

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**Sunday 4 March 2018      Third Sunday of Lent**  
**10.30 am Communion for All**  
**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.

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

### March

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| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>     | 2.00pm        | Knighton Players rehearsal in the Parish Centre                                               |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 7.30pm        | PCC meeting                                                                                   |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.30pm        | Choir practice                                                                                |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am        | Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen                                                  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 6.45pm        | Knighton Players rehearsal                                                                    |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 1.30pm        | Memory Café                                                                                   |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am       | All Age Worship: Mothering Sunday                                                             |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | 2.00pm        | Knighton Players rehearsal in the Parish Centre                                               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm        | Choir practice                                                                                |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am        | Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones                                                 |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00pm        | Knighton Players rehearsal in Parish Centre                                                   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | 7.30pm        | Knighton Players performance in Parish Centre                                                 |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 2.30 & 7.30pm | Knighton Players performance in Parish Centre                                                 |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am       | Matins                                                                                        |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> | 7.30pm        | Choir practice                                                                                |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9.30am        | Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen                                                  |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am       | Palm Sunday. Procession of Palms & Communion for All. President & Preacher: Canon Dr S Foster |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm        | Choir practice                                                                                |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am       | Holy Communion                                                                                |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am       | Good Friday All Age Worship                                                                   |

**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 **Vivienne Freeman, 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.

**IS THIS YOUR NEXT STEP ON THE JOURNEY OF FAITH?** It may be that for a while now you've been thinking about our Christian faith and have a feeling that you should take another step forwards....and that step could be 'confirmation.' In the Church of England, the service of confirmation is a chance to 'confirm' that the promises made on your behalf at baptism (often when you were a baby) are now your promises too - a clear intention to follow Jesus in a life of faith.

A confirmation service is always taken by a Bishop and often includes 'candidates' from several churches. You can be confirmed at any age, as long as your supporting Minister has spent some time with you first talking about the basics of Christianity and your faith. Our next local confirmation service is at the Cathedral on Easter Saturday (31st March) at 6pm so if you'd like to join others in thinking more about this next step on your journey of faith do please let Adrian know as soon as you can (0116 270 4268 [adrian.jones@zoho.com](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) ).

### **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 several times. Thank you to all who gave their comments on the SWOT analysis. We produced a draft Parish Profile to use at initial discussions with the Archdeacon on 5th February.

The Archdeacon agreed that he would help us look for a Non Stipendiary Priest – or 'Associate Vicar' who would work with / under Adrian in the Benefice with special responsibility for St Guthlac's. Following his advice we now have to make some additions as well as prepare a concise attractive document with photographs. The aim is to achieve this by Easter.

**If you have good recent photographs of activities at St Guthlac's that can be used in an on-line document please let us have them.** Churchwardens

**"Darkness Falls" - a dramatic telling of John's Gospel:** The acclaimed Saltmine Theatre Company are bringing their latest production to Leicester on **Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm**, at the Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, Trenant Road (also the home of St Christopher's Church, Saffron Lane). *"Darkness Falls"* is a remarkable re-imagining of the Gospel of John and is, by turns, moving, funny, poetic and fantastical. The production mixes vivid storytelling with beautiful live music to bring us a timeless story as we've never seen it before.

This gritty performance (suitable for teenagers upwards) is a compelling introduction to John's Gospel for those with little Christian background and also a fresh and provocative retelling for those of us who know the New Testament well. During the day they will be performing to all the Year 10 pupils at the Academy. It is therefore exactly the sort of initiative that our churches should be supporting. I have 25 tickets available, each at £2, so please let me know if you would like to come. *Adrian Jones (0116 270 4268)*

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

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

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

**SLCP LENT GROUPS** are being held on **Thursday's 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

**8 March: Church and state**

15 March: Parliament

22 March: Politics of the here and now

**MEMORY CAFÉ ST GUTHLAC'S** This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers and is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. The next session is on **9th March 1.30-3.00pm**, seated exercise and laughter. For further information please call Nita Devabhai 231 6926

**KNIGHTON PLAYERS** will be performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ELECTORAL ROLL.** If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete a form which can be found on the PCC noticeboard at the back of church. Completed forms must be returned to Jane Wright by **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. Thank you.

**BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL 2018: HURRICANE RELIEF** Last year the islands of Anguilla, Barbuda and Dominica were devastated by hurricanes Irma and Maria. The storms left an unprecedented trails of destruction which is still affecting the lives of hundreds of families. The Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Revd Martyn's Snow, is raising funds to support the rebuilding of the homes and lives of thousands of adults and children hit by the storms. The Diocese of Leicester is partnering with the Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba in their efforts to help to restore these islands to the places they know and love. Here's how to donate: **Online at** [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/DioceseofLeicester](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/DioceseofLeicester)

**By cheque.** Make your cheque payable to Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance and marked 'Lent Appeal 2018'. Send with a covering note to Finance, St Martin's House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ. You can add **Gift Aid** by completing a Gift Aid form available at [www.leicester.anglican.org/gift-aid](http://www.leicester.anglican.org/gift-aid). Please mark them 'Leicester DBF Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018'