

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 22 December 2019      Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10.30 am Matins**  
**Leader: David Hunt**

## **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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| 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** The next edition of the magazine will be issued in mid-January. The closing date for copy to reach me is New Year's Day. This will be the first edition (in recent years) to cover both St Mary's and St Guthlac's. Please send your articles, pictures and announcements to [stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com). Nigel Siesage

**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)

**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

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE VICARAGE!** Adrian, Alison and the children would like to wish all of our church family at St Guthlac's a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We hope you'll all have a fresh sense of wonder at the coming of God into the world as a frail and weak human baby, and a strong faith in his continuing goodness to all us through all the changing seasons of life. *Adrian*

**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

**GOOD NEWS AT CHRISTMAS:** Many of you will remember Cynthia Hebden, former curate in Knighton and now the Interim Minister for the Hallaton Benefice (despite having retired not that long ago!). In the autumn Cynthia 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 is keen to say that everyone is welcome to the service and to the drinks and canapes that will follow! **Please do sign the card that we have at the back of church for Cynthia and Andrew.** *Adrian*

**MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON** The next meeting is on **10th January 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.



*HAPPY CHRISTMAS*

