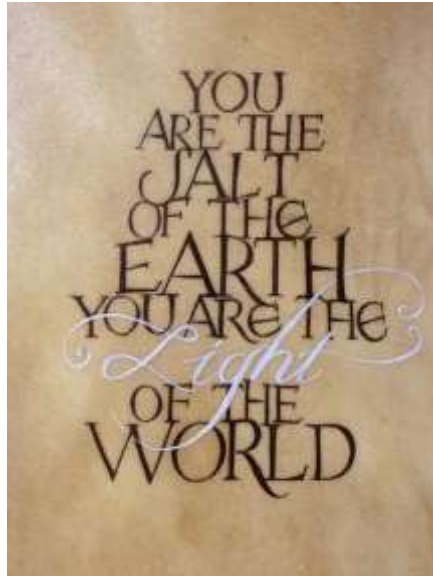


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**Sunday 19 February 2017 2nd Sunday before Lent
10.30am Matins**

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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

Wednesday 22 nd February, 7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 23 rd February, 9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd February, 6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 26 th February, 10.30am	All Age Worship- Fairtrade
Sunday 26 th February, 2pm	Knighton Players rehearsal at the Parish Centre

THURSDAY SERVICES The Clergy of SEMP are generously giving their time to officiate at the Thursday 9.30 communion services while Richard is indisposed. The services will be taken by:

23rd Feb	Adrian Jones St Mary's
2nd March	Derek Hole
9th March	Sami Lindsey St John's
16th March	Liz Wilson St Denys
23rd March	Liz Wilson St Denys
30th March	Neil Bullen St Mary's
6th April	Liz Wilson St Denys
13th April	John Tonkin St Christopher's

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Revd Richard Bonney, Liz Vickers, Darryl Varley, Ann Spring and Bill & Ann Ibbs** in our prayers. Please pray for the soul of **Dorothy Wollaston** who has died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Dorothy's funeral is at **12 noon on Monday 20th February** at St. Guthlac's.

FEEDBACK FROM THE DEANERY SYNOD

You may, or may not, be aware that St Guthlac's is part of the City of Leicester Deanery which comprises most, if not all, Church of England churches from Scraftoft in the East to New Parks in the West, Beaumont Leys in the north to St Christopher's on in Saffron Lane in the south. The deanery is one of a number around Leicestershire. The purpose of the deanery is to support the churches, clergy and laity within the deanery. The deanery synod meets about 3 times a year at different parishes within the deanery and is formed of representatives of the churches. Each church can nominate 3 lay representatives to sit on deanery synod. At present I am your sole representative on the deanery synod.

What happens at deanery synod? It provides a useful opportunity to exchange information on a variety of subjects. Each meeting usually involves one or two presentations from different organisations or projects that may be of interest, a report back from the Church of England's general synod as well as a chance to learn something of the mission and ministry of the parish that is hosting the meeting. Some of the topics discussed at the last two meetings include:

- The work of the Cathedral Education Officer – Andy Heafford – in working with children and young people to make the story of the cathedral and Richard III more accessible to them and to introduce the themes of Christianity to them through these stories.
- An introduction to the Cursillo movement which is international movement that is focussed on prayer, study and action and provides a method to help Christians grow and share their faith. More information can be found on their website www.anglicancursillo.co.uk
- Annual parish gift – this is an opportunity to share with and hear from parishes about the challenges and successes they have and to celebrate the generosity of all churches in their contributions towards the diocese funding. Out of that funding comes the support functions such as the youth ministry, mission and ministry and training teams from which St Guthlac's have benefitted.
- The work of Launde Abbey as the diocese's shared retreat house. The presentation explained what opportunities and facilities exist for retreats and quiet days in the wonderful setting of the abbey.
- Deanery plan 2020: The deanery synod has also been instrumental in putting plans in place to try addressing the challenges of clergy numbers beyond 2020. The plan involved prayerful discussion and deliberation as to what the way forward might be and how that might be achieved.

The next meeting of the deanery synod will be on **Tuesday 7th March, 7:30 pm** at Hope Hamilton church. Bishop Martyn Snow will be attending and using the chance to meet the lay representatives of the deanery synod as part of his getting to know the people in his diocese.

I would encourage you to consider getting involved with deanery synod because it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and share experiences with other Christians in the city of Leicester. I have certainly been encouraged when speaking to people to find out, "it's not just me" and then to listen to the ways they approached the subject. With resources running a bit thin on the ground the more we can share the better for all. If you would like to find out more or even just try out a meeting to see what it is like, please don't hesitate to speak to me.

Fiona Wingate.

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

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING 11th March 10-12: Helpers needed

As part of FairTrade Fortnight from 27th February – 12th March, we will be having a coffee morning on Saturday 11th March. There will be a stall of FairTrade items as well as a café area.

We are looking for people to make cakes, made with FairTrade ingredients that can be eaten at the event – small cakes or slices of cake. We also need helpers to set up the café and stall between 8.30 –10.00 and then from 10.00 -12.00 to support the stall and cafe. If you can help please see Tina.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Beauty & the Beast on **Friday 17th March 7.30pm and Saturday 18th March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (adults £6, children £4) are available from Jane Wright, Ann Swanson (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis (St. Mary's), or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS RAFFLE Could you provide a **raffle prize**? If so, please contact Jane Wright, Tanya Willis or Bernard Stone. Thank you

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY Lent School of Prayer with The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester. Evening gatherings around the diocese for “beginners” in the language of prayer. Free of charge, no need to book, see notice at back of church for further information.

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,

SAFEGUARDING POLICIES The PCC have recently updated the church safeguarding policies for children & young people and for vulnerable adults. The policies apply to all church led events which take place either in church or in Holbrook Hall. Copies of both policies are displayed at the back of church together with a notice detailing relevant contact details.

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.

CLEANING LADY Joanna has helped me for over a year now and is currently looking for more work in the Knighton, Wigston, Oadby area. She is very hardworking, reliable, trustworthy, pleasant and bright. If you are interested, ring her on 07807 938609. Winifred Thomson.