

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 26 March 2017 Mothering Sunday
10.30am All Age Worship

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

March

Sunday 26 th	10.30am	AAW Mothering Sunday: Mary's Story
Thursday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd Neil Bullen, St Mary's

April

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Passion Sunday, Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Christopher
Thursday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd Liz Wilson, St Denys
Friday 7 th	1.30pm	Memory Café (note change of date)
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Communion, Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Stephen Foster
Thursday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Canon John Tonkin, St Christopher's
Thursday 13 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Reflective service of readings, prayer and Taizé, Leader: Fiona Wingate Please let Tina or Lesley know if you need a lift to this evening service.
Friday 14 th	10.30am	Good Friday All Age Worship, Thinking and praying about the whole of Good Friday through pictures. Leader: Fiona Wingate
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mary's
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Easter Sunday Communion Service, Celebrant & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Thursday 27 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Stephen Foster
Sunday 30 th	12 noon	Parish AGM
May		
Sunday 7 th	10.30am	AAW & Baptism, Revd Neil Bullen
Sunday 14 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Adrian Jones
Sunday 21 st	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Thursday 25 th	7.30pm	Ascension Day service at St. Mary's
Sunday 28 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Neil Bullen

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.

THANK YOU Very many thanks to all the clergy who are generously giving their time to officiate at our communion services whilst Richard is indisposed.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Revd Richard Bonney, Joan Willder, Chris Ellis, Ann Beams, Liz Vickers, Darryl Varley, Ann Spring** and **Bill & Ann Ibbs** in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Revd Richard sends you all his greetings and thanks everyone for their supportive messages and prayers.

REVD RICHARD'S 70TH BIRTHDAY falls on Maundy Thursday, April 13th. He has asked that if anyone would like to mark this occasion, then a donation to the Malawi Health clinic would be very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please use a blue envelope and mark it '**Malawi-Richard**'. If you are able to gift aid the donation then please complete the form on the envelope.

CHURCH HEATING The work to replace the heating system in the church has now started; **the service this Thursday morning will take place in the Welcome Area.** We hope to be back in church for the service next Sunday. If you would like to make a donation towards the new heating system, please fill in a Blue Envelope and mark on it "Heating"; all donations will be gratefully received. If you have any questions, speak to Tina or myself. David Hunt – Churchwarden

MOTHERS UNION Our March meeting is a "Bring and Buy" followed by "tea and chat" time. We need to raise funds for the year to keep our coffers healthy! Guests and friends also welcome. Books, toiletries, groceries and good as new donations very welcome, please. **Tuesday 28th March, at 2.15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre Lounge.

ELECTORAL ROLL. If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete a form which can be found on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church. Completed forms must be returned to Jane Wright by **Sunday 9th April** if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation towards Easter lilies, there will be a basket available. Church will be decorated for Easter on **Easter Saturday 15th April 9.30 am until 11 am.** Please sign up on the planner if you would like to decorate a windowsill. The usual colour scheme for the flowers is white and yellow. If you are unable to provide foliage there is usually plenty available, as well as some spare flowers. New people are very welcome. No particular skill level is required and advice is always available. Thank you.

AGM This year's church AGM will be held at **12 noon on 30th April** in the church after the service. Churchwardens, PCC members, sidesmen/women and Deanery Synod reps will be voted in and the accounts for 2016 will be presented. An AGM brochure will be available in advance and will include reports from church committees and organisations. If you would like to consider being nominated as a PCC member or Deanery Synod rep, please see Lesley.

Please would any sidesman/woman who does not wish to be re-elected for the coming year let Lesley know. Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone who provided raffle prizes for the recent Knighton Players production of Beauty & the Beast. The raffle raised £250 for charity.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING We sold £228.70 worth of FairTrade goods at the coffee morning and raised a further £105.26 for FairTrade from the sale of refreshments and from donations. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event in any way.

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