

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 18 August 2019 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Tuesday 20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Morning Prayer, Fiona Wingate
Tuesday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 28 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

September

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Monday 2nd	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Thursday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Friday 6 th	10.15am	The Community Café
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	All Age Worship
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Janet Gasper
Thursday 12 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 13 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Saturday 14 th	10.00am	Ride & Stride
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please remember those whom we have been asked to keep in our prayers. Please remember those who have died recently including **Canon James Chifisi**, remembering Monica his widow, his children and his 13 grandchildren. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

WELCOMING MATTHEW Many thanks to everyone for your very warm welcome to our new Curate, Matthew Gough, and his family over the last couple of weeks. Matthew, Clare, Lydia, Connie and Eleanor have all felt so much at home already. Mathew can be contacted by email at revgough@gmail.com and he will normally be taking Friday as his weekly rest day. *Adrian*

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.

SUMMER READ: Now or Never by Bali Rai and / or An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo

We hope you will join us in reading Now or Never by Bali Rai and/or An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo over the summer. Both these short books, aimed at teenagers and adults, explore World War II issues from less familiar points of view. You might like to read one or both.

There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss the book on **Tuesday 17th September** (with tea & cakes). You can either borrow the book for a small donation or buy a good quality secondhand copy. See Tina or Lesley if you want a copy.

Now or Never tells the story of Private Fazal Khan who leaves his home in India to support the British in World War II. As events in France take a turn for the worse with a journey to the evacuation zone in Dunkirk, Fazal starts to question why he is even there and why he is expected to be loyal to a king whose people don't all see him as their equal. (approx £5 to buy)

'An Elephant in the Garden' takes place in Dresden, 1945. Elizabeth and Karli's mother works at the zoo, where her favourite animal is a young elephant named Marlene. The zoo director tells her that the dangerous animals – including the elephants – must be shot before the town is bombed. Unable to give Marlene up, their mother moves her into the back garden to save her... and then the bombs start to fall. (approx £3 to buy)

ST. GUTHLAC'S ORGAN STUDENT SCHEME

St. Guthlac's first organ student has successfully completed his three years with us. Geoffrey Hames achieved his Grade 4 Organ examination last year. He will continue to play at St. Guthlac's on a monthly basis and we understand he is also having requests to play at other churches, which is wonderful. We are delighted that he is planning to continue with his organ lessons. Geoffrey will advise us about the organ studentship in the future and it is our intention to advertise for a new organ student in October.

We would like to thank Geoffrey for the pleasure his organ playing gives us and his contribution to our worship. And we look forward to seeing him from time to time.

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.

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

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.

13th September: Clare King from The Red Cross

For further information please call Nita Devabhai

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 14th September 10am - 6pm.

Welcomers needed. St Guthlac's will be open for Ride and Stride on 14th September. We're actively looking for people to welcome visitors to our church during the day. If you're able to spare sometime during the day to be in church to welcome visitors please do sign up to the rota in the Welcome area. Those who welcome people are also able to be sponsored for their time. Half the money raised by an individual will go to a church of your choice with the rest going to the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. This will also coincide with the first day of Heritage Open Weekend so we can expect visitors to the church who are just coming to see. If you would like more information or sponsorship forms please do speak to me. Many thanks. Fiona

Taking part. If you'd like to explore the churches of the country by taking part in Ride and Stride, please see me for a list of all the churches that will be open on the day for the event and get a sponsorship for. You can walk, cycle, scooter or ride between churches. Why not take the car out, park up and explore outlining churches and villages on foot. It is a great opportunity to explore on your own or as a group or family; visit our partners in the South Leicester Christian Partnership, explore the city churches or maybe a corner of the county that you have always wanted to see. If all that seems too energetic then why not take a slot to welcome visitors to this wonderful church? If you have any questions please have a word with me. Fiona.

JOIN US – AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS – for an evening of good food and good company in aid of **InSpired** – our appeal to save St Mary's Spire. A range of tasty Indian starters, main courses and dessert. Raffle and quiz. Cash bar. **Monday 21 October 2019 at 7.00** for 7.30pm at **Cuisine of India**, Kelmars Avenue, Wigston Magna. Tickets: £16.00 per person
Places are limited. Please email Nigel Siesage stating the number of places required. Tickets will be issued nearer the event, when payment will be requested, but please see this as a commitment. Nigel Siesage

EMPTY CEREAL PACKETS FOR YOUTH GROUP If you have any empty cereal packets could you please donate them for a Youth Club activity? Please leave them at the back of the church. Many thanks. Tina Jarvis (Church Warden)