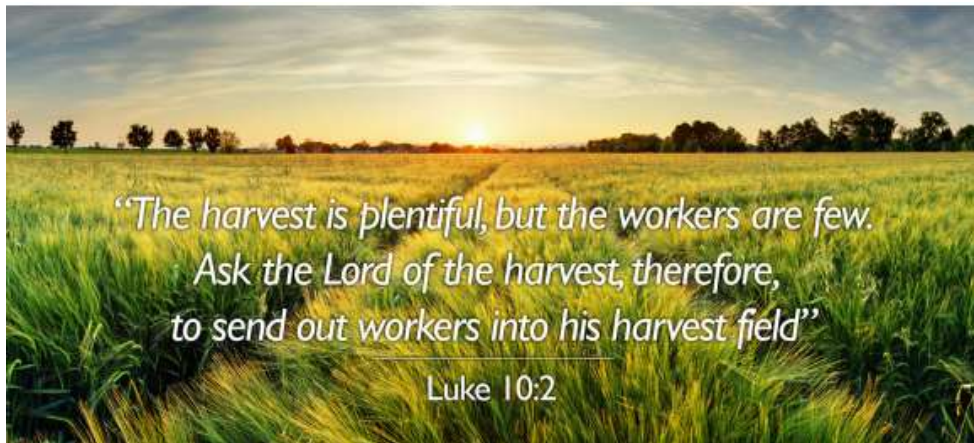


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 12 June 2016

10.30 am Trinity 3: Communion for All

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

Wednesday 15 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Presence at Concert at St MM
Thursday 16 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 June, 7 pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 19 June, 10.30 am	Matins

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Ros Masterson, Gina Ellis, 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: Martin Luther said that music is the ‘the art of the prophets, the only art that can calm the agitations of the soul’. In 1 Samuel 16:23 we learn that whenever an evil spirit from God – we would say acute depression – came upon King Saul ‘David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.’ In the Oratorio ‘Saul’ Handel and his lyricist, Charles Jennens, set this scene to music and song in 1739. The modern counter tenor Andreas Scholl sings the words memorably and I recommend this track to you for the remarkable timbre and lyricism of his voice: ‘Lord, whose mercies numberless’.

There is an American Christian ministry called ‘Music for the Soul’ which seeks creatively to use ‘the power of songs and stories as a bridge to hope and healing for those facing life’s most difficult issues’. Music for the Soul was founded on two firmly and passionately held beliefs. ‘First, that Jesus is the compassionate healer, the one who loves us without reservation, and is always with us even in our deepest, darkest despair and times of greatest challenges. Second, that music, particularly as expressed in a song, is one of God’s greatest gifts of communication, with the power to speak healing straight to people’s hearts where words alone can often fail. We believe that there are severely hurting people among us who may not be reached any other way but by hearing the message of Christ’s renewing love through the touch of music.’

‘The Music for the Soul’ website states ‘We combine these two beliefs to create unique CD and DVD resources that help people engage with the truth on difficult issues; to help us live as Paul puts it, “as children of the light.” Ultimately, our goal is that no one should ever feel alone. We want people to feel known, understood, and loved by others – and by God.’

<http://www.musicforthesoul.org/about/aboutus>

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

LICENSING OF SAMI LINDSEY AT ST JOHN'S This will take place at St John's at 4 pm on 18th June. All welcome to the service in support of one of our SEMP partners.

REFUGEE WEEK EVENTS 18 June: Town Hall Square, 11am – 4pm at Leicester Town Hall Square, Free Event. Although we have 'different pasts, we also have a **shared future**' come along and celebrate the one world we live in with people from across the globe and around the corner. A fusion of talented musicians, dancers and performers are drumming up noise for refugee week. There will also be face painting, henna art and children's area. Red Cross and Leicester City of Sanctuary will be running stalls.

VOICED Thurs 23 June, 6pm-9pm, The Exchange, 50 Rutland Street, LE1 1RD Free Event. **VOICED** will showcase talented musicians and spoken word artists from across the East Midlands, all coming together in support of the refugee community. This will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the forthcoming *Journeys Festival International* in Leicester, a Festival and programme of events which provides a platform for talented artists, extraordinary musicians and inspiring creatives from the refugee community.

STREET CHOIRS FESTIVAL, Fri 24th June 7.30pm–10.30pm, Curve. This will be raising funds for 4 charities including Pride without Borders – The Leicester City of Sanctuary group to support asylum seekers who identify as Lesbian, Gay, or Transgender and have fled countries under threat of prison or the death sentence.

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!) **Total collected so far: over £200. Thank you indeed!**

REVD NEIL BULLEN: FIRST PRESIDENCY OF THE EUCHARIST 3 July. 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.

CHURCH LUNCH 10th July This is the last Sunday before the school holidays start. Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic style lunch and stay after the service to eat it together, either in the welcome area or outside, as you wish. The more the merrier!

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.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION A big thank you to all the collectors and to everyone who made a donation. The grand total from our street collection and donations made in church was an excellent **£1012.68**. If you have not yet had the chance to make a donation, it's not too late as there are some envelopes in the welcome area with information about how to make postal and online donations. Lesley Meakin Christian Aid co-coordinator.

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