

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 20 January 2019 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30 am Matins

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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

January 2019

Tuesday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 23 rd	6.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Revd Aphro McCullough
Tuesday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 29 th	7.30pm	PCC meeting
Wednesday 30 th	6.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 31 st	6.45pm	Knighton Players

February

Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	All Age Worship
Tuesday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 6 th	6.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 8 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Bishop Christopher, followed by Faith Lunch
Tuesday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 13 th	6.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 14 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players

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: **Anne Laurence**. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD: As a country we continue to face very difficult times, and our politicians have to make critical decisions in the next few days about Brexit. Please pray that as they discuss, debate and decide they will have the strong desire to work together, to find solutions for the common good and that draw the people of our country together. They will need God-given wisdom and abilities! Pray that God will raise up the men and women needed to lead us in these difficult times.

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH: Pray that the Church in this country will provide a good and clear example to our people of how to disagree well and continue to work together for a higher cause. Pray that we too at St Guthlac's may be people of peace, and that here in Knighton our witness would be one of love and unity outweighing our disagreements and differences of opinion.

YOUR NEXT STEP FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS? Growing in our Christian faith is a natural and necessary thing for all of us, and this might be the time for you to take the next step by being baptised or confirmed. Baptism is a sign of beginning on the Christian journey, while confirmation marks the point where those who have been baptised as children now make a firm commitment to Christian discipleship for themselves. Usually 'candidates' for baptism and/or confirmation are prepared together for this important step by discussing the Christian faith and the life of discipleship with Adrian or another experienced Christian. If you think this might be the right time for you to be baptised or confirmed, then please do talk to Adrian, as we are currently arranging dates for a confirmation preparation course in the run up to Easter.

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.

MOTHERS UNION At our first meeting of the year, we are very privileged to have Adrian as our Speaker. Adrian will speak about his call to the ministry, and his journey towards becoming Vicar at St. Mary's. All are welcome to attend in the Parish Centre Lounge on **Tuesday, 22nd January, at 2.15 p.m.**

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:

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

Bishop Christopher & Faith Lunch 10th February 10.30 Service & Afterwards

Bishop Christopher will be taking the Communion Service on 10th February. There will be a Bring & Share lunch after the service. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear more about the work we support in Malawi, as well as to socialise.

Please put the date in your diary, and come and join us. If you can, please bring some food to share.

LENT REFLECTION SERVICES: BEST TIMES FOR YOU

What works for you? We are planning a series of weekday Lent reflection services. We want as many people as possible to come, so would like to know which day and what time of day would suit you. We will then try to arrange the services so that as many people as possible can attend.

Please could you complete the form in the welcome area? If there are specific times that particularly suit you, please note these as well. Many thanks.

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