

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 16 October 2016 Communion for All

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 19 October, 7.30 pm	Choir practice
Thursday 20 October, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 October, 10.30 am	Communion for All
Sunday 23 October, 4.00 pm	Skellig discussion

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Liz Vickers, Darryl Varley, Bob Newell, 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 The global message for World Food Day 2016 (which is today) is **‘Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too.’** One of the biggest issues related to climate change is food security. The world’s poorest – many of whom are farmers, fishers and pastoralists – are being hit hardest by higher temperatures and an increasing frequency in weather-related disasters. At the same time, the global population is growing steadily and is expected to reach 9.6 billion by 2050. To meet such a heavy demand, agriculture and food systems will need to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and become more resilient, productive and sustainable. This is the only way that we can ensure the wellbeing of ecosystems and rural populations and reduce emissions. Growing food in a sustainable way means adopting practices that produce more with less in the same area of land and use natural resources wisely. It also means reducing food losses before the final product or retail stage through a number of initiatives including better harvesting, storage, packing, transport, infrastructure, market mechanisms, as well as institutional and legal frameworks. This is why the global message for World Food Day 2016 is ‘Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too.’

It resonates with the crucial time in which the day will be observed, just before the next UN Climate Change Conference, COP 22, from 7-18 November 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) is calling on countries to address food and agriculture in their climate action plans and invest more in rural development. By strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers, we can guarantee food security for the planet’s increasingly hungry global population also reduce emissions.

<http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/2016/theme/en/>

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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. **Adrian's service of collation will be conducted by Bishop Martyn on Thursday, 9 February 2017 at 7.30 pm at St Mary Magdalen, Knighton.**

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."

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 £176 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

HOPE WALK TODAY 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 TONIGHT 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.

M.U. OCTOBER MEETING Unfortunately, Neil cannot now be our Speaker, but we are pleased to be able to welcome a representative, Dave Webster, from an organization called "Warning Zone". This very worthwhile venture is based in Frog Island, Leicester, and provides an inter-active area in a visitors centre for schoolchildren and young persons to learn about the many dangers that they may face in the modern world. Visitors are more than welcome. **We meet at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th, in the Parish Centre Lounge off Brinsmead Road.**

MESSY CHURCH Friday 28th October from 3.30pm. Calling all families and helpers - we need you to come to Stoneygate Baptist Church on this date to enjoy an afternoon of fun, crafting and some quiet time for worship. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all are welcome to stay for a cooked tea. Donations towards the tea expenses will be gratefully received. Further details from Judi Stone

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: TUESDAYS IN ADVENT 6:30 pm in church.

Starting on the **29th November**, take a little time out from the mad rush of Christmas shopping to reflect on the meaning of the Advent through readings, prayers and reflections, lasting no more than 45 minutes.

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