

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 15 December 2019      Third Sunday of Advent

**10.30 am Nativity Gift Service**  
**Leader: Margaret Bonney**

## **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

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| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | 6.30pm  | Carols by Candlelight at St. Mary's                      |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                             |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Carols by Candlelight at St. Guthlac's                   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster             |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 10.30am | Matins, David Hunt                                       |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 7.00pm  | "Sing Christmas!" at the Aberdale Inn                    |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   |         | NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST MARY'S                          |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 4.00pm  | Crib Service                                             |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00pm  | First Eucharist of Christmas                             |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Christmas Day Eucharist                                  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>  |         | NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S                      |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00am | Joint service at St. Mary's, no service at St. Guthlac's |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>   |         | NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST MARY'S                          |

### January 2020

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| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |         | NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S               |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 8.00am  | First Friday Prayers at St. Mary's                |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 10.30am | The Community Café                                |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | 10.30am | Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones                 |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                      |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice (Benefice choir only)              |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Rev Janet Gasper                  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 6.45pm  | Knighton Players                                  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | 1.30pm  | Memory Café                                       |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am | All Age Worship                                   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am | Interwar Knighton project                         |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                      |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                                    |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster      |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.45pm  | Knighton Players                                  |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.30am | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster      |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 9.30am  | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                      |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 7.00pm  | Tea & Talk: My life as a Beekeeper, John Bogumsky |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                                    |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster      |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 6.45pm  | Knighton Players                                  |

**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.

**MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER.** As in previous years, members of the congregation may like to make a donation to Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another. **A large card for everyone to sign is in the welcome area together with a box for donations.** Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre. We have raised **£990** so far, in addition to the raffle which raised £104 for the mobile health clinic in Malawi. There are still a few things left for sale at the back of church and in the welcome area.

**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

**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.

**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.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** Nigel Siesage, the editor of the magazine would love to receive contributions from our congregation. These could be reports on specific events, possibly with photos, or more general pieces likely to be of interest to both parishes. Regular headings at present include:

Travellers' tales - Anywhere people have visited which has a religious dimension  
Recollections and reflections- this has been used for anything which people want to write which is a bit thoughtful.

People - profile pieces on people in the church community - especially if they have a specific role.

If you would like to submit an article please send it to Nigel at: [stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com)

**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)

**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.

**TRADITIONAL CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm** at **St. Mary's** and Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm** at **St. Guthlac's**. Take part in a joyful service by candlelight celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth, told through bible readings, poems and carols and led by the benefice choir and friends.

**SING CHRISTMAS WITH BBC RADIO LEICESTER IN THE BENEFICE!** Come along to The Aberdale, Shackderdale Road, West Knighton **Monday 23rd December from 7-8pm** with other churches from the South Leicestershire Christian Partnership. Mince Pies to donate welcome to bless our community. More information-Rev Matthew

**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> January**. 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