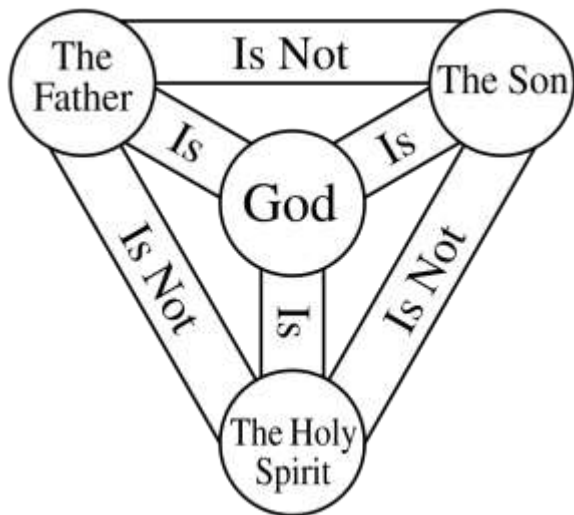


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 30 July 2017
10.30 am

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Communion for All

President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

August

Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd Adrian Jones
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd David Clark
Tuesday 8 th	7.30pm	Bruce Almighty Film Night
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Friday 11 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Thursday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd Adrian Jones
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen

THANK YOU Very many thanks to all the clergy who are generously giving their time to officiate at our 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, Amy, Dan and baby Ben, Beth Murgatroyd,, Chris Ellis, Liz Vickers, Darryl Varley, Ann Spring and Bill & Ann Ibbs** in our prayers. Please pray for the soul of **Mary Sarjeant** who has died recently. 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.

BUSY BEES HOLIDAY CLUB 2nd, 3rd and 4th August 9.30-3pm, Stoneygate Baptist Church. Cops and Robbers – the Story of Joseph. Free for 5-11 year olds but older children welcome as young leaders. We would also welcome any offers of help from adult leaders. Everyone is invited at 3pm on Friday afternoon to see what we have been doing. www.stoneygatebaptist.org.uk

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

The Huguenot Cross- History

The Cross shown here which has been adopted as the insignia of The National



Huguenot Society is both beautiful and symbolic. It is not, however, exclusive to the Society. It is being used more and more throughout the world as a sign among the descendants of the Huguenots. Many designs of the Cross have been worn by Huguenots throughout the years. This particular design was discovered by the Reverend Andrew Mailhet in the province of Languedoc, France, and dates from at least the eighteenth century. It has, therefore, become known as the Cross of Languedoc.

It is impossible to know exactly when the Huguenots adopted the Huguenot Cross as a symbol and confirmation of their faith. However, it is believed to have been a sign of recognition among the French Protestants as early as the 17th century. It was patterned after the Order of the Holy Spirit insignia worn by Henry IV of Navarre, who issued the Edict of Nantes in 1598 to protect Protestant freedoms. The Huguenot Society of South Africa provides the following information as to its history: "The Huguenot cross was designed and first manufactured by a certain Mystre of Nîmes in 1688. It has as its predecessor the badge of the Hospitaller Knights of St John of Jerusalem also known as the Knights of Malta, a religious and Crusader order founded in Jerusalem in the 7th century AD. In 1308 they occupied the island of Rhodes after the collapse of the Crusader states, and in 1530 formed the order of the Knights of Malta after Rhodes was surrendered to the Ottoman Turks. They lived for 4 centuries on the island of Malta, hence the name Maltese Cross for the central part. (The Maltese Cross is generally associated with fire and is the symbol of protection of fire fighters in many countries)."

"Other predecessors of the Huguenot Cross include the so-called Languedoc Cross, and the order decoration of the Order of the Holy Spirit which Henry III established on December 31st, 1578."

Significance and Meaning

The gold Cross of Languedoc, with the official ribbon of the Society which is white, edged with stripes of French blue and gold has become the official insignia of The National Huguenot Society worn by members. The Cross of Languedoc consists of four elements:

- The insignia consists of an open four-petal Lily of France -- reminiscent of the Mother Country of France -- in which each petal radiates outward in the shape of a "V" to form a Maltese Cross. The four petals signify the Four Gospels. Each petal, or arm, has at its outside periphery two rounded points at the corners. These rounded points are regarded as signifying the Eight Beatitudes.
- The four petals are joined together by four fleur-de-lis, also reminiscent of the Mother Country of France. Each fleur-de-lis has three petals. The twelve petals of the four fleur-de-lis signify the Twelve Apostles.
- An open space in the shape of heart is formed between each fleur-de-lis and the arms of the two petals with which it is joined. This shape -- a symbol of loyalty -- suggests the seal of the great French Reformer, John Calvin.
- A descending dove pendant representing the Saint Esprit or "Sainted Spirit" -- the guide and counselor of the Church -- is suspended from a ring of gold attached to the lower central petal.

Size

The size of The Cross of Languedoc insignia as used by The National Huguenot Society is normally 1-1/8 inches in height by 1 inch in width, exclusive of the pendant dove. When including the pendant dove the height of the insignia increases to 1-7/8 inches, while the overall width remains unchanged.

This size, however, may be varied based upon need provided that the proportions of 9:8 height to width, exclusive of the pendant dove are maintained. When the pendant dove is included the ratio of height to width must remain at 15:8.

<http://www.huguenot.netnation.com/general/cross.htm>

Revd Richard comments. On Sunday, Canon Stephen Foster wore my green chasuble and stole and was the first person other than myself to wear it. I have now donated it to St Guthlac's. The significance of the Huguenot cross for me is resilience in the face of persecution: the French Protestants who met for religious services after 1685 could suffer the death sentence or a lifetime in prison. The ban on Protestant rights of worship was not lifted until 1787.

MEMORY CAFES: KNIGHTON & HOLBROOK These informal cafes are for people, living at home, with dementia and their families/carers. The cafes provide an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a relaxed, socially supportive and friendly environment. Refreshments are provided. The cafes are supported by the Alzheimer's Society and run at St Guthlac's church and St Thomas More Community Rooms. If you know someone who would be helped by these cafes please let them know that the next 3 sessions will be:
Friday 11th August 1.30pm at St Guthlac's when Nisha Popat will run a session on Laughter Yoga. **Wednesday 23rd August 1.30pm at St Thomas More:** Linda Harding from Leicester Arts will bring memorabilia on the theme 'Afternoon Tea' to encourage reminiscences and discussion. **Friday 8th September 1.30pm at St Guthlac's** will be a 'What if...' session when Nita Devadhai will discuss what to do when problems arise. For further information please call Nita on 231 6926

TEA & TALK: MONTHLY MEETINGS AT ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH

Come and join us for our monthly social meetings where we can share a talk, film, book or music over tea, coffee and cake. See poster for details. Admission is free: **Tuesday 8th August, 7.00pm Bruce Almighty film (Cert 12A, 101 mins)** This film is a comedy in which Bruce Nolan's (Jim Carrey) career in TV has been stalled for a while and he complains that God is treating him poorly. Soon after, God (Morgan Freeman) actually contacts Bruce and offers him all of his powers if he thinks he can do a better job for a week.

There will be the chance to discuss the film informally after the showing.

Tuesday 19th September 7.00pm Discussion on book Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

You can either borrow the book or buy a good quality secondhand copy for £3. Contact Tina if you want a copy: 0116 2707485 .

Tuesday 10th October 7.00pm Philomena film (Cert 12, 98 mins)

Tuesday 14th November Remembrance: Thoughts from Home