

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 8 September 2019

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am All Age Worship
Leader: Tina Jarvis

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

September

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, Revd Janet Gasper
Thursday 12 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 13 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Saturday 14 th	10.00am	Ride & Stride
Saturday 14 th	9.30am	Heritage Weekend at St. Guthlac's
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 15 th	12.30pm	Heritage Weekend at St. Guthlac's
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 17 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Summer Read
Wednesday 18 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Morning Prayer, Revd Matthew Gough
Tuesday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 24 th	7.30pm	PCC meeting
Wednesday 25 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 26 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	All Age Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 29 th	3.00pm	Knighton Players social in Holbrook Hall

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

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.

BULB BOWLS Yolanda is collecting bowls for planting hyacinths for the Christmas Fayre. All contributions welcome. Thank you.

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

TEA AND TALK MONTHLY MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER: Discussion & Book Share on Tuesday 17th Sept at 7.00 pm

Have you read *Now or Never* by Bali Rai and/or *An Elephant in the Garden* by Michael Morpurgo? Both these short books, aimed at teenagers and adults, explore World War II issues from less familiar points of view. What did you think about the one(s) you read? Come and discuss them over tea, coffee and cake.

You could also bring along one of your favourite books which others might like to read in future. Find out what others have chosen to set yourself up with ideas for books to read over the winter months. **Admission and refreshments are free. All welcome.**

P.S. If you have borrowed and already finished one of the books, please could you return it as there may be one or two others who might like to borrow a copy? If you are able to make a small donation this will help to cover costs. Thank you.

HERITAGE WEEKEND at St Guthlac's: 14-15 Sept 2019

Fired up with enthusiasm after the Tea and Talk we had from Richard Gill about the Arts & Crafts movement and its influence on the building of St Guthlac's and other properties around Knighton, I thought it would be a good idea to let more people know about this little gem of a church we have! What better opportunity to do this than to open it to the public during some of the Heritage Open Days this September?

For quite a few years now, English Heritage have encouraged the opening up of places which are of historic interest but aren't usually accessible to the general public – this takes place annually during September. They offer free publicity and support by way of marketing to organisers and all they ask in return is that a building is made open for a particular time with people around to welcome visitors – a bit like the Ride & Stride scheme, but without sponsorship! I have been around many such historic places in Leicester – now occupied by businesses, solicitors' offices, banks – and it has been a revelation. Gradually, more buildings have come on stream, so that what started as one weekend of openings now extends over 2 weekends and the week in between.

So for the first time, St Guthlac's has become part of this scheme, and we have an entry on the Heritage Open Days website and I hope we'll be able to welcome many visitors over the course of 14-15 Sept. On Saturday 14 Sept, it coincides with Ride & Stride, and we should receive a double whammy of visitors (I hope). On Sunday 15 Sept, we'll be opening the church from 12.30 to 4pm to the Heritage visitors. I have prepared a short booklet on the history of the church which will be available on the days so that our visitors can have a self-guided tour of the building. I'm very grateful to all those who have signed up as welcomers during the weekend, and I hope it becomes an annual event for St Guthlac's.

Margaret Bonney

GAMMA GRAMMAR A gentle look at the Greek New Testament and Gospels for Greek beginners and above. **Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday, starting 9th September 2019, 3.45-5pm, followed by Evening Prayer.** Led by Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Foster. If interested please get in touch with Rev'd Rowena Bass by the beginning of September. All are welcome, lay and ordained.

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.

MOTHERS UNION -we start our Autumn programme with a presentation by Alison Briggs, of The Mercy Ships, an organisation which carries out lifesaving operations around Africa. We meet on **Tuesday 24th September, at 2.15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre Lounge. Friends and visitors are very welcome.