

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 12 November 2017 Remembrance Sunday
10.30 am Communion for All
President & Preacher: Revd Neil Bullen

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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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday 12 th	5.00pm	Remembrance: Thoughts from home
Tuesday 14 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: A zeppelin flew gaily over my house
Wednesday 15 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Thursday 16 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Church Club in Holbrook Hall
Monday 20 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Tuesday 21 st	6.30pm	Christmas cake icing
Wednesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Thursday 23 rd	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Neil Bullen
Wednesday 29 th	7.30pm	Choir practice at St. Mary's
Thursday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Thursday 30 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal

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Saturday 2 nd	10.00am	Christmas Fayre
Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Communion for All, Celebrant & Preacher:
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Friday 9 th	9.30am	Advent Prayer Meeting
Friday 9 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Communion for All
Sunday 10 th	5.00pm	Christingle
Tuesday 12 th	6.30pm	Advent Prayer Meeting

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

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Susan Ellson, Leigh Wingate, Amy, Dan and baby Ben, Chanchal Barber, Chris Ellis, Ann Spring, Alison Prior** and **Bill & Ann Ibbs** in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Leadership at St Guthlac's

Every voice is important: Please help through your prayers & your views.

Over the next few months we need to be thinking about the abilities, skills and interests needed to support the worship and mission at St Guthlac's in the future. The PCC has agreed that David, Tina, Jane and Lesley (the Standing Committee of the PCC) should meet with Adrian to begin to develop a Parish Profile. The first step is to clarify the current work of St Guthlac's and what we hope to achieve in the future. The group's first meeting will be on 25th October.

As soon as we have a draft of the initial ideas, these will be shared with the congregation. We hope you will then let us have your thoughts either in person or you may wish to jot down your ideas and let us have them. We aim to have a clear idea of what we all hope St Guthlac's will do in the future by 21st January when Archdeacon Tim will come to take the communion service and talk over our views. Following this we will think about the sort of person needed by St Guthlac's to help us achieve our aims. We aim to do this in consultation with the congregation by Easter. **There will also be special opportunities to pray for guidance as part of three Advent prayer meetings on:**

Friday 8th December 9.30am

Tuesday 12th December 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th December 6.30pm

Churchwardens

A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR SOUTH KNIGHTON You will have seen Automated External Defibrillators (AED) being installed in many locations over the past few years. These machines can provide vital early support for someone experiencing a heart attack. SKCE think Holbrook Hall would be a good location for an AED for the local community and users of the hall and church. Help us raise £1500 to purchase and install a defibrillator for the use of South Knighton residents and users of Holbrook Hall and St Guthlac's Church. You can donate here <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/defibrillatorforsouthknighton>

Or if you would prefer to make a cash donation please bring it to Helen at 43, South Knighton Road (please pop it in an envelope with your name & address and she will give you a receipt!)

CHURCH CLUB: This new session aimed at children and their parents will run in the hall alongside Matins. Sessions are being planned for 19th Nov, 28th Jan and 18th Feb with more to follow. There will be a variety of activities including worship, stories and craft as well as the chance for parents to discuss various topics over coffee and croissants. We are hoping to expand the number of people able to lead or assist with these sessions. If you would like to get involved with this initiative or would like to find out more, please speak to Lesley or Tina.

REMEMBRANCE: THOUGHTS FROM HOME TODAY Sunday 12th Nov. 5pm at St. Guthlac's, continuing our series of words and music to mark each year of the Great War. This year we focus on those left behind and the letters they wrote to the men at the Front.

A ZEPPELIN FLEW GAILY OVER MY HOUSE Tuesday 14th November 7.00pm 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. It's a miscellany but of course many people had mixed experiences during World War One rather than being always in combat in a trench. Tea, coffee and cake provided. Admission is free.

MEMORIAL TO IAN FRASER The Ellis family are planting a memorial tree with a plaque for Ian at the Scraftoft Natural Burial Ground on **18th November 2.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

THE PROVOST DEREK HOLE LECTURE This year's lecture takes place on **Monday 20 November at 6 pm** in the Ken Edwards Building lecture theatre 1 at the University of Leicester. The speaker will be the Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser, Priest-in-Charge of St Mary, Newington, in South London. He is also a columnist for the Guardian and a panellist on Radio 4's THE MORAL MAZE. The title of his Lecture will be: Theology and Refugees: some thoughts and reflections.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE As in previous years, we will be raffling a Christmas Hamper again this year. If you would like to donate an item towards the hamper, please indicate what you would like to give on the list in the welcome area. As the hamper will be displayed at the Christmas Fayre, items need to be brought to church by **26th November** please. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sat. 2nd December 10-1pm. We are starting to collect items for the fayre. If you have any unwanted, unopened gifts and bottles for the tombola, homemade preserves and pickles or handicrafts please can you leave them at the back of church. **PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE WELCOME AREA IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY ON 1ST OR 2ND DECEMBER.** Thank you.

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