

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 1 March 2020 First Sunday of Lent

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

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
Tuesday 3 rd	7.30pm	Choir practice at St. Mary's
Wednesday 4 th	7.30pm	Spring Sing, Benefice choir & friends at St. Mary's
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
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Janet Gasper
Thursday 12 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 13 th	10.15am	Memory Café
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 15 th	2.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in Parish Centre
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 17 th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Taste of Buddhism
Wednesday 18 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 19 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 19 th	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	All Age Worship, Mothering Sunday
Sunday 22 nd	2.00pm	Knighton Players dress rehearsal in Parish Centre
Tuesday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 25 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 26 th	7.00pm	Knighton Players Dress Rehearsal, Parish Centre
Friday 27 th	11.00am	Prayer with Healing & Communion, St. Mary's
Friday 27 th	7.30pm	Knighton Players Show, Parish Centre
Saturday 28 th	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Knighton Players Show, Parish Centre
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	All Age Communion

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 families 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.

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

BENEFICE 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

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

The official closing date for contributions to the March/April issue of the magazine is St David's Day, Sunday 1 March, but I can exceptionally take copy until Wednesday 4 March. Nigel Siesage

ST. MARY'S MUSICATHON 18 April, 10am – 4pm raising money for the InSpired Appeal. If you would like to take part in this event by offering your musical or poetic skills and gathering sponsors, please contact Lorna Kirk for more information.

THIS YEAR'S BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL 2020 WILL SUPPORT THE TOGETHER LEICESTER COOK AND EAT PROJECT. This will help volunteers develop free cooking skills courses for people with limited access to fresh food and limited confidence to cook healthy meals. Many people are relying on foodbanks and/or need ongoing debt advice support. To find out more about the project and how to donate, please take one of the bishop's letters, which you will find in the welcome area.

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.

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

♪'SPRING SING'♪

A Spring Concert from the Benefice Choir plus Friends

Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 pm in St Mary's

Free entrance with retiring collection to the

InSpired Appeal and Parkinsons UK.

The Grand finale is Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' and the audience is invited to bring along a copy and join the choir for a reprise!

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES Friday 6th March 2pm at St Mary's and **7.30pm** at Stoneygate Baptist Church. The services for this year have been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe and will be celebrated as a wave of prayer in more than 120 countries around the world.

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

TEA AND TALK, A TASTE OF FAITH: BUDDHISM Tuesday 17 March 7pm
Come along to learn about Buddhism from Aiden, who works with the St. Philip's Centre in Leicester. Aiden will talk about his Buddhist tradition, answer any questions you may have and explore the basic beliefs and practices of Buddhism. Refreshments will be served after the talk. This session is free of charge but donations to the St. Philip's Centre will be gratefully received .Please join us!

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.