

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 2 June 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Holy Communion

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

June

Tuesday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 5 th	6.30pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 5 th	7.30pm	Safeguarding training
Thursday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Thursday 6 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 7 th	8.00am	First Friday Prayers at St. Guthlac's
Friday 7 th	10.15am	Community Café
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	All Age Worship
Monday 10 th	10.30am	Knighton Interwar working party
Tuesday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 11 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday 12 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Friday 14 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Monday 17 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Arts & Crafts movement
Tuesday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 19 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 20 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Matins & Church Club
Tuesday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 26 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Friday 28 th	3.30pm	Messy Play at Stoneygate Baptist Church
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	All Age Worship

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:

1 st Sunday in month	Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday in month	All Age Worship
3 rd Sunday in month	Holy Communion
4 th Sunday in month	Matins or Morning prayer
5 th Sunday in month	All Age Communion

Church Wardens: Tina Jarvis & David Hunt

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 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 Wingate (Reader-in-training) 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*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AND PETITION Thank you very much to everyone who has collected for or donated to Christian Aid week. There are envelopes at the back of church for anyone who did not get included in the house to house collection and would like to contribute. Please also consider signing the petition in the welcome area:

Ten women die from giving birth every day in Sierra Leone. It is the most dangerous place in the world to become a mum. The country lacks the funds needed to provide the most basic health services – things that you and I take for granted. After the 2014 Ebola outbreak, Sierra Leone was given loans to help cope with the crisis. Paying these back is taking money away from the healthcare that is so desperately needed to tackle death in childbirth. The petition the UK Government to use its power in the International Monetary Fund to:

- *Ensure all Sierra Leone's debts on the loans it received for fighting the Ebola outbreak are written off.*
- *Take urgent action to prevent new debt crises in developing countries and tackle them effectively when they arise.*

Thank you. Lesley Meakin
(Christian Aid Week co-ordinator).

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.

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.

LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY FUNDRAISING: Margaret Bonney, one of Leicester City of Sanctuary's Trustees and volunteers, has this month walked the Borders Abbeys Way in lowland Scotland– 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.

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 is on **14th June.**

For further information please call Nita Devabhai

ST. GUTHLAC'S SPRING BAZAAR Many thanks to everyone who supported this event, we have raised about **£500 to date for church funds** and there are a few plants and jars of marmalade left for sale in the welcome area. In addition, the raffle raised £127 and the sale of Wendy Bramley's cards £51 giving a wonderful total of **£178 for Malawi.**

A MESSAGE FROM WINIFRED THOMSON: Twenty five years after the first women were ordained to the Anglican priesthood in 1994, the Bishops of Leicester and Loughborough and the Dean of Leicester invite any parishioners of St Guthlac's to a Celebration Eucharist in Leicester Cathedral on Saturday 8th June at 4pm, to be followed by fizz and cake.

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