

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 23 December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10.30 am Communion for All and Baptism of
Ben Michael Thomas Barnes**

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

December

Monday 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
Monday 24 th	8.00pm	First Eucharist of Christmas
Tuesday 25 th	10.30am	Christmas Day Communion for All
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S. Please join us for a joint service of Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am.

January 2019

Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th	10.30am	All Age Worship: Epiphany
Monday 7 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 8 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 8 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday 9 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 11 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Monday 14 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 16 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Wednesday 16 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Matins, leader Fiona Wingate

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 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.

THANK YOU

My family and I wish to express our thanks to all our friends at St. Guthlac's, who have helped us through this difficult period with their prayers for our beloved Maisie. Bryan Harpin

CONGRATULATIONS to Geoffrey Hames our organ scholar, who has gained a distinction in his grade 4 organ exam. What a brilliant result, well done Geoffrey.

CHANGES TO OUR REGULAR MIDWEEK WORSHIP OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON: please note that Morning Prayer at St Guthlac's and St Mary's will now take a break until the week beginning 7th January, when it will re-start at the slightly later time of 9.30am. There will be no midweek Communion service in the benefice on Thursday 27th December or Tuesday 1st January, but there will be a service as usual at St Guthlac's on Thursday 3rd January, 9.30am.

THERE IS NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S ON SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER. Please join us for a joint service of Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS Cards for new people to leave their contact details have been produced and are available in the Welcome Area. Please could members of the congregation give cards to visitors. If you are new to the church please fill in a card so we can make sure you are informed about the activities at the church.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre. We have raised **£1065** so far, in addition to the raffle which raised £64 for the mobile health clinic in Malawi. There are still a few jars of marmalade and pickle left in the welcome area for sale.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Parkinson's concert at St. Mary's last Saturday. We raised over £1200 to aid the work of Parkinson's UK, in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. *Jane*

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. As in previous years, members of the congregation may like to make a donation to Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another. **A large card for everyone to sign is in the welcome area together with a box for donations.** Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTING CANDLES AND ENVELOPES These can be returned to church any time before Christmas.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE VICARAGE!



Adrian, Alison, Skye and Derry would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all that you have done to help and support us in 2018 - we are looking forward to all that God will do through the extended church family of St Mary's and St Guthlac's in 2019!

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 are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society. The next sessions will include:

11th January - Laura Foley from Nat West on 'Scams and how to avoid them'

8th February - Mike Greenwood from Leicester Transport Heritage Trust with memorabilia of transport from the past.

For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

TEA & TALK MONTHLY MEETINGS: Winter Warmer - Seasonal Songs Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7pm

Come and join us for our next monthly social meeting. This will be a time to chat, catch up and relax over tea, coffee and cake after the hectic festive period.

Votes for favourite songs will have been counted and we will be singing the top 10 seasonal songs chosen by local people. There will a short commentary for each song. Whether you voted or not come and join us for a fun evening.

Admission is free.

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