

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 22 April 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter
10.30 am Communion for All
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

April

TODAY	12 noon	St. Guthlac's APCM
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
Friday 4 th	8.00am	SLCP First Friday prayers in Welcome Area
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen
Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 10 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 11 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Adrian Jones
Wednesday 16 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Adrian Jones
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Matins
Monday 21 st	10.30am	WW1 working party
Tuesday 22 nd	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Gargoyles

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 **Elizabeth Coulsey, Helen Nichols, 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

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! Many congratulations to Ray Wood who has been appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government, as recognition of his role in the liberation of France in the Second World War. We will be presenting Ray with his award as part of the 10am service at St. Mary's today, 22nd April. Adrian

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

OUR CHURCH AGM IS TODAY AT 12 NOON AFTER THE SERVICE. Please stay if you can to take part in the elections and celebrate our achievements over the last year as we look forward to the next one.

MOTHERS UNION - We welcome Rev. Neil as our Speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday, 24th April**. Neil will talk about his mission in Tanzania. All are welcome in the Parish Centre Lounge, starting at 2.15 p.m. Anne

The next TEA AND TALK will be "Blisters and all: Walking the Pennine Way" Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7pm.

The Pennine Way is the oldest official long distance trail in Britain. It is 275 miles from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders through some of the most beautiful parts of the country, but is not without its challenges both mental and physical. Join us as two friends (Fiona and Simon) recount their story of their walk to Scotland - how it began, the places they visited, the sights they saw, the people they met and of coursethe blisters. Free talk and refreshments with the chance to socialise! Do come along.

MESSY CHURCH Friday 27th April 3.30-5.45pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church. 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.

SOUTH LEICESTER CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP First Friday Prayers. SLCP is an ecumenical venture to which St Guthlac's belongs. Prayers are held in different places of worship on the first Friday of each month. It is an early start, 8am, but they only last half an hour and are very worthwhile. **Friday 4 May, 8-8.30 am** is at St Guthlac's. Please support this as everyone is welcome.

SOUTH KNIGHTON COMMUNITY EVENTS invites you to 'A performance of Songs for a Summer's Evening' performed by The Jubilee Singers, conductor Richard Archer. The programme of well-known secular songs, is in Holbrook Hall on **Saturday 5th May, 7.30-10pm**. Entry £5. Everyone welcome. Please bring food and drink to share.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13TH-19TH MAY Thank you to those who have offered to collect again this year. Having lost a couple of regular helpers I could really do with a couple of new volunteers this year so that we can cover all the streets allocated to us. If you are able to help or would like to find out what's involved, please speak to Lesley. Thank you.

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