

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 16 April 2017 Easter Sunday
10.30am Communion for All
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Neil Bullen

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

April

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, Preacher: Revd Cynthia Hebden
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 fell 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

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.

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation towards Easter lilies, there is a collection basket at the back of church. Thank you.

ORGAN STUDENT SPRING TERM REVIEW I hope that everyone will be pleased to hear that our Organ Student, Geoffrey, has passed his termly review. He will be playing the service at Easter because I am having a short break and I know that you will all support him. Yolanda

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 Cafès** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRENDA LEE who received Maundy Money from Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday. The most traditional royal service came to the country's newest cathedral and one of the more recently consecrated parish churches provided one of the 182 or so recipients of Maundy money. The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, the Bishop of Leicester said 'I am delighted that the Royal Maundy service is to be held in Leicester Cathedral this year. It will be especially moving to see Her Majesty who has devoted her life in Christian service to the Country, giving purses of special coins to the men and women in recognition of their service to the church and community here in our Diocese. Brenda was nominated for this award by Revd Richard: "...while at St Guthlac's, she began studying for a Certificate of Christian Discipleship and was eventually commissioned and licensed to the Parish as pastoral assistant in the 1990s, in which post she has worked with distinction ever since. Many congratulations indeed to our well merited Maundy Money recipient!"

Many congratulations also to Terry Cocks and Judi Stone who also received Maundy Money at the same service.

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