

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 8 April 2018 Second Sunday of Easter
10.30 am Communion for All
President & Preacher: Revd Adrian Jones

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

April

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 22nd 12 noon

Tuesday 24 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Walking the Pennine Way
Wednesday 25 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 26 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 27 th	3.30pm	Messy Church at Stoneygate Baptist Church
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	All Age Worship: I am the vine; you are the branches

May

Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Adrian Jones
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen

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 and Jeremy, David Pallot, Susan Ellson, Chanchal Barber and her daughter Nita, Ann Spring 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

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

UPDATE ON READER TRAINING With two terms of the first year already completed time is passing rapidly. The course remains very interesting and challenging. Since my last update we have had a number of sessions looking at the question of how hospitality can support God's mission and why it is a central Christian principle. I am presently working on an assignment about just that question. We have also had a couple of sessions on the question of Spiritual Discernment. The title sounds grand and can put people off, but it is simply the question of how do we as Christians and the church make decisions? How do we discern what God is calling us to do?. During our studies we were challenged to think about how we chose between good and good, because often within churches we're discussing which good idea to take forward because we need to consider our passions, our gifts, the opportunities and, not to be forgotten, our wellbeing. The main focus points in the new term will be on preaching and a placement.

For the next six to eight weeks I am doing my placement at Great Bowden, near Market Harborough, under the supervision of the vicar, Rev Bryony Wood. I will be getting involved in a number of different areas including their regular weekday morning services, a couple of monthly services in the church for the local primary school as well as some baptism workshops and finally will be working with vicar to prepare and assist at a baptism service. I also hope to have the opportunity to meet some of the other Readers in the Harborough group of churches to explore what Reader ministry means for them. It will be a busy few months, but I am looking forward to it. The flip side is that I won't be around in church very much during this period but St Guthlac's will very much be in my thoughts and prayers. I would like to ask you to hold me in your prayers during this placement, so that it might be a fruitful time. Many thanks. Fiona

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS Margaret is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her grandson Joseph John, on Wednesday 28th March. Mum & baby are both doing well.

St James the Greater QUIZ night Tuesday April 17th 2018 7pm prompt - 10pm in the hall at St James the Greater in aid of Leicester homeless charities. It isn't essential to field a whole team as we will create teams of 6-8 people provided we know who is coming! We need numbers in advance by Sunday 8th. Please send them to me at csb@leicester.ac.uk, with numbers of vegetarians or any special dietary requirements. Obviously there are always one or two last-minute adjustments and of course we cope with those – no problem – but what we can't cope with is sudden arrival of a team we weren't expecting. The cost per person is £7.50, under-12's £5. We have 3 rounds of the quiz, then a break for supper, when the food instantly appears on the tables to save time!! Then we have the last 3 rounds of the quiz. We have a bar with wine and soft drinks available all evening. By convention, the first glass is complimentary and we invite contributions for additional glasses of wine etc. There is also a raffle. There is a prize for the winning team but it is purely tokenistic. The value of the bragging rights is incalculable. We have an excellent quiz master in Mike Bull and the quiz evenings are great fun. The funds raised will go to a local homeless charity, and we expect one of the leading lights of the charity to join us on the evening so we will hear something of their work. We've enjoyed the company of SEMP churches in the past and it would be great to welcome members again. Caroline Beardsmore

NEW LUNCH CLUB IN HOLBROOK HALL A lunch club has been set up in Holbrook Hall on the **second Thursday of every month at 12.30pm**. Starting on **April 12th**, it will offer a two course meal for £5: a main course of freshly cooked roast meat with potatoes and fresh vegetables plus a traditional English pudding. Phone Lynn on 07891 232688 by 2pm the day before to book your place. No organised discussion or activity, just lively conversation & delicious food!

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.

LET STEEPLE BELLS BE SWUNGEN On **24th May** Chris Pickford is giving a talk at New Walk Museum "Let steeple bells be swungen" on the history and archaeology of bells. It starts at 7.30 pm. If anyone would like to come they can attend as my guests, just make yourselves known to me when you arrive. Yolanda yolanda.courtney@ntlworld.com

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