

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

Wednesday 12 October, 7.30 pm	Choir practice
Thursday 13 October, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 13 October, 7.00 pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 14 October, 1.30 pm	Memory Café
Sunday 16 October, 10.30 am	Communion for All

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Liz Vickers, 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.

MARGARET WRITES 'These are a few of my favourite hymns'

Following on from one of our recent 'All Age Worship' themes – Hymns and what they mean to us – I've taken time over the summer to look at our hymn choices over the last 2 years and to find out which ones are most popular.

The following were chosen 4 times during the period Aug 2014 to end July 2016: 59, 60, 66, 132, 238, 310, 344, 401, 416, 434, 445, 493, 652, 683, 692, 727 (see OCOFOL to find out which these were).

The following were chosen 5 times in the same period: 175 (From heaven you came); 557 (Purify my heart) and How deep the Father's love (not in OCOFOL).

The following were chosen 6 times: 11 (Alleluia, sing to Jesus); 77 (Breathe on me, breath of God); 740 (Will you come and follow me)

But a clear 'winner' with 7 outings during these 2 years was 324 – 'I the Lord of sea and sky'.

How does this compare with the choices in the previous 2 years? Well there are very few overlapping favourites, which does indicate a breadth of choice among our diligent 'hymn selectors' in the congregation. 'From heaven you came' (175) was also popular, with 7 outings in 2012-2014, and 'Christ be our light' (401) was sung 6 times (4 this past couple of years).

Notice how many of these favourites are worship songs, written in the last 15 or less years. There are only a couple of the traditional hymns in this selection of favourites. And the clear favourite is a worship song which speaks directly to each one of us and challenges us to make a commitment to following our Lord:

'Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.'

Is this one of your favourites? Let me know if you have a favourite hymn we've not sung recently, and I'll try to incorporate it in our Sunday services over the next few months. Margaret

COVER IMAGE. http://i.dailymail.co.uk/i/pix/2013/10/13/article-2456909-0695CE5E000005DC-696_634x435.jpg

APPOINTMENT OF VICAR OF KNIGHTON The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Adrian Jones, Bishop's Policy Adviser and Chaplain, as Vicar of the Benefice of Knighton. This appointment was announced in church on Sunday, 2 October. A date for Adrian's licensing will be announced in due course. Adrian writes: **"Friends – I'm so pleased that Bishop Martyn has offered me the post of Vicar of Knighton, and that finally it can be announced! The interview day confirmed for me a real sense of calling to Knighton and I am looking forward to getting to know you all and beginning ministry with you in 2017. As we are already local, you may well see myself, or Alison and the children around the area – do please say hello and introduce yourselves. Best wishes – Adrian."**

Bishop Martyn says: "It is with very mixed feelings that I have announced the appointment of my Chaplain Adrian Jones as the next Vicar of St Mary Magdalen Knighton. Adrian has been a wonderful support to me in my early months as bishop, as I know he was also to my predecessor, and I am very grateful to him. There has been a clear sense of God's call to Adrian to return to parish ministry and I have no doubt that he and his family will be an enormous blessing to the people of St Mary's and the community of Knighton. Please hold him in your prayers as he prepares for this transition. He will continue as my Chaplain until the new year and start [of] his ministry in Knighton in early February."

CLIMATE JUSTICE: SPEAK UP WEEK, 8-16 OCTOBER.

We need to work together as the Church, with a prophetic imagination, to live differently, to tread more lightly and lead in our wider community, showing love for all our neighbours. The big shift towards clean energy is already in flow, and with some prophetic imagination and hopeful action, we can get there at a scale and a speed in line with the science and the world that we pray for. By making the big shift towards clean, renewable energy, we can help restore the earth and bring balance to God's creation. The shift we need isn't only about money or machines. It is about the hearts and minds of our communities and ensuring that those who represent us – our local politicians – hear us.

PRAYER BASED ON GENESIS 1:27-31 Father, thank you for creating a beautiful earth full of life. Thank you for creating us in your image and placing a calling on our lives to keep and till your earth. Forgive us when we lose sight of that mandate, when our greed causes us to exploit the earth, threatening the livelihoods of people around the world. As we gather together in our communities this week, help us to return to your call, to love and care for the earth. Give us prophetic imagination for how we can follow your mandate where we live. Give us courage to speak to those in power to take action to protect the earth. Give us boldness to Speak Up for those affected by climate change around the world. Amen.

HOPE WALK 16 October 2pm Victoria Park. In Memory of Stephen John Farmilo. 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/LizFarmilo>

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
Please sign the list in the welcome area if you are able to attend. Cakes welcome!

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.

WELCOME TO GEOFFREY, ST. GUTHLAC'S ORGAN STUDENT!

We have appointed Geoffrey Hames as the St. Guthlac's Organ Student. He has met some of you already and there will be opportunities to meet others as time goes on. It is a two-year organ studentship, and Geoffrey will begin organ lessons with Roxy Summerfield very soon. Later on he will play parts of services. The project is being taken forward by a small group reporting back to St. Guthlac's PCC and the Worship Committee on a termly basis. I know you will all wish Geoffrey well, please make yourselves known to him and later on you can ask him how he is getting on. I know how encouraging you will be! Yolanda

HARVEST SUPPER A big thank you to all those involved in organising the Harvest Supper; £174 has been raised for church funds and the raffle and subsequent donations raised £156 for Malawi.

HARVEST DONATIONS FOR OPEN HANDS A big thank you to everyone who made a contribution to our harvest gift collection for Open Hands, which will be passed on to some of the most disadvantaged people in our city.

UNWANTED FURNITURE Open Hands are now collecting certain furniture and electrical items to pass on to those in need. Details of what is needed and how to request collection can be found at www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/donate-furniture.php

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