ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS





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Sunday 5 May 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Aphro McCullough

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

May		
Tuesday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 7 th	7.30pm	PCC meeting
Wednesday 8 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Thursday 9 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 10 th	1.30pm	Memory café
Friday 10 th	3.30pm	All Age Messy Church at Stoneygate Baptist
Sunday 12 th	10.30am	All Age Worship
Sunday 12 th	6.30pm	Christian Aid United Service at Stoneygate Baptist
Tuesday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 15 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Saturday 18 th	10.00am	Spring Bazaar
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Tuesday 21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 21 st	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: A taste of the Hindu faith
Wednesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 23 rd	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Matins
Tuesday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 29th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

CHANGE OF SERVICE PATTERN AT ST GUTHLAC'S

We have made a change to the pattern of our services at St Guthlac's. 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. The pattern of services at St Guthlac's is:

1st Sunday in month 2nd Sunday in month 3rd Sunday in month 4th Sunday in month

10.30am

June Sunday 2nd

4th Sunday in month Matins or Morning prayer 5th Sunday in month All Age Communion

Church Wardens: Tina Jarvis & David Hunt

Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for those whom we have been asked to keep in our prayers. Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their family and friends. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

WELCOME! It's my pleasure to extend a formal welcome to the Rev'd Aphro McCullough, who is presiding at St Guthlac's this morning, and who is joining the Ministry Team for the benefice. Aphro and her husband Dale have been worshipping at St Mary's and St Guthlac's since Christmas and have really appreciated the warm, loving welcome that they've received. Aphro will be ministering alongside Adrian, Stephen Foster and Fiona Burchall (Reader-intraining) and so will become a familiar face in both our churches. She brings a wealth of experience in the health service as well as in ordained ministry. *Adrian Jones*

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.

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: SMALL JAM JARS If you have any empty smallish jam jars with lids please can you leave them at the back of church as soon as possible, for filling with marmalade for the bazaar. Many thanks. Anne

WANTED: FLOWERPOTS I have almost used up my spare pots preparing for the Spring Bazaar and need to re-stock ready for future plant sales. Pots of any size would be very welcome. Please bring to church, or let me know if you would like me to collect them. Thank you. Lesley

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 are on 10th May, 14th June. For further information please call Nita Devabhai

SPRING BAZAAR We will be holding a bazaar in church on **Saturday 18th May 10am-1pm.** There will be games for youngsters and the young at heart, plant and cake stalls, a children's tombola and refreshments. Please save the date! If you are able to help in any way please speak to Tina, Lesley, Jane or Ann. **Donations of cakes, preserves and plants will be gratefully received.** Non-perishables can be left at the back of church, perishables can be brought to church on Saturday 18th from 9am or on Friday 17th between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Thank you.

LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY FUNDRAISING: Margaret Bonney, one of Leicester City of Sanctuary's Trustees and volunteers, will be walking the Borders Abbeys Way in lowland Scotland this May – about 67 miles. She would be delighted if you would sponsor her to help raise money for the vital work of this local charity. Sponsorship form available in the Welcome Area at church, or speak to Margaret.

MUSICIANS WANTED Stoneygate Baptist Church will be hosting the Christian Aid Service on **May 12th**, and we are hoping to assemble an ecumenical band for the evening. If there are any musicians in your church who might like to join, please do ask them to get in touch. My email address is leigh@stoneygatebaptist.org.uk

MAY TEA AND TALK: A TASTE OF THE HINDU FAITH Tuesday 21 May 7pm Find out more about what it means to be a Hindu in today's world. Meet local couple Nima & Pradip who will talk informally about their faith and how it influences their lives. Free refreshments, including Indian snacks (all vegetarian) and chai tea! All welcome. With thanks to St Philip's Centre for organising this.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS We are delighted to announce that we raised £1000 from our recent production of Snow White & the Seven Dwarves; this has been divided equally between Leicester Children's Holidays and the Leicester Hospitals 'Little Lives Big Journeys' appeal. Many thanks to everyone involved.

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