

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 22 January 2017 Epiphany 3
10.30am Communion for All
Celebrant & Preacher Canon John Tonkin

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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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

TONIGHT Sun 22 nd Jan. 6.30pm	The United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Thomas More Church
Tuesday 24 th January, 12 noon	SLCP prayer pilgrimage at St. Guthlac's
Thursday 26 th January, 9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 27 th January, 3.30pm	Messy Church at Stoneygate Baptist Church
Sunday 29 th January, 10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher Canon John Tonkin
Tuesday 31 st January, 7pm	Worship Committee meeting
Sunday 5 th February	All Age Worship

THURSDAY COMMUNION 9.30AM Brenda Lee will lead the services on 26th January and 2nd February if a priest is unavailable. Revd. Neil Bullen is taking the services on 9th & 16th February. We are currently seeking a priest to cover the other services, so please keep an eye on the newsletter and noticeboard for updates.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Liz Vickers, Darryl Varley, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Bill & Ann Ibbs** and the **Miners family** in our prayers. Please pray for the souls of **Kath Fidoe** and **Terry Watts** who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES: 'Enough light for the next step'.

Sometimes we want to be able to see into the future. We say to ourselves, 'How will the new year be for me/my family? Where will I/they be five or ten years from now?' There are no answers to these questions, Henri Nouwen reminds us. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step, which is what we have to do in the coming hour or the following day. The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light with which we are entrusted and not ask for a great beam that would take all shadows away.

The text on which Nouwen was meditating was the faithfulness of God to the people of Israel in the wilderness. 'Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take' (Nehemiah 9:19).

Hope is the trust that God will fulfil His promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. The person of hope lives in the moment with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands. Nouwen reminds us of Paul's words: 'So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal' (2 Corinthians 4: 18).

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. The PCC would like to thank everyone who donated this year. We raised £80 from the cards, plus a further £100 from donations on the collecting plate. The total raised for Malawi in 2016 excluding gift aid amounted to £1667.71 a fantastic amount.

GIVING SCHEME Regular giving can be made either weekly by envelope, periodic cheque or bank standing order. If you are a tax payer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an extra 25%. Details of the scheme can be obtained from David Hunt.

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by Thursday 10pm to administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017 runs until

Wednesday 25th January. Please see the notice on the noticeboard for

the venue and time of the daily prayer pilgrimage. **The United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will take place **TONIGHT, Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm** at St Thomas More Church, Knighton Rd, LE2 3HN.

KNIGHTON BRANCH MOTHERS UNION looks forward to welcoming Tracy Pollard, a nurse with Inclusion Healthcare, at our next meeting. Tracy is going to speak to us about Treating the Homeless. Friends and Visitors are welcome to join with us, on **Tuesday 24th January, at 2.15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre Lounge.

AN EPIPHANY EVENING WITH ST MARK Revd Stephen Foster is giving a talk on St Mark on Tuesday 31st January at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome, but please sign the sheet in the welcome area for catering purposes. Thank you.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY on **12th Feb. at 4.30pm** at the church of the Resurrection. Refreshments will be served at the service. See noticeboard for further information.

VOLUNTEER READERS AND CAR DRIVERS NEEDED Thank you to those who have already put their names forward as readers or to help with lifts. We would like to form a car pool to share the responsibility for providing lifts, so please sign the list in the welcome area if you are able to give occasional lifts. Many thanks PCC.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE EDGE PROJECT'S TEA AND TOAST GROUP. The group meets at St Christopher's on Thursdays in term time and are in need of volunteers to help with the refreshments. They would only need to be around from 3 - 3:45pm, but would be welcome to join in with the rest of the session with the young people should they wish to do so. Even if people are only able to volunteer once or twice a month that would be a great help! For further information or offers of help please contact Ali Simpson-Smith at alikay1204@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY TO THE EDGE PROJECT There are leaflets at the back of church from Ali Simpson-Smith, giving an update on how the Edge project is progressing. Please take one to read. There is also a poster.