

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 24 December 2017

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service

**8pm First Eucharist of Christmas
President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen**

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

December

Monday 25 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 28 th	9.30am	NO SERVICE
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. MARY'S (No service at St. Guthlac's)

January 2018

Thursday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 4 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 7 th	10.30am	All Age Worship: Epiphany
Thursday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 14 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 21 st	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Archdeacon Tim Stratford
Thursday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 25 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 28 th	10.30am	Matins
Tuesday 30 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Taste of Faith

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS We have been asked to keep **Susan Ellson, Chanchal Barber and her daughter Nita, Chris Ellis, Ann Spring, Alison Prior and Bill & Ann Ibbs** in our prayers. Please pray for the soul of **Peter Beams** who has died recently and remember Ann in your prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please note there will be no morning service at St. Guthlac's on Sunday 31st December and on Thursday 28th December. On 31st December there is a joint service of Holy Communion at 10pm at St. Mary's.

Leadership at St Guthlac's

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

Over the past month David, Tina, Jane and Lesley (the Standing Committee of the PCC) have met twice with Adrian to begin to develop a Parish Profile. As a first step they have been considering the current work of St Guthlac's; our abilities, skills and interests as well as the things we would like to improve, to support the worship and mission at St Guthlac's in the future. From this they have produced a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). This has been seen by the PCC and we would now welcome your comments on this analysis.

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 leadership needed by St Guthlac's to help us achieve our aims. We plan to do this in consultation with the congregation by Easter.

Churchwardens

Margaret Bonney and family would like to thank you all for your kind and sympathetic cards, letters and good wishes received not just this Christmas-time, but throughout the year - during Richard's illness and since his death. They have meant a great deal to us. A very happy Christmas to you all, and for a peaceful and joyous 2018.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. As in previous years, members of the congregation may like to make a donation to Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another. **A large card for everyone to sign is in the welcome area together with a box for donations.** Thank you.

BEN MICHAEL THOMAS BARNES We are delighted to announce that Ben was born on 27/11/17 at 09:02 weighing 6lbs 7oz. He is doing really well and we hope to have him home soon. We'd like to thank everyone at St Guthlac's for keeping us in thought and prayer. The sacral spinal lesion is covered with skin and his bladder and bowels seem to be functioning normally suggesting a milder form of spina bifida. He is currently being assessed by the paediatric team. we look forward to seeing you soon! Amy, Dan and Ben

MEMORY CAFÉ ST GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society.

The next session on **12th January 1.30 – 3.00pm** will include simple exercises, a quiz and talk by Venessa Dundas on assistance provided by the Royal Voluntary Service. If you know someone who would be helped by this cafe please let them know. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

RUCKSACK COLLECTION Leicester Winter Night Shelter is a multi-faith night shelter that rotates around 7 venues in the city, providing emergency accommodation and food to homeless people during the coldest months of the year. They are currently in need of rucksacks to give to their guests to keep their possessions in. if you have any standard sized rucksacks in reasonable condition which you no longer use, please will you leave them at the back of church. Thanks Jane W.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre, so far we have raised over **£1000** for church funds and there are still a few items for sale at the back of church for those who were unable to attend. In addition the raffle raised **£109** for the mobile health clinic in Malawi.

WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TIME CHARITY CONCERT Thank you to everyone who supported this event, the concert went really well and we managed to raise £238 for the Alzheimer's Society.

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by **Thursday 4th January 10pm** to administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk