

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 4 February 2018 2nd Sunday before Lent
10.30 All Age Worship

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

February

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
Friday 9 th	1.30pm	Memory café
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	2.00pm	WW1 planning meeting
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.

DIARY NOTE The annual parochial church meeting will take place in church at **12 noon on Sunday April 22nd**.

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. 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.

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

BISHOP MARTYN'S SCHOOL OF PRAYER 2018

All Christians know that prayer is a vitally important aspect of discipleship, and that is both a discipline and a joy. In prayer we open ourselves to God, and are drawn into relationship with Him, into peace and joy. But despite knowing all that, prayer sometimes seems difficult.

Bishop Martyn will be leading a School of Prayer at Launde Abbey, from 9th-13th May, with worship, teaching, conversation, and workshops around the themes of Prayer and Scripture, Prayer and Silence, and Prayer and Social Action. He will be assisted by a team that includes David Newman (Warden, Launde Abbey), Helen Newman (Chaplain, Launde Abbey), Chris Webb (Spirituality Advisor to the Diocese and author), as well as a resident artist and a resident musician.

Bishop Martyn, who describes prayer as 'a foretaste of heaven' says: "I hope this School of Prayer will help people grow and develop in their own prayer lives. This is an open invitation for anyone at all, whether you're experienced in prayer or feel yourself to be a complete novice: come and join us."

Although anyone can book for all five days and stay residentially at Launde, we are hoping to organise a group of day visitors from St Mary's and St Guthlac's to attend together, probably on Thursday 10th May. The cost of £37.50 includes coffee, lunch and tea, but if this feels beyond your pocket then please do mention this to me. As we'll need to book well in advance, please let me know if you'd like to come as part of our group by Sunday 25th February. I'll collect money closer to the time. Adrian Jones (0116 270 4268, adrian.jones@zoho.com)

GIVING SCHEME Regular giving can be made either weekly by envelope, periodic cheque or bank standing order. If you are a tax payer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an extra 25%. Details of the scheme can be obtained from David Hunt,

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.

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

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.

SLCP LENT GROUPS begin on **Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm** - at Christchurch. The course is called 'The Art of the Possible'; at a time when a lot of people say they are turned off by politics, many in our churches say they are concerned about what is going on in the world. What does politics mean for our faith - and what should faith mean for our politics? Please join us for a course that will be both thought provoking and enjoyable. Annette Brindle
15 February: What does God look like? 22 February: Where is the justice?
1 March: Change-makers, 8 March: Church and state
15 March: Parliament, 22 March: Politics of the here and now

TEA & TALK: MONTHLY MEETINGS at St Guthlac's Church

Come and join us at our monthly social meetings where we can share a talk, film, book or music over tea, coffee and cake. Admission is free.

Tuesday 27th February 7.00pm Film: Housewife 49 (Cert PG, 92 mins)

Housewife 49 was written by and stars Victoria Wood. It is set in Northern England and based on a true story about Nella Last's 'Mass Observation' diary. Trapped in a difficult marriage and dreading the departure of her beloved son who leaves to fight in the Second World War, Nella (Victoria Wood) draws strength from the diary, writing down all the things she cannot say to her controlling husband (David Threlfall). Meanwhile, the support and companionship she finds at the Women's Voluntary Service - in particular from the formidable Mrs Waite (Stephanie Cole) - brings her joy and liberation during the difficult years of the war. There will be the chance to discuss the film informally after the showing.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on **Friday 16th March 7.30pm and Saturday 17th March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (adults £7, children £5) are available from Jane Wright (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis (St. Mary's), or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS RAFFLE Could you provide a **raffle prize**? If so, please contact Jane Wright, Tanya Willis or Bernard Stone. Thank you