

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 25 November 2018

Christ the King

10.30 am Communion for All

President & preacher: Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

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.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

November

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
Monday 10 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St. Guthlac's
Tuesday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 12 th	9.00pm	Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Wednesday 12 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Revd. Adrian Jones
Thursday 13 th	12.30pm	Holbrook Hall lunch club
Friday 14 th	9.30am	Advent Reflections, Fiona Wingate
Friday 14 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Nativity Gift Service

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. Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

AN OFFICIAL WELCOME TO A FAMILIAR FACE! Many of you have told me how much you appreciate the ministry of the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster in leading and presiding at services and also in providing pastoral support. I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has agreed to give Stephen his Permission to Officiate in the diocese, with immediate effect once Stephen retires from the University Chaplaincy in February.

I'm also very pleased to report that Stephen has agreed to make our benefice the focus of his ministry after retirement. This means that he will work alongside me (and Fiona Wingate when she is licensed as a Reader in the autumn of 2019) in a Benefice Ministry Team. Stephen, like Fiona, will have a focus on St Guthlac's but will also be ready to lead worship at St Mary's, whilst my focus will be on St Mary's but also supporting St Guthlac's. Our new arrangement will give us the benefits of team ministry as well as ensuring on-going support for the life of both churches. Both our PCCs have discussed and enthusiastically supported Stephen's new role and our thinking about ministry across the benefice, which will help our partnership in mission to grow whilst still maintaining the character and independence of the two churches.

After this morning's service here at St Guthlac's we will share some wine and cake (as well as coffee!) to mark Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday in the Churches calendar. I will take the opportunity to say a little more about our team approach and to answer any questions you may have. Do please stay if you can. Adrian

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

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: 9:30am Friday 7th, 14th, 21st December. The season of Advent gives us a time to pause and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It allows us time, once again to consider what that means for each of us in our lives. Advent reflections provide a space and time for reflection and prayer; using the opening part of John's Gospel as the basis for our reflection. It should last no longer than 30 minutes. Fiona

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. The readings start on Monday 26th November. Adrian

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

ORGAN EXAM Geoffrey will be taking his organ exam on Friday 30th November. The church will be closed from 10.30-2.45 for his final practice and the exam. 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. **Homemade cakes can be brought on the day or between 9.15 and 10.15 on Friday morning. Thank you.**

HELP NEEDED: We will be setting up the fayre from 9.15am -10.30 am 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.

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE To comply with new regulations the PCC have produced a Data Privacy Notice. A copy of this will be displayed at the back of church shortly.

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

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

MOTHERS UNION At our November meeting we are looking forward to hearing from one of our own members, Margaret Tonkin, who is going to talk about her visit to Inverness. Friends and visitors are most welcome, and we meet in the Parish Centre Lounge on **Tuesday, 27th November, at 2.15 p.m.**

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

WHITE CHRISTMAS CHARITY CONCERT Suzie Christie and Grace Pepper, are hosting a concert on the **9th December** at St Mary's, at 7pm. Tickets are on the door at £6 an adult and £3.50 for children. Refreshments will be provided. We are raising money, for a Leicester based charity called FreeVA which helps women who have been subject to violence. It will be nice to see people there!

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

ALL AGE MESSY CHURCH at Stoneygate Baptist Church. We have decided to make Messy Church an All Age event so we will be very pleased if some older folk would like to come and join the young people for some themed activities, worship and a shared meal. Attendance is FREE but donations will be welcome to help cover cost of food etc. Tell us you're coming if you can. We need to know of any special dietary needs. All children must be accompanied by parents/carers. This is a joint venture of Stoneygate Baptist Church, St Mary's and St Guthlac's, Knighton. The next session will be on **14th December 2018.**