

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 13 November 2016 Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am	Communion for All
5.00 pm	Extracts from Karl Jenkins, <i>Requiem</i> with hymns and readings commemorating the Somme campaign

**WE WELCOME CANON DR JOHANNES ARENS TO OUR 10.30 AM SERVICE
AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS REFLECTIONS FOR REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY**

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

Wednesday 16 Nov., 7.30 pm	Choir practice
Thursday 17 Nov., 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 Nov., 6.45 pm-8pm	Knighton Players Rehearsal
Sunday 20 Nov., 10.30 am	Matins

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Liz Vickers, Darryl Varley, Bob Newell, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Derek Atkinson, Bill & Ann Ibbs and Saty French** in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES We welcome the return of a favourite guest preacher this morning. Dr Johannes Arens grew up in Germany and originally trained as a teacher for Music and German and worked in various secondary schools. He is married to Esther and they have two children. He was ordained in the German Old-Catholic Church (in full-communication with the Church of England) in 1996 and has been living in England since 2004. After having worked as a parish priest in Yorkshire he was appointed as Canon Precentor on Palm Sunday 2011, and is responsible for worship, music and the day-to-day running of the Cathedral.

MALAWI For some time now we have been supporting the mobile clinic project in Malawi with prayers and tangible financial support. We will be handing over a cheque to Bishop Christopher when he visits us on Advent Sunday. In the meantime, if you are able to make a donation please speak to one of the Churchwardens. We need every bit of help you can give us in order to make an impression on the terrible situation **on which Bishop Christopher has recently reported and which was reproduced in last Sunday's newsletter.** **DONATIONS** can be made using the blue envelopes - please clearly mark the envelope **MALAWI** and either put it on the collections plate or hand it to a church warden. If you wish to gift aid your donation please put your name and address on the envelope.

FIONA WINGATE: SELECTION FOR READER TRAINING

It is with very great pleasure that I take this opportunity to inform all members of this Church and the Church of St Mary Magdalen the good news that Fiona Wingate has been selected for training as Reader. The letter that she has received states among other things, that she is accepted onto the Reader Training Programme of the Diocese, delivered through the School for Ministry. She will receive a further letter in July with full details and dates of training. As a rough guide to the level of commitment, Reader training will involve an average of one Saturday / Sunday (day-time) a month and three Wednesday evenings a month (in term time). It is anticipated that all training will be held at St Martins House, Leicester. Since Fiona's training commences in September 2017 it is recommended that, in consultation with her incumbent, Fiona should begin learning and developing the practical skills of Reader ministry.

<http://leicestercathedral.org/about-us/meet-the-team/cathedral-clergy/>

SAFEGUARDING IN FAITH ORGANISATIONS Wed 16th Nov. 5.30pm-8pm at St. Philip's Church Hall, Evington Road, LE2 1HN. This event is open to representatives of all faiths in Leicester & Leicestershire and organisations that work with faith groups. It will include: Introduction to safeguarding & good practice; who to contact for advice and reporting; case studies & toolkits; pack of resources. A vegetarian buffet will be provided. For more information contact John McCallum: nn@stphilipscentre.co.uk to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-in-faith-organisations-tickets-28653636799>

THANK YOU Molly Clarke would like to thank everyone for supporting her sky diving evening on 16th October and also to thanks so many people who helped. The night raised £296 which has now been handed over to the Samaritans (this is in addition to the £1600 raised by her skydive). The evening was a great success.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. The PCC would like to suggest that, as in previous years, members of the congregation make a donation to Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another. **A large card for everyone to sign will be in the welcome area from early December together with a box for donations.** Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTING CANDLES These are now available at the back of church for you to take home and fill in aid of the Children's Society. The Christingle service will take place in church on Sunday December 11th at 5pm.

Will you be buying chocolate advent calendars this year? Why not consider buying a Fairtrade 'Real Advent Calendar' which as well as containing tasty chocolate, tells the Christmas story and comes with an activity book to use throughout Advent? For details and stockists see www.realadvent.co.uk

TODAY, 13TH November 5pm at St. Guthlac's Church

Come and listen to extracts from Karl Jenkins, *Requiem* with hymns and readings commemorating the Somme campaign, with the choirs of St. Guthlac's, St. Mary's and friends. There will be a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion.

MOTHERS UNION NOVEMBER MEETING We are looking forward to welcoming friend and neighbour Jean Gabbar at our meeting. Jean is going to speak about "Wives in Syria". Friends and visitors are more than welcome in the Parish Centre Lounge, at 2.15 p.m. on **Tuesday, 22nd November**.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST MARY'S Sat 26th November 11am-3pm at Knighton Parish Centre. Admission 50p, accompanied children free, refreshments available. Stalls include beading, jewellery, felt, posh tat, toiletries, cakes, Christmas gifts, cards, bottles, tombola, raffle, face painting and table decorations.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE As in previous years, we will be raffling a Christmas Hamper again this year. If you would like to donate an item towards the hamper, please indicate what you would like to give on the list in the welcome area. As the hamper will be displayed at the Christmas Fayre, **items need to be brought to church by 27th November please. Thank you.**

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

Starting on **29 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. Four reflections will be as follows:

29th November Preparation

6th December Hope

13th December Light

20th December Joy

ST GUTHLAC'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sat 3rd Dec 10pm-1pm. Please make a diary note!

Items we are now collecting include:

Unwanted, unopened gifts and full bottles for the tombola

Homemade preserves and pickles

Handicrafts

Cakes will be very welcome on the day.

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE WELCOME AREA IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY ON 2ND OR 3RD DECEMBER. THANK YOU.

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