

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 24 March 2019 Third Sunday of Lent

10.30 am Communion for All

President & preacher: Rev 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

March

Tuesday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 27 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 29 th	9.30am	Lent Reflections
Sunday 31 st	10.30am	Family Communion for Mothering Sunday,

April

Tuesday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 3 rd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 5 th	8.00am	First Friday Prayers at St. Thomas More
Friday 5 th	9.30am	Lent Reflections
Sunday 7 th	10.30am	Communion for All, Rev Canon Dr J Arens
Tuesday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 10 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 12 th	9.30am	Lent Reflections
Friday 12 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 14 th	10.30pm	Palm Sunday Communion, Canon Dr S Foster
Sunday 14 th	12 noon	APCM
Tuesday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 16 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Cross of Christ
Wednesday 17 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion, Rev Adrian Jones
Friday 19 th	10.30am	Good Friday All Age Worship
Sunday 21 st	10.30am	Easter Sunday Communion, Canon Dr S Foster

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 prayer
5 th Sunday in month	Family Friendly Communion

Church Wardens: Tina Jarvis & David Hunt

FOR YOUR PRAYERS We have been asked to keep **Baby Axavier and Simone, Mike Vickers, Jean Bounds, Helen Nichols, Chanchal Barber and her daughter Nita and Ann Spring** in our prayers. Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends: **Stewart Geldard, Susana Martinez**. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

CANON CHIFISI IN MALAWI

When Bishop Christopher visited St Guthlac's on 10th February and talked about the clinic in Malawi, he also commented about Cannon Chifisi's housing problems. Canon Chifisi is due to retire after many years of dedicated work for the clinic.

However he has problems financing a home for his retirement. At the last meeting of the PCC on 5th March, it was decided to make a collection towards a personal donation to Canon Chifisi in acknowledgement of all his work.

If you would like to make a donation either for the work of the clinic or for Canon Chifisi please put it in an envelope clearly marked to show whether it is for the clinic or Canon Chifisi and give it to one of the Church Wardens or a sidesman.

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WW1

It seems a long time ago now, but last November we had a very successful weekend of activities in the parish remembering the First World War and the contribution made to it by people from Knighton. We have been doing our sums, or rather our Treasurer David Hunt has, now that we have a clearer picture of our balance sheet in terms of the activities which centred on St Guthlac's church and the Memorial Hall. Thanks to the generosity of the many people who attended the events and the sales of our book, we have been able to send the Royal British Legion a donation of **£500**. The WW1 Working Party is grateful to all the support received before and during this busy weekend which marked the end of 4 years of remembrance.

And what next?

Members of our WW1 Working Party were keen to continue researching the early years of St Guthlac's church and the growth of Knighton, with the aim of producing another book provisionally entitled **Knighton between the Wars, 1919 to 1939**. We've also some unfinished business researching some of the memorial graves in St Mary's churchyard and Deb Martin will be continuing to develop her excellent churchyard historic trail. If you would like to be involved in this new project, please contact Margaret Bonney or any member of what is now the KBTW Working Party (**K**nigh**t**on **B**etween **T**he **W**ars). In particular, we would like to record the memories of those living in Knighton during this period, or the stories passed down through families about this time.

Margaret Bonney

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

NEW CURATE ANNOUNCED! I am very pleased to say that the benefice has been chosen as a training context for a curate, beginning this July. Matthew will be ordained in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th June, but hopefully everyone will be able to meet him and his family at some point before then. In the meantime I'll let him introduce himself: *"Hello everyone – my name is Matthew Gough. I am married to school teacher, Clare and we have 3 girls, Lydia 15, Constance 13 and Eleanor 11 plus our Yorkshire Terrier Lola. I am currently training at Queens College Birmingham with my current link church being All Saints, Wigston. I have lived in Leicester for the last 20 years and grew up in the Market Bosworth area. I have left a career as a social work university lecturer to become a full time ordained minister. I am delighted to be soon starting a curacy in the Knighton Benefice with Adrian as my training incumbent. I hope to live in the parish so that we can be fully at the heart of church family life as a family."* Adrian

MOTHERS UNION We are holding our usual "Bring and Buy" to boost our funds at our meeting on **Tuesday, 26th March, starting at 2.15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre Lounge. Friends and visitors are welcome to join us, followed by a cup of tea and biscuits. Please bring anything good as new for sale.

LENT REFLECTIONS: 9:30 am Friday 29th March, 5th, 12th April. The season of Lent gives us a time to reflect and prepare ourselves before the celebration of Easter. Lent reflections provide a space and time for reflection and prayer; using part of Luke chapter 10 as the basis for our reflection. Fiona

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: **12th April** Jo and Ali from the Clinical Commissioning Group. Further sessions on 10th May, 14th June. For further information please call Nita Devabhai on 0116 231 6926

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN AND WOMEN: There will be election/re-election of sidesmen/women at the **AGM on 14th April**. If you are currently serving in this role and do not wish to be re-elected, please let me know. If you would like to consider becoming a sidesman or woman for the first time, please speak to one of the Churchwardens about what is involved, and let me know if you decide to stand for election. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE PCC?** Election of 3 members will take place at the AGM. If you would like to stand for election, or to find out what is involved, please speak to me. Thank you. Lesley