

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 30 April 2017 3rd Sunday of Easter
10.30am Communion for All
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Stephen Foster

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

April

Sunday 30th 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

June

Thursday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 4 th	10.30am	AAW Pentecost
Thursday 8 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	Trinity Sunday, Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Stephen Foster
Thursday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Communion for All
Thursday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Richard Bonney

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. **Thank you to those who have already given, Richard has raised £515 so far.**

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. **A DVD of the sermon is available at that back of church for a small donation to Malawi.**

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

LOROS Twilight Walk 2017 Thank you so much for your generosity in sponsoring me on my 10K walk on 8 April. I was thrilled to be able to hand over a cheque for £310 as a result of your kind support. Margaret

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

AGM This year's church AGM will be held at **12 noon TODAY, 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. 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.

LONDON MARATHON 2017 – Helen Christie successfully completed the London Marathon last weekend, 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 have sponsored her for this event will you please give your sponsorship money to Jane Christie. Many thanks

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