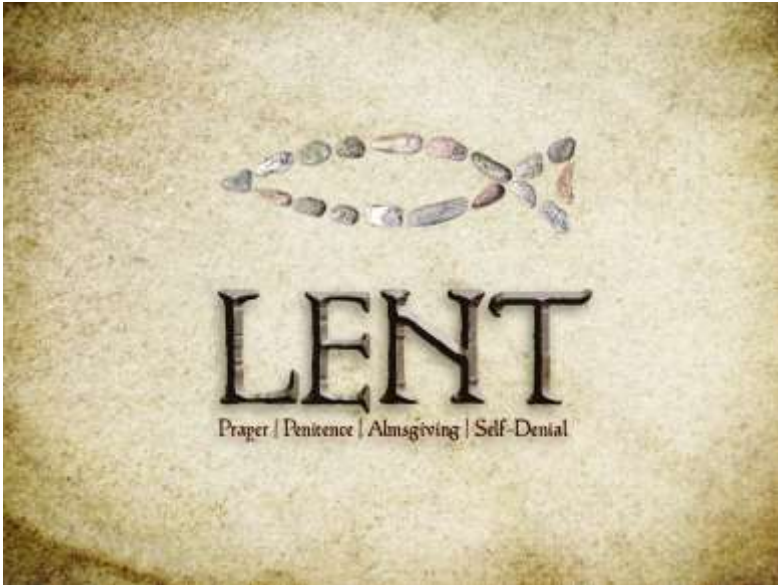


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 9 April 2017 Palm Sunday
10.30am Communion for All
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Stephen Foster

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

April

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
Thursday 20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
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

Thursday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 7 th	10.30am	AAW & Baptism, Revd Neil Bullen
Thursday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 14 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Adrian Jones
Thursday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 21 st	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Thursday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
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

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.

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.

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.

ON DYING WELL AND OVERCOMING BEREAVEMENT. This is the title of the last sermon delivered by Richard Bonney to St. Guthlac's church. Owing to Richard's medical condition, this was delivered remotely by videolink on Sunday 2nd April 2017. Bishop Christopher presided at the Eucharist and Richard was in attendance. If you would like a pdf version of the sermon, please contact Jane Wright (administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk), hard copies are available at the back of St. Guthlac's church.

CHRISTIAN AID: New collectors needed! Christian Aid week will run from **14th-20th May** this year. A couple of longstanding volunteers are no longer able to collect and I am therefore short of cover for this year. Please consider whether you might be able to help this year and talk to me if you would like to find out what is involved. It would be a pity if we were not able to collect in all the roads allocated to us as this is a practical way in which we can show our support for people in poverty. Lesley Meakin (Christian Aid week coordinator)

CHURCH HEATING 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

THANK YOU A big thank you to everyone who has helped clean the church and return everything to its rightful place.

TWILIGHT WALK FOR LOROS 2017 Margaret walked to raise money for LOROS at twilight on **Saturday 8th April** along with friends and relatives. It was a 10km route from the King Power Stadium - ladies only! - wearing clothes to suit the 'Myths & Magic' theme. If you would like to sponsor her for this event and for such a good cause, there is a forms available in the Welcome Area

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, TODAY** 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.

SPRING CREAM TEA & PLANT STALL April 22nd 3-5pm in Welcome Area. Everyone welcome. If you are dividing your perennials, please pot up a few for the plant stall, many thanks.

LONDON MARATHON 2017 – Helen Christie is running in the London Marathon on **April 23rd**, in memory of her grandmother, to raise money for the **Memory Cafés** held each month at St Guthlac's and St Thomas More Parish Rooms. If you would like to sponsor her for this event you can either donate via <https://www.gofundme.com/helensmemorycafemarathon> or use the form which is in the church. If you would like more information please see Jane Christie

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.

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