

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 25 March 2018 Palm Sunday
10.30 am All Age Communion
President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster

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 28 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 29 th	9.30am	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
Monday 9 th	11.00am	St. Guthlac's WW1 working party meeting
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	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
Wednesday 18 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant: Revd. Adrian Jones
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 22 nd	12 noon	St. Guthlac's APCM

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 souls of **Mary Higby and Peter Dudley** who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

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

David, Tina, Jane and Lesley (the Standing Committee of the PCC) and Adrian have completed the Parish Profile. It has now been sent to Adrian who will pass it on to Archdeacon Tim Stratford. The Archdeacon has agreed to 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. Please continue to pray for our search for the person God wants to lead us. 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.

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.

There is no 9.30 am service on Thursday 5th April.

THANKS Your support of the raffle held at each performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' raised £326.10. Thank you for providing the prizes and also for buying tickets at each performance. The total raised will be split between our two charities for this year, the LRI Teenage Cancer Trust and The Bodie Hodges Foundation together with the surplus from the shows.

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