

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 27 May 2018 Trinity Sunday
10.30 am Communion for All
President: Revd. Neil Bullen
Preacher: Fiona Wingate

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 30 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Neil Bullen

June

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	All Age Worship
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 7 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 8 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Neil Bullen
Wednesday 13 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 14 th	12.30pm	Holbrook Hall Lunch Club
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	Matins
Monday 18 th	10.30am	St. Guthlac's WW1 working party
Wednesday 20 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion, Celebrant Revd. Neil Bullen
Thursday 21 st	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Communion for All, President & Preacher: Revd. Adrian Jones

THANK YOU Very many thanks to all the clergy who are generously giving their time to officiate at our services.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS please remember all those whom we have been asked to keep in our prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

Elizabeth Coulesey

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Elizabeth Coulesey in the early hours of Monday 7th May 2018. Elizabeth was very fond of St. Guthlac's, having worshipped with us since she moved from Bell House to Goldhill Gardens. Although latterly she was mainly to be seen at the Matins service, she was a great supporter of St. Guthlac's in everything we did. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace. Please remember Elizabeth in your prayers.

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.

Update on future leadership at St Guthlac's
Please help through your prayers

The initial closing date for applications was Monday 20th May. We did not receive any applications by this date. In consultation with Archdeacon Tim Stratford and Adrian, it was decided to extend the application period. The advert will be adjusted slightly to encourage potential applicants to 'express an interest' to Adrian with a view to finding out more and perhaps visiting St. Guthlac's. This had not been possible in the original short time given for applications. While the Archdeacon was very positive about the Parish Profile we had produced, we are making some very minor alterations.

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

SUMMER FAYRE We will be holding a fayre in church on **Saturday July 7th 10am-1pm**. There will be games for youngsters and the young at heart, plant and cake stalls and refreshments will be on sale. Please save the date!

MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON

This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment. Usually a variety of activities are provided as well as a short talk, with refreshments provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society.

The next sessions will include:

8th June Drinking and Dementia: Hollie Hughes from Age UK

13th July Afternoon Tea session – exploring history of tea: Linda Harding from Museum Service

10th August Admiral Nurses – specialist nurses for dementia: Justine Tomlinson

If you know someone who would be helped by this café please let them know.

For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

SUMMER CONCERT at St. Mary's on Saturday 9th June at 7pm. Suzie O'Neil-Turner & Grace Pepper are holding a concert in aid of the Alice Ruggles Trust. Tickets available on the door at £5 for an adult, £3.50 for child and under-five's are free. Refreshments are provided.

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF HELPING THE LOCAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND TO FLOURISH? We are looking for new people to volunteer to join the Diocesan Synod- a forum for people from across the Diocese of Leicester to come together two or three times a year. As well as a kind of assembly for the Diocese of Leicester, Synod is also a place where we come together to pray, discuss, and think about issues affecting the Church of England and our society.

We want synod to be:

- A praying presence, supporting growth in the Diocese
- A company of Christians, learning from each other
- A people listening to God, reflecting on the issues of the day
- A reflection of the diversity of our communities

What can I do? A new Synod is elected this summer. For further information see the diocesan website <https://tinyurl.com/y96kfo3m> or contact Andy Brockbank by calling 0116 261 5312 or emailing andrew.brockbank@leccofe.org

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