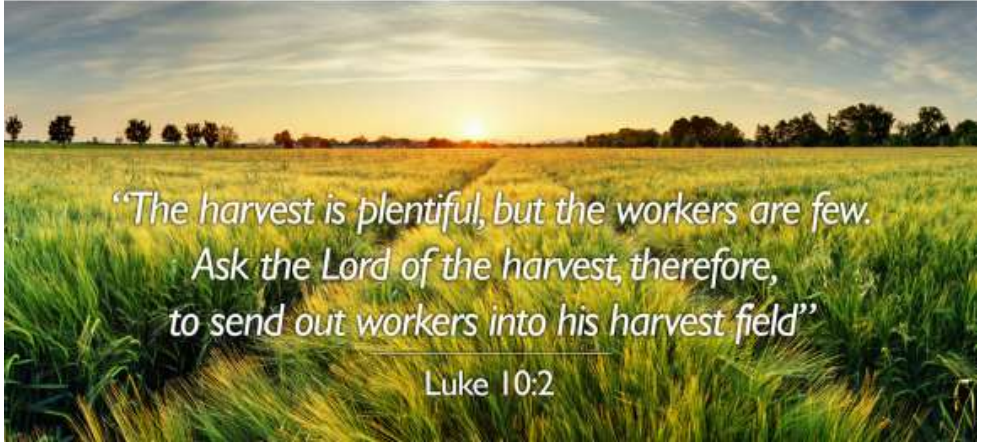


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 26 June 2016

10.30 am Refugee Sunday: Communion for All

12.15 pm: Holy Baptism

6.30 pm: Evensong at Wistow with joint choirs

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 27 June, 6.30 pm	SEMP Treasure hunt
Wednesday 29 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 30 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 30 June, 7 pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 3 July, 10 am	NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S. Neil Bullen's first Eucharist at St Mary Magdalen. Note earlier start time and special arrangements for Bubbles

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: It is particularly difficult to draft a newsletter entry for the first Sunday after what may be the most important decision taken in our nation's history since World War II and when the result was not known at the time of writing. It is particularly poignant for those who know about the issues and are prepared to look at the facts without prejudice that this week has been Refugee week, which this year has been on the theme of **celebrating welcome**. Because of the highly polarized nature of the political debate in this country over refugees in the referendum campaign, I have turned to the United States and an address entitled 'The Syrian refugees and us' given by Leon Wieseltier, a prominent American Jew.

He said these words in a speech given to speech to the American Relief Coalition for Syria in Crystal City, Virginia, on 17 March: 'The Syrian people are now the representative people of our time. That is hardly a distinction to be wished for, to be sure. But it is the Syrian people who have suffered a secular tyranny, and fought for democracy, and experienced the savageries of ethnic ardour, and suffered a religious tyranny, and endured terrorism and chemical weapons and imperialism and the indifference of the West, and lived in internal flight and exile and in external flight and exile. It has been your misfortune to have come to know all the characteristic horrors of our era...'

'We recognize that their appeal for our assistance is made not only on the basis of sentiments but also on the basis of rights. They have been dispossessed of many things, but not of their human rights. Nobody – not Assad, not ISIS, not Putin, not Khameini, not the fascists of Europe – can deprive them of their humanity. Indeed, in their courage, and in their devotion to their children, and in their dream of democracy, they are giving us all lessons in humanity.

'We all come from traditions that regard hospitality as one of the very highest duties. In my tradition [Wieseltier continued], an ancient rabbi declared that "receiving wayfarers is greater than welcoming the Presence of God". Perhaps he

understood that we are more likely to meet wayfarers than we are to meet God. Perhaps he implied that we meet God when we meet wayfarers, because we have an occasion to fulfil a divine duty. And consider this instruction to the wayfarers themselves, to those who have sought and found asylum: "Do whatever your host says, except 'Get out!'" ... That ancient expression of the finality of welcome is a fine retort to the hideous discussion of immigrants and refugees that is now taking place in our country [meaning the USA].

'All our traditions instruct us in the obligation, and the privilege, of welcome', he concluded. 'May we all be, in this terrible crisis, good sons and good daughters of our traditions, and not desist in this work until we find justice for these millions, until they find justice and a home.'

<http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/markaz/posts/2016/06/13-syrian-refugees-speech-wieselstier>

EVENSONG AT WISTOW TONIGHT at 6.30pm with the combined Choirs of St Mary Magdalene and St Guthlac. All welcome.

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.

Remember also the Wave of Prayer on **Wednesday 29th June at 10am** in the Narthex at St. Mary's.

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

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

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

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

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!

BUSY BEES- Noah & the rainbow **20-22 July, 9.30-3pm** at Stoneygate Baptist Church for ages 5-11 years. Call Judi or visit stoneygatebaptist.org.uk to reserve a place.

INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION TO VISIT THE SHIA MOSQUE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG IFTAR AT THE END OF RAMADAN.

SAT 2ND JULY *Masjid Al-Husayn, 17A Duxbury Road, Leicester, LE5 3LR.* 'We would be grateful to have your presence with us again. You are welcome to bring your friends, relatives and community members with you and we would appreciate if you can spread the event to members of St Guthlac's church.' The schedule of the evening is as follows: 8:30 - Supplications in English 9:00 - Special Programme 9:45 - Muslim Congregational Prayers - Attendees are welcome to observe the prayer taking place 10:00 - The Big Iftar (Meal). The theme of the programme is humanity. Please note the following: There will be parking facilities available in our car park; Kindly observe modest clothing while at the premises. Male and female attendees will be sitting in different halls. *Please contact the Revd Richard if you would like to attend.*

DATE FOR THE DIARY: RIDE AND STRIDE – Sat 10th Sept 10:00 - 18:00.

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.

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!**