

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 6 October 2019 Sixteenth 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

October

Sunday 6 th	4.00pm	TODAY: Questions, cake and compline
Tuesday 8 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Janet Gasper
Thursday 10 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Friday 11 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Harvest All Age Worship
Sunday 13 th	5.00pm	Harvest Tea
Tuesday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 15 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: It should never happen to an opera singer. Stephen Foster
Wednesday 16 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Monday 21 st	10.30am	Knighton Between the Wars meeting
Tuesday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 24 th	7.00pm	Knighton Youth Group
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Matins and Church Club
Monday 28 th	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Tuesday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 29 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 30 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 31 st	9.30am	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. 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.

THANKS Many thanks to Margaret Bonney for producing the very interesting and informative leaflet '**A PLACE OF READY WELCOME**', for our heritage open day. Copies of this short history of St. Guthlac's Church are available in the welcome area.

HARVEST FOOD DONATIONS FOR OPEN HANDS We will be collecting food donations for Open Hands again this year. As usual there is particular need for breakfast cereal, cooking oil, tinned meat and fish, and long life milk, but any tins or packets of food would be welcome. Perishable foods are not suitable thank you. If you will not be around for our Harvest Festival on **Sunday 13th October**, donations of food can be brought to church in advance and left at the back of church. Thank you.

NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS: At the Bishop's Conference recently, Matthew and I met up with both **Chris Allen** and **Keith Magee**, both of whom send their best wishes to everyone at St Mary's and St Guthlac's. We also shared news with two former curates who will be well known to many of you: **Helen Dearnley** continues to work for HM Prison and Probation Service and has recently been promoted to Anglican Faith Advisor for all of England and Wales; **Cynthia Hebden** is now the Interim Minister for the Hallaton Benefice (despite having retired not that long ago!) and has recently announced the happy news that she is to marry again. Her fiancé is Andrew Thomson from Australia, and they will be married at noon on 4th January 2020 at St Michael and All Angels, Hallaton - Cynthia was keen to say that everyone is welcome to the service and to the drinks and canapes that will follow! *Adrian*

PARISH MAGAZINE The PCC's of both St. Mary's and St. Guthlac's have agreed that the parish Magazine should once again become a joint venture. It will include information about and articles from contributors of both churches. From the January 2020 edition the 'Contacts and Who's Who' section will be updated to include St. Guthlac's information and details of our regular service pattern will also be included. If you have an article you would like to be included please send it to the editor, Nigel Siesage at stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. (If you do not have computer access please speak to Jane Wright who will be happy to help.) It would be wonderful to have articles and photos about St. Guthlac's events included as it forms an historical record of all that goes on in our church, so please do consider submitting articles.

Physical copies of the magazine can be purchased at an annual subscription of £5 (6 magazines). If you would like a hard copy, please can you let Jane Wright know so we can make sure the print run is sufficient to cover St. Guthlac's needs. If you would prefer an on-line copy, this is free. You can be added to the electronic distribution list by contacting James in St. Mary's office. 0116 2702705 office@knightonparish.co.uk Thank you. PCC

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE HAPPINESS COURSE The Happiness Course draws on scientific research, ancient wisdom and real-life experience to give you practical tools for happy life. The course is runs for two evening sessions, 7.30-9.30pm on **Thursdays 10th and 24th October** at Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane. Please book your free place by phoning the St Mary's office on 0116 270 2705 or by talking to Adrian Jones.

TOPIC FOR QUESTIONS, CAKE AND COMPLINE: RELIGION AND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Sunday 6th October 2019 4pm at St Guthlac's Church

We live in an age of rapid technological changes. In the next 20yrs, we'll probably know if there is life on other planets; be able to gene edit against diseases, but also perhaps for "designer babies"; whilst desperately avoiding or perhaps ignoring global warming. Is our scientific and technological advancement in support of, or a contradiction of our faith? **Everyone is welcome** to come and discuss these ideas. Enjoy cake and companionship and then if you wish please stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer.)

Many thanks to all those people who submitted questions. If your question is not covered this Sunday, it will be addressed at a later date.

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.

ST GUTHLAC'S HARVEST TEA Sunday 13th 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

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. 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

"CALLED TOGETHER" - congratulations to Fiona! Many congratulations to Fiona Wingate who has concluded her training as a Lay Reader for the Church of England and will be licensed by Bishop Martyn in the Cathedral on Saturday 12th October at 11am (along with many other Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists, Youth and Childrens Workers and Pioneers) in a special service, "Called Together". Fiona will be licensed as Reader for the whole benefice of Knighton, with a focus on St Guthlac's, and I'm really pleased to have her on board as part of the wider Benefice Ministry Team. Please do join us if you can to support Fiona at this service and share her celebration. There are refreshments for all after the service in St Martin's House. *Adrian*

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