

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 9 February 2020 Third Sunday before Lent

10.30 am All Age Worship: Candlemas
Leader: Revd Matthew Gough

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

February

Monday 10 th	10.00am	Knighton Interwar meeting
Tuesday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 12 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Janet Gasper
Thursday 13 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 14 th	1.30pm	Memory Café
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 19 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 20 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 20 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Matins and Church Club
Tuesday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 26 th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 27 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 28 th	11.00am	Prayer for Healing with Communion at St Mary's

March

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 1 st	2.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in Parish Centre
Tuesday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 4 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Thursday 5 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 6 th	10.15am	Community Café
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Matins and Church Club
Sunday 8 th	2.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in Parish Centre

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

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.

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.

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

PARISH MAGAZINE Please send your articles, pictures and announcements to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. Nigel Siesage

MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON The next meeting is on **14th February 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 **6th March**. 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

LIVING SPRINGS GROUP

For the last few months we have been trialling a monthly food, faith and fellowship group, Living Waters which has met on a Sunday night. I would like to expand this and offer a different night of the week-Living Springs. First we share a simple meal together in each other's homes, we praise, read a bible passage and apply it to our lives and pray for one another. If that appeals to you and you can commit once a month in an evening, please do talk to or contact Matthew revgough@gmail.com

PARISH MAGAZINE

The first edition of the joint magazine is now available in the welcome area. Please take time to read it and consider submitting an article for a future edition. If you would like to receive a digital copy please ask James in the Parish Office to add you to the mailing list. 0116 2702705 office@knightonparish.co.uk

KNIGHTON PLAYERS This year's production is 'The Sword in the Stone' by Ian Jones. The performances are on Friday 27th March at 7.30pm and Saturday 28th March at 2.30pm & 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are priced at £7 for adults and £5 for children and are available from Tanya Willis and Jane Wright or contact knightonplayers@ntlworld.com

Profits are in aid of Menphys, who this year are celebrating fifty years of supporting disabled children, young people and their families across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

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