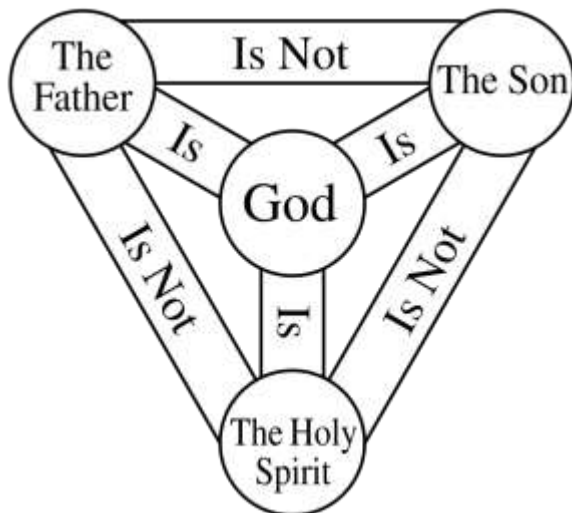


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 6 August 2017 Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10.30 am Communion for All
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd David Clark

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

August

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

September

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 8 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Communion for All
Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 13 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	All Age Worship & Baptism

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.

Revd Richard sends you all his greetings and thanks everyone for their supportive messages and prayers.

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.

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

THE OLIVE TREE PROJECT

The olive tree is a universal symbol of peace and a powerful symbol of Palestinian rootedness in their land. But in the political turmoil of the Middle East today, trees that have survived hundreds of years have become casualties in the struggle for the control of the land. Olive trees have been a major source of income for Palestinians for centuries, with olive trees covering over 50% of agricultural land. The olive and olive oil industry supports the livelihoods of around 100,000 Palestinian families.

Since the Israeli occupation of the West Bank began in 1967, Palestinian farmers have lost hundreds of thousands of olive trees. Trees planted and cared for by generations of the same family have been destroyed or uprooted as Israeli settlers seek to claim Palestinian land as their own.

Through a joint initiative called 'Keep Hope Alive', Embrace partner East Jerusalem YMCA and the YWCA of Palestine plant and replant olive trees in Palestinian-owned areas that are at risk of confiscation. See more at: <http://www.embraceme.org/olive-tree-project#sthash.M7LqHhpF.dpuf>

Sponsor an Olive Tree

An olive tree can live for centuries. Olive groves hold huge cultural significance for Palestinian farmers whose families have owned the land for generations. Sponsoring an olive tree means you are helping the Palestinian people maintain their ancient ties to the land, preserving an important source of income and sustenance. Planted on fields at risk of confiscation, your tree will, when mature, produce a harvest of fruit that can be used for oil and soap products. **Sponsor an olive tree for just £15**

Sponsorship covers the cost of the olive sapling, planting and information for farmers on the best techniques for olive tree care and production improvement as well as some project implementation costs. Sturdy three-year old young plants are used, with tubing to protect them and irrigation pipes for fields that have access to water. You'll receive:

- Certificate identifying the location of the tree*
- Information on visits, so you will have the opportunity to help with the planting and harvest.
- Updates on the project and related work

*Olive tree planting season starts in February and can last for many months depending on project implementation, weather and various political factors. Certificates are issued after the planting season is completed which is usually the end of May or the beginning of June. Any trees sponsored after the end of January will not be planted until the following year.

<http://www.embraceme.org/sponsor-olive-tree>

Revd Richard writes: I have received now the GPS of precisely where the tree is planted. 'Copy and paste the figures 31.6649, 35.15183 (EXACTLY as typed including comma) into the Google search field or, even better, Google Earth search field. The location is on a hillside about 500m west of Dekel a suburb of Efrat (Efrata), 6.5Km southwest of Bethlehem and 12.75Km south-southwest of Jerusalem.'

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. 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 - synopsis on noticeboard.

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

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

Based on a true story, Philomena (Judi Dench) became pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952. She was sent to the convent of Roscrea to be looked after as a "fallen woman". When her baby was only a toddler, he was taken away by the nuns for adoption in America. Philomena spent the next fifty years searching for him but with no success. Then she met Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan), a world-weary political journalist who happened to be intrigued by her story. Together they set off to America to try to find him.....

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Tuesday 14th November 7.00pm Yolanda Courtney 'A zeppelin flew gaily over my house.' This talk will be a miscellany of memories and memorials in letters between Yolanda's great great grandfather and his cousin. Yolanda will talk about the home front during World War One and her visits to memorials at home and away in these hundredth anniversary years. Its a miscellany but of course many people had mixed experiences during World War One rather than being always in combat in a trench.