

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 13 October 2019 Harvest Festival

10.30 am All Age Worship
Leader: Revd Aphro McCullough

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 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

November

Friday 1 st	8.00am	First Friday Prayers at Clarendon Park Congregational Church
Friday 1 st	10.15am	The Community Café
Sunday 3 rd	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Tuesday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 5 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Choir Performance at St. Mary's: Fauré's Requiem
Thursday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Friday 8 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	All Age Worship, Remembrance

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.

"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 was licensed by Bishop Martyn in the Cathedral on Saturday 12th October (along with many other Readers, Pastoral Assistants, Evangelists, Youth and Childrens Workers and Pioneers) in a special service, "Called Together". Fiona is 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. *Adrian*

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

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.

OCTOBER TEA AND TALK: IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO AN OPERA

SINGER Tuesday 15th October 7pm Stephen Foster will reflect on his experiences as a semi-professional opera singer through accounts and humorous anecdotes, with music from popular operas. Stephen is a trained opera singer who has toured with The English National Opera Company for 11 years. Free refreshments with the chance to socialise. All Welcome!

MOTHERS UNION We look forward to welcoming back Margaret Rouse, Diocese ex President, who will give a presentation on faith and M.U. matters. Our meeting takes place on **Tuesday, 22nd October, at 2.15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre Lounge, and visitors are welcome. Please bring your menu choices and payment of £17 for your **Christmas Luncheon** at Wigston Holiday Inn, which is on **Tuesday, 17th December, 12 for 12.30.** Anne Squires

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

MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON 8th November 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.

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