

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 18 November 2018 Second Sunday before Advent

10.30 am Matins

Leader: David Hunt

10.30am Church Club (Holbrook Hall)

WELCOME TO ANY OF YOU VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME!

Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers and/or a Churchwarden and sign in the welcome book so that we can get to know you by name! 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

November

Monday 19 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St. Guthlac's
Tuesday 20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 21 st	9.00pm	Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Wednesday 21 st	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 22 nd	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 25 th	10.30pm	Communion for All, Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Monday 26 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St. Guthlac's
Tuesday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 27 th	7.00pm	Christmas Cake icing
Wednesday 28 th	9.00pm	Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Wednesday 28 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 29 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 30 th	9.15am	Fayre set up

December

Saturday 1 st	10.00am	Christmas Fayre
Sunday 2 nd	10.30pm	Communion for All, Revd Aphro McCullough
Sunday 2 nd	6.30pm	Advent service of readings, music and prayers at St Mary's
Monday 3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St. Guthlac's
Tuesday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 5 th	9.00pm	Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Wednesday 5 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Revd. Adrian Jones
Friday 7 th	8.00am	SLCP 1 st Friday Prayers
Friday 7 th	9.30am	Advent Reflections, Fiona Wingate
Sunday 9 th	10.30pm	Communion for All, Revd Adrian Jones
Sunday 9 th	5.00pm	Christingle

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for those whom we have been asked to keep in our prayers. Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for Maisie Harpin will take place at St Guthlac's Church, on Thursday 22nd November at 12.15pm followed by refreshments in Holbrook Hall. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Dementia UK Leicestershire Fundraising Group c/o A.J. Adkinson and Son Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, LE2 5DG. Tel: 0116 2712340 or online at www.ajadkinsonandson.com

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE As in previous years, we will be raffling a Christmas Hamper again this year. If you would like to donate an item towards the hamper, please indicate what you would like to give on the list in the welcome area. **As the hamper will be displayed at the Christmas Fayre, items need to be brought to church by 25th November please.** Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sat. 1st December 10-1pm. We are collecting items for the fayre. If you have any unwanted, unopened gifts and bottles for the tombola, homemade preserves and pickles or handicrafts please can you leave them at the back of church. **HELP NEEDED: We will be setting up the fayre from 9.15am on Friday 30th November. If you are able to help with this or manning a stall at the fayre on the Saturday, please sign the list in the welcome area.** Thank you.

WANTED: SMALL JAM JARS If you have any empty smallish jam jars with lids please can you leave them at the back of church as soon as possible, for filling with marmalade for the Christmas Fayre. Many thanks. Anne

THANKS to all involved in our Commemoration of the World War One Centenary and Remembrance Sunday: I would like to thank everyone who took part in the series of events and services around this year's Remembrance Sunday and the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. It was a truly remarkable week and culminated in a very special Sunday.

Our exhibitions last weekend drew more than five hundred people, and almost four hundred children from local schools came to St Mary's during the week to experience craft workshops with a focus on remembrance and our local servicemen. We had many visitors for our Remembrance Day services and a full house of three hundred for the evening Son et Lumiere, 'The Price of Peace'.

Together with other talks, concerts and events at both churches, not to mention the 'Knighton Remembers WW1' book, we presented a very impressive range of ways to remember and honour the fallen, especially those of WW1. The universal response of those from our community who came to share our events, was of appreciation and often amazement at the level of skill and hard work that had been put into each occasion.

Once again many, many thanks to the organising groups and all the individuals who put in the work to make the whole week such a memorable success. Adrian

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1: very grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a wonderful weekend of Remembrance. To all who gave us information and loaned documents, helped us put up the exhibitions and take them down, baked and made endless cups of tea/coffee, stewarded in church and hall, printed, laminated and folded our publicity, distributed notices and invited people to join us, a big thank you. And a special mention of those who made the church look so beautiful over the weekend - it was much appreciated. I think we really put St Guthlac's and Holbrook Hall on the map, and made a lasting connection with our local community. Margaret

ST GUTHLAC'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sat 1st December 10am – 1pm Your chance to shop locally for wreaths, Christmas decorations and paper, cakes and handmade preserves. Other gift ideas include jewellery, bulb bowls and planters, as well as items made from hand spun sheep's wool. Further attractions include games and a tombola, shoulder massages, Henna hand art and refreshments. **Free admission – Do drop in!**

GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sat.1st December 7.30pm at St. Mary's in aid of Parkinson's UK (Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland) and featuring 3 choirs and a ukulele band. Tickets £7, (16 & under free) to include a glass of wine or soft drink and a mince pie. Tickets from Jane Wright administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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. Refreshments provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society.

The next sessions will include:

14th December – Christmas party

For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

CHOIR NEWS After many years of faithful and committed service our Choir Leader, Margaret Bonney has announced that she will be standing down after Christmas. We have all appreciated the dedicated way that she has co-ordinated and guided our choral music and so her input will be sadly missed. We will say a proper 'thank you' to Margaret later in the year, and also to Mary Britton who is standing down as the Choir Leader of St Mary's at the same time. In the meantime I very much hope that the choir will continue, and the PCC and I will quickly start the process of reviewing how we find the right leadership for them in the future. Adrian

READING AND PRAYING THROUGH ADVENT: many people find that the hectic business of the weeks before Christmas need to be balanced by a regular diet of reading and praying, so that our spiritual preparation does not get forgotten. There are a number of good books and prayer guides available at the Christian Resources shop in St Martin's House, by the Cathedral. If you would like to read in parallel with me and others in the church through Advent then you might like to use "Waiting here for you: an Advent journey of hope" by Louie Giglio. Each day we are given a short Bible reading, a reflection and meditation and a prayer, on the theme of waiting and anticipation. I can get a discount copy for just £6 ready for you to use in Advent if you let me know you'd like one before the end of **Wednesday 22nd**the readings start on Monday 26th November. Adrian