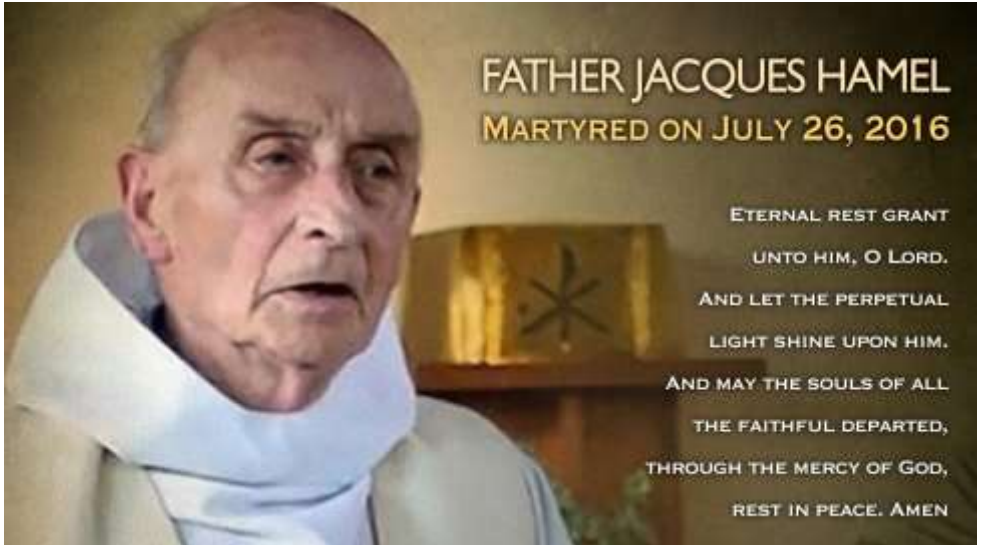


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 7 August 2016

Sunday 14 August 2016

Sunday 21 August 2016

Sunday 28 August 2016

All Age Communion

All Age Communion

Matins

All Age Communion

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

Thursday 4 August, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 August, 10.30 am	All Age Communion
Sunday 7 August, 11.45 am	Communion [St Mary Magdalen]
Thursday 11 August, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 12 August, 1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 14 August, 10.30 am	All Age Communion
Thursday 18 August, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 August, 10.30 am	Matins
Thursday 25 August, 9.30 am	Holy Communion [Revd. Neil Bullen]
Sunday 28 August, 10.30 am	All Age Communion
Sunday 4 September, 10.30 am	All Age Worship: Paul the Evangelist
Tuesday 6 September, 7.30 pm	PCC meeting
Thursday 8 September, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 9 September, 1.30 pm	Memory Café
Saturday 10 September, 10 am	Ride and Stride
Sunday 11 September, 10.30 am	Communion for All

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

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: Father Jacques Hamel was murdered in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, near Rouen on Thursday 28 July 2016. Such acts of violence against Christians are commonplace in the Middle East and elsewhere, but were until now unthinkable in contemporary Western Europe.

I quote from Giles Fraser's piece on the event: 'Father Jacques Hamel's throat was slit as he said morning mass, murdered by a teenager claiming allegiance to Islamic State. The sacrificial imagery is unavoidable. And soon after his killing, #JeSuisPretre – I am a priest – began trending on social media, employing the now familiar "I am" prefix as an expression of digital solidarity with yet another victim of global terrorism. It felt unusually fitting in this instance. "I am the bread of life," says Jesus in the first of a series of eight so-called "I am ..." passages in John's gospel. And the bread of life was precisely what Father Jacques believed himself to be distributing that morning on the outskirts of Rouen. He died, as he believed, on his knees – not in supplication to his ... murderers, but to the author of life itself to whom he was about to return.

Yet, Fraser continues, 'the language of sacrifice is especially tricky. I have no time for the idea that Jesus is sacrificed on the cross to appease an angry God. If that's true, then God becomes the enemy of humankind and I am against him. No, Jesus absorbs the violence that comes from us not from God. He receives our blows, our punishments, our disdain. And, despite his innocence – or, rather, precisely because of it – he refuses to answer back in kind. No more an eye for an eye.

'In other words, the sacrifice of the cross is the non-violent absorption of human violence. The offer of love in return for hate, even to the point of death. This is the horrendous price that peace is sometimes asked to pay. This is what makes the eucharistic sacrifice life-giving and not some historical death cult. And this is the sacrifice that Father Jacques was celebrating as he died. He died as a priest, doing what priests do. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.'

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2016/jul/28/father-jacques-hamel-died-as-a-priest-doing-what-priests-do>

INSTALLATION OF A NEW CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM IN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL HALL. We hope to be starting work soon on the installation of a new central heating system first for Holbrook Memorial Hall and later, once we have obtained a Faculty, for the Church. So there is much other work going on at this time.

CHORAL EVENSONG There is a short service of Choral Evensong for the Evington Fete, **Saturday 13th August 3pm** at St Denys Church, Evington, with the Alumni Choir of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Teas are available in the Parish Centre. www.stdenys.org.uk

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/>

BISHOP YOUTH COUNCIL OPEN DAY 17th September, 10am-3pm St Martins House. Bishops Youth Council (BYC) exists to represent young people in the diocese and to help young people growing deeper in discipleship. BYC is run by young people who are given real opportunities to plan and run various missional events for young people through the year as well as going on mission trips overseas. The council meets for business meetings 10 times a year and then at different times for worship, fellowship and prayer.

The open day is a chance for young people to come and find out more about the youth council, to meet some of the members and to consider joining the council. Parents, youth workers or church leaders are welcome to stay for some or part of the day with their young people. **This event is open to any young people aged 14-18.** Contact Mike Kelly, Diocesan Youth Ministry Officer T: 0116 261 5323 E: mike.kelly@leccofe.org

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.

MOLLY CLARKE'S 'SKY DIVE' EVENING SUNDAY 16 OCT. 5-7 pm, KNIGHTON PARISH CENTRE. Following my successful 'Sky Dive' in July, I will be holding an evening event at which there will be a talk from Leicester Samaritans. There will be an opportunity to view my DVD of the event! There will be a raffle and light refreshments. Admission free. Donations welcome. Molly Clarke 2703749

NEWSLETTERS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS It has been suggested this year that we should try to reduce the number of newsletters during the summer holidays so that we are not overburdened during a time for rest and relaxation and when there is relatively little news because the PCC is not meeting.

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included in the next newsletter to administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk