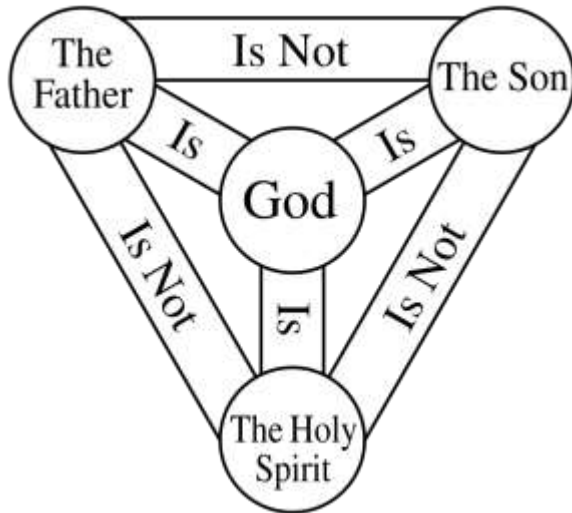


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 17 September 2017 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30 am All Age Worship & Baptism
Officiant: Rev Roy Seden

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It is with great sadness that the Churchwardens have to announce the passing of our Minister Revd Prof Richard Bonney on 4th August 2017.

Donations in memory of Richard to:
The Richard Bonney Literary Fund 2017.
This fund will encourage and facilitate research, study and activity in the field that Richard was passionate about: multi-faith issues and religious tolerance. The aim of the fund is to enable access to academia for aspiring young scholars from around the world.

The donations may be given to A.C. James & Son, Independent Funeral Directors, 9 Biddulph Street, Leicester LE2 1BH Tel 2542900.

Please remember Richard, Margaret and family in your prayers at this time.

Margaret and all the family would like to thank everyone for their very kind and supportive letters, cards and messages sent recently and over the last months of Richard's illness. They have been a great strength to us all. Please continue to hold us in your prayers as we come to terms with life without the big personality which was Richard.

Copies of Richard's obituary from The Guardian can be found at the back of church or visit: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/aug/28/the-rev-richard-bonney-obituary>

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Leigh Wingate, Amy, Dan and baby Ben, Beth Murgatroyd, Chanchal Barber, Chris Ellis, Liz Vickers, Ann Spring, Alison Prior and Bill & Ann Ibbs** in our prayers. Please pray for the soul of **Neil Denham** who has died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

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 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.

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

September

Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	Discussion on book 'Noughts and Crosses'
Wednesday 20 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion:: Revd. Aphro McCullough
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Tuesday 26 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday 27 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 28 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Saturday 30 th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper

October

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Harvest All Age Worship
Sunday 1 st	5.00pm	Benefice Harvest Service at St. Mary's
Wednesday 4 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones

THANK YOU Very many thanks to all the clergy who are generously giving their time to officiate at our services.

UPDATE ON BABY BEN

Some of you may have been wondering who Ben is since he appeared on the prayer list a few weeks ago. Ben is our unborn son who is due mid-November. He will be our first born and we found out at his 20 week scan that he has Spina Bifida. This is a condition affecting the spinal cord, which normally fully closes around 17-20 days after conception. Ben's spine remains unfused at the lower end of his spine, which may affect his ability to walk and to have normal bladder and bowel function. So far his MRI scans have remained stable and we won't know the full extent of his abilities until he is born. He will need an operation within 5 days of his birth at QMC, Nottingham.

My husband, Dan and I would like to thank you for praying for us all as we prepare for what lies ahead. It has been a great comfort to us all. Amy and Dan

HARVEST DONATIONS TO OPEN HANDS As in recent years we will be collecting the following items for distribution to needy people in Leicester: Breakfast cereal, long life milk, tinned meat or fish and cooking oil are in high demand. Other tinned or packet foods are also welcome, but fresh foodstuffs can't be managed. Our **Harvest service** will be on **Sun 1st Oct** but donations can be brought before then and put on the tables at the back of church. Thank you for supporting this excellent cause.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR HARVEST If you can help with decorating the church for harvest, please sign up on the planner in the welcome area. Church will be open from **9.30 am to 11 am on Sat 30th Sept**. Please bring some flowers if you are able. If you don't have any foliage, there is usually plenty to share out. No experience necessary. Thank you.

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 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 second-hand copy for £3..

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.....

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

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.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS SOCIAL is on **Sunday 24th September 4pm-6pm** in Holbrook Hall. Remember to bring a plate of finger food with you, drinks will be provided. This event is open to anyone who is interested in taking part in our next production, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, which takes place on Friday 16th March & Saturday 17th March 2018. If you'd like to join us (and are in year4 or above – no upper age limit!) please come to the social or to find out more, email us at knightonplayers@ntlworld.com

MOTHERS UNION starts their Autumn programme with Ros Matthew, Churchwarden at St. Mary's, who will speak to us about Antigua and other things. We know that Ros has many talents, so we look forward very much to welcoming her. We meet in the Parish Centre Lounge at 2.15 p.m. on **Tues. 26th Sept.**

HARVEST SUPPER and entertainment, **Sat 30th September 7pm** at St. Guthlac's. Tickets adults £6, under16's £3 are available from Ann Swanson or Wendy Bramley