

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 5 January 2020 Epiphany

10.30 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: 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

January 2020

Tuesday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 8 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice (Benefice choir only)
Thursday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Rev Janet Gasper
Thursday 9 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 10 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 12 th	10.30am	All Age Worship
Monday 13 th	10.30am	Interwar Knighton project
Tuesday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 15 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 16 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Tuesday 21 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 21 st	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Bees and Beekeeping, John Bogumsky
Wednesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 23 rd	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Matins & Church Club
Tuesday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 28 th	6.30pm	Visit to Hindu Temple ISKCON
Wednesday 29 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 30 th	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 keep their family in your prayers. 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.

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.

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*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre. We raised **£1094** for the church, in addition to the raffle which raised £104 for the mobile health clinic in Malawi.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS GO FURTHER. We have raised **£94.95** for Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another this year. Thank you to all who participated.

STAMP COLLECTING FOR LEPROSY FUND: Please continue to recycle your 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

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO OPEN HANDS A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our food collection for Open Hands. For a small congregation we collected a very generous number of carrier bags bulging with offerings, which were delivered to Open Hands in time for Christmas and were very gratefully received.

PARISH MAGAZINE Please send your articles, pictures and announcements to 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

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.

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 **7th February**. 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

MALAWI MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC: An extract from a letter from Bishop Christopher to David Hunt dated December 19th 2019.

Many thanks indeed for the cheque for £620 - £400 for the mobile clinic and £220 for the family of the late Canon James Kenneth Chifisi. This help and your inclusive understanding are very much appreciated. We are no longer sending Likuna Phala because of increased clinic costs.

The clinic goes from strength to strength. It is under good leadership and the care is comprehensive and innovative. It is organised by a consultant from Mzuzu Central Hospital, Dr John Chipolombwe who is an Anglican and worships at St Mark's Mzuzu. The new team consists of two clinical officers, two nurses, a pharmacist and a dentist who are able to give more specialised treatment.

The last two trips took place on 23rd & 30th November. The next trip is on 21st December to Mfula. Currently the rains make it impossible to reach Chamalala. Last time they treated 739 patients in all of whom 324 were children under 14 years old. The most common diseases/conditions seen at both places are: malaria, sepsis, diarrhoea diseases, musculoskeletal conditions, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, gastritis, skin conditions, allergic conditions, oral conditions, worm infestations and ophthalmic conditions. It continues with the life changing and in some cases life saving work.

Thank you for your continued support and thank you on behalf of those who cannot thank you themselves.

May I send all at St Guthlac's my very good wishes for a memorable Christmas and every blessing for a peaceful and purposeful 2020.

Yours very sincerely +Christopher

There is a copy of a detailed report on Mfula Outreach Clinic- Manjondo- Kasungu outlining a visit to Mfula outreach clinic which took place on 24th August, 2019 in the welcome area.