

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 15 September 2019      Thirteenth 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

### September

|                            |         |                                                 |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.30pm | Heritage Weekend at St. Guthlac's               |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                    |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.00pm  | Tea & Talk: Summer Read                         |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                                  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster    |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 10.30am | Morning Praise, Revd Matthew Gough              |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                    |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30pm  | PCC meeting                                     |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                                  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster    |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00pm  | Knighton Youth Group                            |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am | All Age Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | 3.00pm  | Knighton Players social in Holbrook Hall        |

### October

|                           |         |                                              |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                 |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                               |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones            |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.15am | The Community Café                           |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 4.00pm  | Questions, cake and compline                 |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                 |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                               |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Janet Gasper            |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 7.00pm  | Knighton Youth Group                         |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 1.30pm  | Memory Café                                  |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30am | Harvest All Age Worship                      |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 5.00pm  | Harvest Tea                                  |

**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.

## **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. TODAY (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 day 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

**ST MARY'S HARVEST TEA** for all the family is on **Sat October 5<sup>th</sup> 4.30 for 5pm.** in the Parish Centre. There will be activities for children and a raffle. Menu includes jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, salad and desserts. Wine, fruit juices, tea and coffee will also be served. Tickets (£6 each or £12 for a family) now available from Judi Stone. Come and join us for fun and fellowship.

## **ST GUTHLAC'S HARVEST TEA Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 5pm in St. Guthlac's**

Please join us for afternoon tea and harvest music, tickets adults £6 and children £4 available from Jean Gabbar or email [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Community Coffee and Chat: First Friday of the month 10.30am-12pm in the welcome area of St Guthlac's Church. 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec.** You are invited to join members of the Friday morning JuVup exercise class (held in Holbrook Hall for all ages and abilities) and other local people for refreshments and a friendly chat. Hosted by St Guthlac's Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Lesley Meakin

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

**TEA AND TALK MONTHLY MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER: Discussion & Book Share on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**WHY? QUESTIONS, CAKE AND COMPLINE: Sunday 6th October 2019 4pm at St Guthlac's Church**

Ever had a question you wanted to ask about God and the world but never had the chance? Now you can. Join us to discuss the Questions and enjoy cake and companionship. You are invited to stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer) afterwards.

Send your questions to [churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk) or deposit them in the question box at the back of St Guthlac's and St Mary's churches by Sunday 29th September. This gives us time find the most common questions.

We will aim to discuss one main theme each time we meet. **EVERYONE WELCOME**

**MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON 11th October 1.30pm**

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.

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