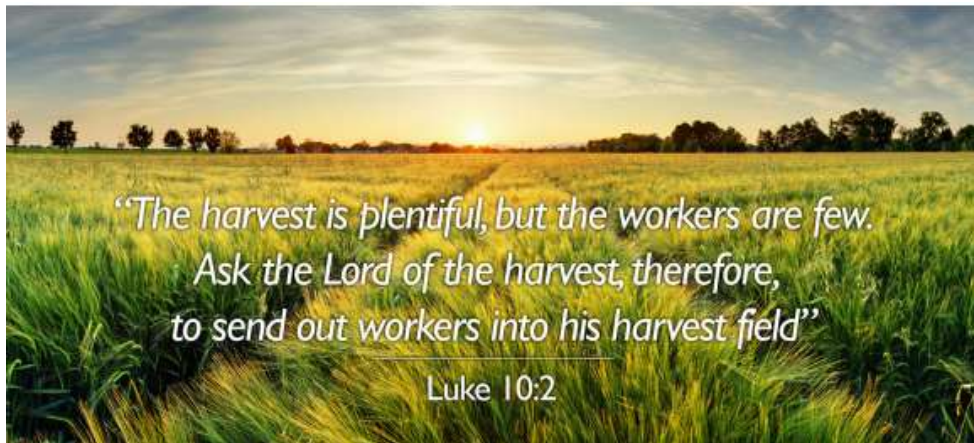


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 10 July 2016

10.30 am Communion for All

6.30 pm: Sea Sunday Service at St Guthlac's (SLCP)

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

Tuesday 12 July, 7.30 pm	PCC Meeting, Welcome Area
Wednesday 13 July, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 14 July, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 July, 10.30 am	Matins
Sunday 24 July, 10.30 am	Morning Prayer

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Ros Masterson, David Pallot, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, and Saty French** in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: Today is a special date in the life of our church. It is a day when we say 'thank you' to one of our most faithful volunteers. Annette Jones has been coordinating the Bubbles junior church for many years and today we mark her service with a public thanks for all she and Ian have done. We are truly grateful to them for lending us their gifts, which have enriched the life of the church.

Continuing on the theme of special dates, this year is the 160th anniversary of the Mission to Seafarers, which we celebrate in a special South Leicester Christian Partnership sponsored service in our Church at 6.30 pm this evening. The Mission was founded by the Revd John Ashley in 1856. Today the legacy of Ashley's visionary work with seafarers continues with vigour, dedication and energy. Over 100 ordained and lay chaplains are funded by the Mission, and work alongside thousands of dedicated ship-visiting and Flying Angel Centre volunteers, bringing working crews support, friendship and love. This work is mostly unsung and unseen, yet it still flourishes across the worldwide Anglican Communion in 200 ports in over 50 countries.

The Port Chaplain for Dunkirk, the Revd Ben Humphries, writes: 'So often I have read the story of the Good Samaritan, and have admired that generosity of spirit. We were given the opportunity to do likewise in the name of The Mission to Seafarers. Working with the bereaved and the injured is often ministry at its hardest but it is what we are trained for. We offer a sign of God's presence, reconciling and connecting others to bring about the most constructive relationships in a given situation.'

BIG IFTAR EVENT AT THE SHIA MOSQUE. As last year, Masjid Al-Husayn organised a Big Iftar (meal of breaking the fast) for their neighbours and the residents of Leicester. The Big Iftar is a nationwide initiative taking place in communities all across the country inviting people from all walks of life into mosques towards the end of Ramadan. As last year, the Revd Richard was invited to speak, this time on their chosen theme of 'humanity'. He recalled the national sacrifices of two world wars which had been instrumental in leading to the founding of the precursor of the European Union, the idea being that there should never again be war in western Europe. The EU had been part of the structure which had helped secure that peace. The Biblical sense of our European partners being our 'neighbours' had been undermined by the 'Brexit' vote, which seemed to many more like a turning back of the clock than a brave new beginning. In addition there had been a significant increase in hate crimes posted on the police website, which suggested that there were some who viewed 'getting their country back' in terms of discrimination and violence against racial and religious minorities. The importance of events such as the Big Iftar initiative and other interreligious gatherings was obvious in the new climate of increased hostility against minorities and minority groups' sense of their own vulnerability.

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

You may remember that the tune we used for this hymn at the All Age Worship Service on the theme of hymns, was not the one most people were expecting. The well-known tune, as used in the Titanic film, was not in any of our church hymn books, but further research (with help from Janet) found this tune (Bethany) in both the New Methodist Hymn Book and the Salvation Army Hymn Book.

Tunes which have been used for this hymn include:

Horbury (which we used on 5th June and appears in most hymn books), Bethany, Propior Deo, St Edmund, Wilmington, Rothwell, Liverpool, Communion.

Films about the titanic have used the following tunes:

A Night to remember	(1958)	Horbury
Atlantic	(1929)	Bethany
Titanic	(1943, 1953, 1997)	Bethany

It seems unlikely that the well-known tune Bethany was actually played on the Titanic, as was shown in the 1997 film. The Band Leader's father was a Methodist choirmaster and so was more likely to have used Propior Deo.

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

CHURCH LUNCH TODAY 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!

RACE FOR LIFE I have dug out my running shoes and will be running the Race for Life at Victoria park this morning (10th July). I won't be as fast as in my Galloping Granny days but hope to totter round in a reasonable time. If you would like to sponsor me and raise funds for Cancer Research UK there is a form at the back of St Mary's and I have a just giving page too: <https://www.justgiving.com/lornapollard6>

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR 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. Interviews are planned for the week commencing 11th July.

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

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. **Total distance walked was 71.7 miles and total height climbed 19,259 ft** (it felt like it too sometimes!) **Total collected so far: £355. Thank you indeed!**