

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 6 May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am

Communion for All

President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen

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

May

Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 10 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Thursday 10 th	7.30pm	Ascension Day service at St. Mary's (joint choir)
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
Thursday 17 th	10.30am	St. Mary's WW1 working party
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Matins
Sunday 20 th	6.30pm	Christian Aid service at Christchurch
Monday 21 st	10.30am	St. Guthlac's WW1 working party
Tuesday 22 nd	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Gargoyles
Wednesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 23 rd	7.30pm	SLCP Forum meeting at St John the Baptist
Thursday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 24 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen
Wednesday 30 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant 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 **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 Please help through your prayers

The Parish Profile has been completed. Copies are available for anyone to look at in the Welcome Area. The post of Associate Minister is now being advertised through Diomail and on the Diocesan Website. The closing date for applications is Monday 20th May. The applications will be considered on 22nd May by a panel of Richard Worsfold as Area Dean and Archdeacon Tim Stratford representing the Bishop; as well as Adrian as the Vicar of the Benefice with David and Tina representing St Guthlac's. 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

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.

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

HOLBROOK HALL LUNCH CLUB A lunch club is held in Holbrook Hall on the **second Thursday of every month at 12.30pm**. It offers a two course meal for £5: a main course of freshly cooked roast meat with potatoes and fresh vegetables plus a traditional English pudding. No organised discussion or activity, just lively conversation & delicious food!

The next lunch will be on **May 10th**, please phone Lynn on 07891 232688 by 2pm the day before to book your place.

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.

SLCP CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE at Christchurch - Sunday 20th May 6.30pm.

It will be led by Rev Edson Dube. The speaker is Mark Vyner who until recently worked in Christian Aid's Africa Division. The service will include a collection for Christian Aid. It would be wonderful to see Christchurch packed to celebrate Christian Aid Week 2018.

TEA & TALK 'Gargoyles and grotesque carvings of Leicestershire and Rutland' on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 7pm

Leicestershire's churches contain a wealth of ignored medieval sculpture in both stone and wood depicting a wide variety of subjects including grotesque beasties, so-called 'Green Men' and even rather rude contortionists. This talk will introduce you to the sometimes weird and often wonderful medieval carvings in the churches of Leicestershire and Rutland, including grotesque gargoyles, contortionist corbels, scary springers and hideous hood stops.

Bob Trubshaw has been researching and writing about local medieval carvings for about thirty years. He is the author of numerous books and articles about local history, folklore and archaeology. All welcome, no charge!

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

KNIGHTON PLAYERS We are delighted to announce that we raised £1000 from our recent production of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat; this has been divided equally between the Leicester Royal Infirmary Teenage Cancer Trust and The Bodie Hodges Foundation. Many thanks to everyone involved.