

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 18 March 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent
10.30 am Matins
10.30am Church Club

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

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
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Communion for All. President & Preacher: Revd. Adrian Jones
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 12 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 12 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 13 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Matins

FOR YOUR PRAYERS We have been asked to keep **Vivienne Freeman and Jeremy, Alec, David Pallot, Susan Ellson, Chanchal Barber and her daughter Nita, Chris Ellis, Ann Spring 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.

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN Sidesmen (and women) will be re-approved at the AGM. If you do not wish your name to go forward, please let Lesley know as soon as possible. If you are interested in becoming a sidesperson, please speak to David or Tina. 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.

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.

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.

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

22 March: Politics of the here and now

MOTHERS UNION It is our **A.G.M.** this month, on **Tuesday 27th March**, starting at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre Lounge. Adrian has very kindly agreed to be our Chairman. Please could all those who have put their names on the list for the visit to Launde Abbey on 26th June, bring their payment of £12 with them, or give to Helen Long as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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.

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