

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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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

TODAY, 4 pm-6 pm	Knighton Players Social, Holbrook Hall
Monday 26 September, 7 pm	Memory Café meeting, Welcome Area
Tuesday 27 September, 7 pm	Worship Committee meeting, Welc Area
Wednesday 28 September, 7.30 pm	NO Choir practice
Thursday 29 September, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 29 September, 7pm	Knighton Youth Group
Saturday 1 October, 11 am	Meeting with delegation from The Hague, Netherlands, including the Deputy Mayor
Saturday 1 October, 7.15pm	Harvest Supper
Sunday 2 October, 10.30 am	Harvest All Age Worship
Sunday 2 October, 11.45 am	Eucharist at St MM (RJB)
Sunday 2 October, 5 pm	Harvest Songs of Praise at St MM

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Darryl Varley, Bob Newell, David Pallot, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Derek Atkinson** and **Saty French** in our prayers. We hold **Jean Cooper**, who died recently, and her family and friends in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

COVER IMAGE. St Paul:

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THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: The good news is that, on the basis of unanimity, the selection group for the new Vicar of Knighton agreed to forward the name of one of the candidates to the Bishop for approval. It is hoped that an announcement may be made before too long. We pray for a smooth process in the final stages of the appointment.

Summary of argument of 1 Corinthians 15

1 Cor. 15:1-11 OCOFOL p. 280; 1 Cor. 15:12-20 OCOFOL p. 281; 1 Cor. 15: 19-26 OCOFOL p. 300; 1 Cor. 15: 35-38, 42-50 OCOFOL p. 283.

The resurrection of Christ and the resurrection faith (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

It is essential to grasp the background to the text: Greeks believed in the immortality of the soul; but for them the immortality of the soul involved the complete dissolution of the body. For the Greeks immortality lay precisely in getting rid of the body. The resurrection of the body was unthinkable. What Paul argues for is that after death the individual remains. He did not inherit the Greek contempt of the body but believed in the resurrection of the whole person. That is what Paul means by the resurrection of the body.

Finally, in this passage **we have a vivid light thrown on the character of Paul himself.** To him it was the most precious thing in the world that Jesus had appeared also to him. That was at one and the same time the turning point and the dynamic moment of his life. But [1 Corinthians 15:9-11](#) tell us much about him. He is the least of the apostles; he has been glorified with an office for which he is

not worthy. It was by the grace of God that he was what he was. He is perhaps even accepting a taunt made against him. He spoke always, not of what he had done, but of what God had enabled him to do. He did not regard himself as an isolated phenomenon with a message that was unique. He and the other apostles preached the same gospel. His was the greatness which bound him closer to the Christian fellowship; there is always something lacking in the greatness which divides a man from his fellows.

If Christ Be Not Raised ([1 Corinthians 15:12-19](#)) Paul attacks the central position of his opponents at Corinth. They said flatly, 'Dead men do not rise again.' Paul's answer is, 'If you take up that position it means that Jesus Christ has not risen again; and if that be so, the whole Christian faith is wrecked.' 'Take away the Resurrection,' he says, 'and you destroy both the foundation and the fabric of the Christian faith.'

The First-fruits Of Those That Sleep ([1 Corinthians 15:20-28](#)) The first-fruits were a sign of the harvest to come; and the Resurrection of Jesus was a sign of the resurrection of all believers which was to come. Just as the new barley could not be used until the first-fruits had been duly offered, so the new harvest of life could not come until Jesus had been raised from the dead. Paul refers to 'the people who sleep'. He means God's people who have died. Paul refers to death as 'sleep' because it is not permanent. A person who sleeps will wake again. In the same manner, God's people who are dead will become alive again. That is as certain as the fact that the harvest follows the first-fruits.

If There Is No Resurrection ([1 Corinthians 15:29-34](#))

Why should a Christian accept the perils of the Christian life if it is all to go for nothing? He quotes his own experience. Every day he is in jeopardy of his life. Paul insists that the Corinthians must not associate with those who say that there is no resurrection; for this would be to risk an infection which can pollute life. To say that there is no resurrection is not a sign of superior knowledge; it is a sign of utter ignorance of God.

The Physical And The Spiritual ([1 Corinthians 15:35-49](#)) The Conquest Of Death ([1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#))

DECORATING CHURCH FOR HARVEST Please add your name to the planner in the welcome area if you are able to do a windowsill flower arrangement for harvest weekend, when the church will be used for both the Harvest Supper (Sat 1st Oct) and our Harvest 10.30 am service (Sun 2nd Oct). Church will be open from 9.30 am until 11 am on Sat 1 Oct. [Please note meeting in the Welcome Area from 11 am: please use the choir vestry to exit after this time]. Please bring your own flowers if you are able, but there are usually spares available, as well as foliage. Containers and oasis are provided. All welcome (you don't need to be an expert!) Please contact Cheryl if you have a query.

HARVEST SUPPER Sat 1st Oct 7.15-10 pm in church, for all ages. Please join us for a 2 course supper and entertainment. Tickets £6 adult, £3 child or £15 family from Wendy Bramley. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks. You are invited to enter a mini-scarecrow (max height 60 cm, any material or theme) into our competition. There will be a prize each for the best adult and best child entries. Raffle in aid of health clinics in Malawi.

HARVEST DONATIONS FOR OPEN HANDS At Harvest All Age Worship we will once more be collecting food donations to help the work of Open Hands, a project which supports needy people in Leicester. The following items have been suggested as those most regularly needed by the project: Coffee, UHT milk, Tinned fish, Tinned meat, Cereal, Sugar, Cooking oil. Thank you for your support.

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE Following St Mary's church being open to visitors from 2.30 to 4.30pm there will be a Harvest Songs of Praise at **5pm on 2nd October**. It will be a chance to join in six favourite harvest hymns chosen by members of the congregations of St Mary's and St Guthlac's. Please spread the word and invite your friends and neighbours.

MOTHERS' UNION. Our Diocesan President, Margaret Rouse, will visit us on **Thursday, 6 October at 10.30am** in St Mary's. This is part of her Presidential Prayer Pilgrimage when she is visiting every MU branch in the Diocese (there are more than 60). Please try to join us then for prayer and fellowship. This meeting replaces our usual first Tuesday gathering.

HOPE WALK 16 October 2pm Victoria Park. In Memory of Stephen John Farnilo. Join the walk to support Papyrus – a national charity working to prevent young suicide and shatter the stigma around it. Meet at the gates on Victoria Park Road and complete as many circuits of the 1.5 mile circuit as you wish. Donations can be made at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LizFarnilo>

MOLLY CLARKE'S 'SKY DIVE' EVENING Sunday 16 Oct. 5-7 pm, 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, cake stall and light refreshments. Admission free. Donations welcome. Molly Clarke

SKELLIG There will be a meeting on **Sunday 23rd October at 4.00 – 5.00** in the Welcome Area to chat about the book Skellig by David Almond. There will be tea/coffee and cakes. There is still time to read the book, which can be borrowed free. Just pick one up at the front of the church. It's a book suitable for all ages.

BBC SONGS OF PRAISE is recording at St. James the Greater on **Sat 29th Oct. 2.30-5.30**. Tickets are free, but it is entry by ticket only, closing date is Tues 4th Oct. See notice at the back of church for further details.

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