

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 21 January 2018 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30 Communion for All

President & Preacher: Ven. Dr. Tim Stratford

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.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

January

Sunday 21 st	6.30pm	United Service of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. John the Baptist Church, with the Watoto Choir
Wednesday 24 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 25 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 28 th	10.30am	Matins, Leader: David Hunt
Tuesday 30 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Taste of Faith
Wednesday 31 st	7.30pm	Choir practice

February

Thursday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 1 st	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 4 th	10.30am	All Age Worship: Samuel
Tuesday 6 th	7.00pm	Memory Café Steering Committee meeting
Wednesday 7 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 8 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 8 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Tuesday 12 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday 14 th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday joint service at St. Guthlac's
Thursday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 15 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Matins
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Sunday Club in Holbrook Hall
Sunday 18 th	2.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 21 st	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 22 nd	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Communion for All
Sunday 25 th	2.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 27 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Film, Housewife 49
Wednesday 28 th	7.30pm	Choir practice

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 **Jean Ewin** who has died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

Update on future leadership at St Guthlac's

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

David, Tina, Jane and Lesley (the Standing Committee of the PCC) and Adrian have now met three times, and good progress is being made in putting together our Parish Profile. Thank you to those who have given their comments on the draft SWOT analysis which have been helpful in finalising this part of the profile.

Archdeacon Tim is taking the communion service at St. Guthlac's today and there will be the opportunity to speak with him afterwards if you wish to.

The standing committee will be meeting with the Archdeacon in early February and by Easter we hope to have a clear idea of the leadership needed by St. Guthlac's to help us achieve our aims.

Churchwardens

READER TRAINING UPDATE You may know that I have been selected for Reader training and that St Guthlac's are generously sponsoring my training costs. Finally after a nearly a year of waiting my training has started and is proving interesting and challenging in equal measure. The course runs over two years. This year it involves three evenings and one full Sunday a month and in the New Year I will do a placement at another parish. This placement may last between 4 to 12 weeks so I will not be around much at St Guthlac's during that period. The training covers a wide range of subjects. My first assignment involved each of us thinking about the parishes in which we live, work and attend church; what they're like in terms of character, facilities, demographics, needs, challenges and opportunities and how we fit into the picture. It has been a really fascinating exercise especially given that these are the same questions we at St Guthlac's are asking ourselves as we prepare to find a new minister for the next phase of our journey. It also reminded me that these are questions not just for the church leaders but also for all of us. It led me to think about the parish around me and I would encourage each of us to do the same and consider the areas we live and the people we meet. Are we aware of the people around us in our daily lives and what their needs may be? What do we notice about the areas where we live? How have they changed? What opportunities exist to live out and share our Christian faith in this changing landscape? With all these thoughts to consider I am off to start the next assignment –prepare a bible study on a chapter of the Book of Revelations... I will keep you posted. Fiona

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. We have raised **£113** for Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another this year. Thank you to all who participated.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre, we raised over **£1000** for church funds. In addition the raffle raised **£109** for the mobile health clinic in Malawi.

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

WATOTO CHOIR Come and see the Amazing Watoto Choir made up of Ugandan orphans at St John's Church on their 'Signs and Wonders tour' as part of our service for Christian Unity at the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity, at **6:30pm TONIGHT, Sun 21 Jan.** During the service, a collection will be taken for the choir and the Watoto Church.

MOTHERS UNION Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 23rd January**, when we welcome Rev. Alison to be our Speaker. We meet at **2.15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre Lounge and friends/visitors are also invited.

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. There are a variety of activities such as talks, quizzes, craft and simple exercises. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. Meetings are on the **second Friday of the month 1.30-3.00pm.** 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 The next sessions will be: **9th February**-Farzana from Parkwood Healthcare on healthy lifestyle; 9th March-Nisha Popat - Seated exercise and laughter; 13th April-Deirdra & Stephen Cusack - Group Singing; 11th May-Clare King from the British Red Cross.

CHURCH LIBRARY We will soon be sorting through the books at the back of church and disposing of those which we feel are surplus to requirements. If you have any bibles, explanatory texts, Christian or other spiritual books, in reasonable condition, that you feel others might like to read and which you are happy to donate to St. Guthlac's, please leave them on the brown table at the back of church. Thank you PCC

STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION Thank you to those who bring their used stamps for this excellent cause. A large number have recently been sent off. When removing stamps from the envelope, please use scissors to **cut** the stamp out with no more than 5 mm border, and **make sure that only a single layer of envelope is attached.** Tearing or cutting off the corner of the envelope means extra processing is then needed before sending off the stamps which is very time consuming when hundreds of stamps are involved! Thank you. Lesley Meakin.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO OPEN HANDS A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our food collection for Open Hands. For a small congregation we collected a very generous number of carrier bags bulging with offerings, which were delivered to Open Hands in time for Christmas and were very gratefully received.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS Would you like to knit poppies to display during the celebration of the end of WW1, in November, in St. Mary's Church? Wool and patterns provided. See Judi Stone for further details