

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 3 February 2019 5th Sunday before Lent

**10.30 am All Age Worship
Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas**

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

February

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
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	Matins, Leader David Hunt
Tuesday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 20 th	6.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 21 st	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 24 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Tuesday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 27 th	6.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 28 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.

CHANGE OF SERVICE PATTERN AT ST GUTHLAC'S

We will be making a change to the pattern of our services at St Guthlac's after Easter. We are aiming to provide better provision across the whole Benefice so that everyone can go to a type of service that suits them every Sunday. For example, there will be a Communion Service every Sunday at either St Guthlac's or St Mary's. In addition, there will be a service or activities suitable for young people each Sunday in at least one of the two churches. There will also be sung formal matins and informal morning services most months in the Benefice. We hope you find the change helpful.

After Easter the pattern of services at St Guthlac's will be

1 st Sunday in month	Communion
2 nd Sunday in month	All Age Worship
3 rd Sunday in month	Communion
4 th Sunday in month	Matins or Morning service
5 th Sunday in month	Family Friendly Communion

Church Wardens: Tina Jarvis & David Hunt

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.

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.

WANTED Does anyone know of a good plasterer who we could approach to get a quote to repair the plaster in church? If so please inform a member of the PCC. Thank you.

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 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.

LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY would like to thank St. Guthlac's for the very kind donation of £45 for supporting vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees in and around Leicester.

With more than 1,000 asylum seekers in the city, typically living on £37 a week or less, we will certainly put the donation to good use.

Shali Bullough, Coordinator, Leicester City of Sanctuary

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