

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 1 December 2019 Advent Sunday

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

December

Tuesday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 3 rd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wednesday 4 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Thursday 5 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Friday 6 th	8.00am	First Friday Prayers at Christchurch
Friday 6 th	10.15am	Community Café
Friday 6 th	11.30am	Fayre set up
Saturday 7 th	10.00am	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Aphro McCullough
Monday 10 th	6.30pm	Carols at the Corners
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
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Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Janet Gasper
Friday 13 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Nativity Gift service
Sunday 15 th	6.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols at St. Mary's
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 18 th	7.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols at St. Guthlac's
Thursday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Matins, David Hunt
Monday 23 rd	7.00pm	"Sing Christmas!" at the Aberdale Inn
Tuesday 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
Tuesday 24 th	8.00pm	First Eucharist of Christmas
Wednesday 25 th	10.30am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Thursday 26 th		No service at St. Guthlac's
Sunday 29 th	10.00am	Joint service at St. Mary's, no service at St. Guthlac's

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

The Church of England has published a special prayer for the election, which the diocese would like us to use in all our services:

A PRAYER FOR THE 2019 GENERAL ELECTION

God of grace and truth, send your Spirit to guide us as we discover your will for our country. Help us to discuss the issue before us with courtesy, truth and mutual respect, and grant that all who stand for parliament will seek to serve the common good, through him who came not to be served but to serve, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONCERT IN AID OF ST MARY'S SPIRE APPEAL Friday 13th Dec 7.30pm

International classical crossover star, Faith Tucker, famous for her successful appearance in Britain's Got Talent, gives a special concert in support of InSpired - the campaign to save the spire of St Mary Magdalen church, Knighton. Tickets £10. Accompanied children £5. From Tickets are available from Aileen Orme Judi & Bernard Stone, Lorna & Michael Kirk, Andrew & Carolyn Oldershaw Refreshments included in price. All ticket sales go to the spire appeal fund.

STAMP COLLECTING FOR LEPROSY FUND: Now that the season of goodwill is upon us once again, we'll be getting more post, and some of it will have stamps on envelopes! Don't throw them away! Recycle the stamps by donating to our Leprosy Fund collection at church. Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign, common or rare, are welcome, but please please cut them out with a border of **no more than 5mm** around. Postcards, posted or unused, are also collected. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this charity over the past year - over the past 30 years, more than £1million has been raised for the Leprosy Fund through collecting stamps - isn't that amazing! Margaret Bonney

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.

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

COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT First Friday of the month **10.30am-11.45pm in the welcome area of St Guthlac's Church.** The next session is on **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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sat. **7th December 10-1pm.** We are starting to collect items for the fayre. If you have any unwanted, unopened gifts and bottles for the tombola, homemade preserves and pickles or handicrafts please can you leave them at the back of church. **PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE WELCOME AREA if you are able to provide items for the raffle hamper and/or if you are able to help in any way on 6th or 7th December.** Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Sat **7th Dec, 10am-5pm, Sun 8th Dec noon-5pm.** Admission £2 adults, children free. All profits to Hope Against Cancer & the church spire repair fund. Light refreshments and raffle.

CAROLS AT THE CORNERS On **Tuesday 10th December** St. Guthlac's and the South Knighton community will be holding a carol singing **walk** around three corners of Knighton. Meeting at **6.30pm** outside Londis (Flynn's) and walking along Knighton Church Road to Whitters. We will finish with mulled wine or soft drink in St. Guthlac's at about 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON The next meeting is on **13th December 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.

NATIVITY GIFT SERVICE SUNDAY 15TH DEC: FOOD COLLECTION FOR OPEN HANDS The Nativity Gift service on **15th Dec** will be the focus for donating food to Open Hands, but you are welcome to bring donations along before then. As usual, staples of cereals, long life milk, tea, coffee, cooking oil and tinned meat/fish are particularly needed, but if you would prefer to bring something else, please do so (but no perishables please). Thank you.