

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Minister in Charge: Revd Richard Bonney
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Churchwardens:
David Hunt
Tina Jarvis

Sunday 7 May 2017 4th Sunday of Easter
10.30 am All Age Worship & Baptism
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Cynthia Hebden

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.

A special welcome to Eliot and Iris Goodall and their family and friends.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

May

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
Tuesday 30 th	7:30pm	Prayer service: Thy Kingdom Come (see p4)

June

Thursday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Saturday 3 rd	10:30am	Prayer service: Thy Kingdom Come (see p4)
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 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 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

LONDON MARATHON 2017 – Helen Christie successfully completed the London Marathon, 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

CREAM TEA thank you to everyone who supported this event, we raised £133.50 for church funds.

AGM Tina Jarvis and David Hunt have been re-elected as church wardens and Chris Bullough, Jean Gabbar & Jane Wright have been re-elected onto the PCC. There are few copies of the minutes available at the back of church, and also some AGM brochures.

DYING MATTERS AWARENESS WEEK 5th- 14th May Please see noticeboard.

STAMP COLLECTION FOR LEPROSY MISSION A big thank you to everyone who brings their used stamps to help raise funds for the Leprosy Mission. A large quantity have just been sent off and included some interesting specimens! Please try to remember when saving stamps that we have been asked to cut stamps from the envelope with a margin of 1/4 inch rather than tear them off across the corner; this leaves extra layers of paper which then have to be removed further down the line. I am looking for someone to take over the occasional job of sorting and posting off the stamps when the box is full. If this is something you could offer to do, please let me know. Lesley Meakin

THY KINGDOM COME Join in and change the world one prayer at a time. Between **25th May and 4th June**, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families, neighbours and people within their local communities come to know Jesus Chris. Here in the Benefice of Knighton we will be joining together in this life of prayer. Over the course of the 10 days we will be focussing our prayers and services on this theme. There is something planned for each day from Ascension to Pentecost. This will include our regular weekend and Sunday services, some additional events to allow people a chance to join in and finally an opportunity for each to respond in our own surroundings. We encourage all members of our church communities to join in as much as you are able whether it be coming to a service or focussing your private prayers on the Lord's Kingdom coming on earth. Prayer cards will be available in both churches to help and guide your days of private prayers.

The following services and events will take place across the Benefice:

Thursday 25th May	Ascension Day Service (Joint)	7:30 PM	St Mary's
Friday 26th May	Communion Service	11:00 AM	St Mary's
Saturday 27th May	Day of private prayer		
Sunday 28th May	Regular Service	10:00 AM	St Mary's
Sunday 28th May	Regular Service	10:30 AM	St Guthlac's
Monday 29th May	Day of private prayer		
Tuesday 30th May	Communion Service	9:30 AM	St Mary's
Tuesday 30th May	Prayer service	7:30 PM	St Guthlac's
Wednesday 31st May	Day of private prayer		
Thursday 1st June	Communion Service	9:30 AM	St Guthlac's
Thursday 1st June	Prayer Service	7:30 PM	St Mary's
Friday 2nd June	Communion Service	11:00 AM	St Mary's
Saturday 3rd June	Prayer service	10:30 AM	St Guthlac's

We encourage everyone to get involved and join in this life of prayer. If you would like more information please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> and keep an eye on the newsletter.

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