

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 11 March 2018 Mothering Sunday
10.30 am 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

March

Sunday 11 th	2.30pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in the Parish Centre
Monday 12 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday 14 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 15 th	7.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in Parish Centre
Friday 16 th	7.30pm	Knighton Players performance in Parish Centre
Saturday 17 th	2.30 & 7.30pm	Knighton Players performance in Parish Centre
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Matins
Wednesday 21 st	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Palm Sunday, Procession of Palms & Communion for All. President & Preacher: Canon Dr S Foster
Wednesday 28 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 29 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 29 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist service at St. Mary's
Friday 30 th	10.30am	Good Friday All Age Worship

April

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Easter Sunday, Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 5 th		NO SERVICE

FOR YOUR PRAYERS We have been asked to keep **Vivienne Freeman, David Pallot, 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 **Margaret Ellershaw** who has died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

Margaret Ellershaw's funeral is on Thursday 22nd March at St Mary's at 11:00am.

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 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

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. Please mark them 'Leicester DBF Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018'

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

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

"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)*

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

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 1st April** if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. Thank you.

SLCP LENT GROUPS are being held on **Thursdays 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 March: Parliament 22 March: Politics of the here and now

MESSY CHURCH Friday 16th March 3.30-5.45pm (rearranged due to bad weather) at Stoneygate Baptist Church. Theme: All God's Creation is Very Good. Craft activities, worship and delicious food (with veggie option), especially for primary age children and their parents/carers. Free (donations welcome to help cover costs). Tell us you're coming if you can. We need to know of any special dietary needs (contact Jane on 0116-2129568). All welcome.

Next Messy Church: 27th April 2018.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat next weekend; we still have a few tickets left for **Friday 16th March 7.30pm and Saturday 17th March 2.30pm** 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.

EASTER FLOWERS Church will be decorated on Easter Saturday morning **31st March 9.30 until 11 am**. If you can help by decorating a windowsill, please sign up on the chart in the Welcome Area. The usual colour scheme is white and yellow. Foliage is usually available if you don't have any. For any queries please speak to Lesley or Cheryl. For those who might like to donate towards Easter Lilies, there will be a collecting basket at the back of church. Thank you.

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

Would you like to join the PCC? If you would like to consider standing for election to the PCC at the AGM on 22nd April or would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Lesley, David or Tina.

CHURCH WEBSITE The PCC have been looking at ways of raising the profile of St Guthlac's and have decided to consider how our website can be enhanced as a showcase for who we are and what we do. If you have suggestions for the website or would like to submit an article, please speak to Chris Bullough. Thank you.

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