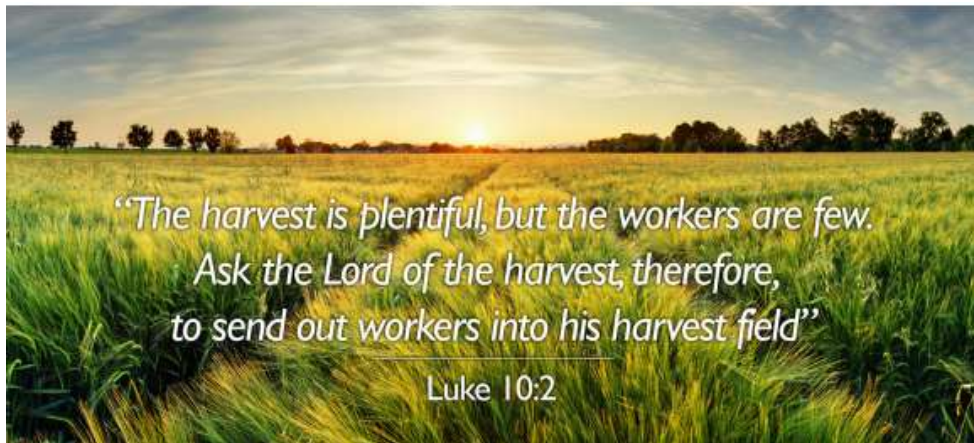


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 5 June 2016

10.30 am Trinity 2: All Age Worship

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 7 June, 7.30 pm	PCC meeting: Welcome Area
Wednesday 8 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 9 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 9 June, 7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Friday 10 June, 1.30pm	Memory Café
Saturday 11 June, 11 am to 5 pm	Queen's 90 th Birthday celebration at St Guthlac's and Community Open Gardens
Sunday 12 June, 10.30 am	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 Henri Nouwen Society website offers us each day a reflection of Nouwen's. Sometimes they are familiar; sometimes they are comforting; sometimes they are challenging. A recent series of postings offers us a portrait of Jesus and, by inference, of what we need to become ourselves if we truly follow him. Here are some examples.

"Jesus says: 'Blessed are the poor, the gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for uprightness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness' (Matthew 5:3-10). These words offer us a self-portrait of Jesus. The whole message of the Gospel is this: become like Jesus. Jesus, the Blessed One, is poor. The poverty of Jesus is much more than an economic or social poverty. Jesus is poor because he freely chose powerlessness over power, vulnerability over defensiveness, dependency over self-sufficiency. As the great 'Song of Christ' so beautifully expresses: 'He... did not count equality with God something to be grasped. But he emptied himself... becoming as human beings are' (Philippians 2:6-7). This is the poverty of spirit that Jesus chose to live. He responds to people's suffering, heals their wounds, and offers courage to the fainthearted. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, and freedom to prisoners (see Luke 4:18-19) in all he says, and thus he reveals God's immense compassion.

"Jesus, the Blessed One, mourns. Jesus mourns when his friend Lazarus dies (see John 11:33-36); he mourns when he overlooks the city of Jerusalem, soon to be destroyed (see Luke 19:41-44). Jesus mourns over all losses and devastations that fill the human heart with pain. He grieves with those who grieve and sheds tears with those who cry. The violence, greed, lust, and so many other evils that have distorted the face of the earth and its people causes the Beloved Son of God

to mourn. With fervour he proclaims that the way to the Kingdom is not saying many prayers or offering many sacrifices but in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and the prisoners (see Matthew 25:31-46). He longs for a just world. He wants us to live with the same hunger and thirst. When Jesus called the only son of the widow of Nain to life, he did so because he felt the deep sorrow of the grieving mother in his own heart (see Luke 7:11-17). Let us look at Jesus when we want to know how to show mercy to our brothers and sisters.

“There are no divisions in Jesus’ heart, no double motives or secret intentions. In Jesus there is complete inner unity because of his complete unity with God. Becoming like Jesus is growing into purity of heart. Peace is Shalom, well-being of mind, heart, and body, individually and communally. It can exist in the midst of a war-torn world, even in the midst of unresolved problems and increasing human conflicts. Jesus made that peace by giving his life for his brothers and sisters. This is no easy peace, but it is everlasting and it comes from God. Are we willing to give our lives in the service of peace? Without his accusing anyone he is considered an accuser, without his condemning anyone he makes people feel guilty and ashamed, without his judging anyone those who see him feel judged. In their eyes, he cannot be tolerated and needs to be destroyed, because letting him be seems like a confession of guilt. When we want to become like Jesus, we cannot expect always to be liked and admired. We have to be prepared to be rejected.”

COVER IMAGE. <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2512564/inreviewjune16.pdf>

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. The closing date is 1st July 2016; interviews are planned for the week commencing 11th July 2016.

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 for successfully completing the Coleridge Way** 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. **Total distance walked was 71.7 miles and total height climbed 19,259 ft** (it felt like it too sometimes!)

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

SAT 11TH JUNE: ROYAL FLORAL DISPLAYS IN ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH FOR THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY AND COMMUNITY OPEN GARDENS.

The church will be open from **11 am until 5 pm** for you to come and enjoy special floral displays on different royal themes organised by Cheryl and her team. A display on the church and neighbourhood over the last 90 years is also planned. There will be refreshments by the South Knighton Community Events group in the welcome area from 2-4.30 as part of the Open Gardens afternoon and tickets for Open Gardens will be available from the welcome area between these times. Please put this date in your diary and come and support this unique event!

Please sign the sheet in the welcome area if you are available to be a steward during the day. Thank you

REVD NEIL BULLEN: ORDINATION AS PRIEST 2 July and FIRST PRESIDENCY OF THE EUCHARIST 3 July. Please sign on the list if you would like a ticket to Neil's Ordination as priest on **Saturday 2 July 2016 AT THE CATHEDRAL.** The service starts at 4.30 pm but you will need to be seated by 4 pm at the latest. Admission is strictly by ticket only and numbers are limited so should the number wishing to attend be greater than the tickets available, names will be drawn from a hat. This list will close on **6 June 2016.**

On Sunday 3 July there will be no 10.30 am service at St Guthlac's, but the congregation will be encouraged to join that of St Mary Magdalen at 10 am for Neil's first presidency of the Eucharist. (The Revd Richard has been asked to give the intercessions.) Bubbles will meet in the Welcome Area or Holbrook Memorial Hall depending on numbers. As a result of this change of arrangements, there will be no All Age Worship in July.

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.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: RIDE AND STRIDE – Sat 10th Sept 10:00 - 18:00. The annual Ride and Stride event takes place on the second Saturday in September. Over 300 churches are open across the country on the day to visit. Raise funds by riding, striding or welcoming visitors to our church during the day. Half the funds raised come back to our church so it helps us as well as keeping our historic churches open. Explore the beautiful churches, villages, towns and city of our county. Get a group of friends together or go it alone. Sponsorship forms and details of church that will be open on the day will be available from me from late July onwards. For more information speak to me, Fiona Wingate or see <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/leicestershire/>

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.