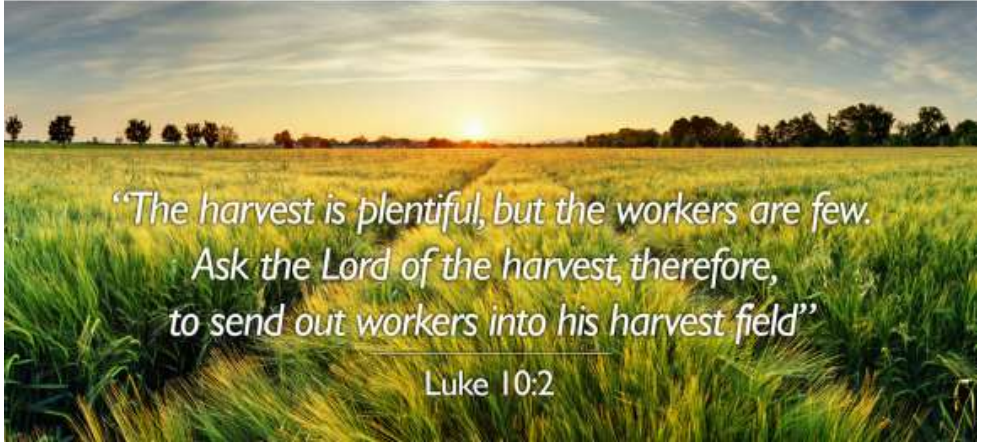


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 19 June 2016

10.30 am Trinity 4: Matins

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

Monday 20 June, 7 pm	Memory Cafes meeting
Wednesday 22 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 23 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 June, 7 pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 26 June, 10.30 am	Communion for all: Refugee Sunday
Sunday 26 June, 12.15 pm	Holy Baptism: Ethan Jamie King

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Ros Masterson, 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: 'Ordinary Time', that part of the Church Year in which there are no special festivals and we mark our gatherings in the liturgical colour of green, is a marvellous occasion for us to dispense (at least sometimes) with the authorized readings according to the lectionary. Thus after discussion the Worship Committee has proposed two sets of three related services.

The first three are called 'what makes me a Christian' or 'growing in the Christian faith'. Next Sunday, Refugee Sunday, Jean Gabbar will talk about her recollections of being a Christian in this country before she went to Syria; then her period of 42 years in Syria; and finally on her sadness at seeing the country in which she lived and brought up her family reduced to rubble and millions displaced by the ongoing civil war. Two other speakers will also pursue the stories of the development of their faith in subsequent services.

Then, after the holiday period, the All Age Worship on 4 September will present the life of St Paul, followed up by two sermons which address Paul and Prayer and Paul's belief in the resurrection as the test of faith (1 Corinthians 15).

F. F. Bruce subtitled his study of *Paul: Apostle of the Free Spirit*. 'Where the spirit of The Lord is, there is freedom', Paul pronounces in 2 Corinthians 3:17. The world enslaves us with fear; the Spirit frees us from that slavery and restores us to the true relationship. That is what Paul means when he says: 'All who are guided by the Spirit of God are sons [and daughters] of God, for what you received was not the spirit of slavery to bring you back into fear; you received the spirit of adoption, enabling us to cry out, "Abba, Father!"' (Romans 8:15). Who are we? We are God's beloved sons and daughters!

CHURCH VISITORS SATURDAY 11 JUNE. 168 visitors to the Church were logged in and £92 was collected for the Malawi mobile clinic. Thank you to all who helped make the Church and garden so beautiful on this occasion.

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

LICENSING OF SAMI LINDSEY AT ST JOHN'S This will take place **TODAY** at St John's at 4 pm. 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 £300. 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.

MOTHERS' UNION has arranged a visit to Central Baptist Church in Charles Street on Tuesday, 28th June, by kind permission of Roger and Yvonne Beeby. This will be a very interesting talk and tour of the William Carey museum. William Carey was founder of the English Baptist Missionary Society, and this exhibition attracts visitors from all over the world. There is a bus stop on Charles St next to the church so it is easily reached. We shall meet at 2.00 p.m. If you wish to join us please telephone Anne Squires. Also, a reminder of the 140th anniversary celebration at Whetstone Pastures Farm from 11am until 4pm tomorrow (Monday). If you do not have a ticket (£1) ask a committee member. Remember also the Wave of Prayer on 29th June at 10am in the Narthex at St. Mary's.

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