

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 15 March 2020 Second 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 15 th	2.00pm	Knighton Players rehearsal in Parish Centre
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 17th	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Taste of Buddhism POSTPONED
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
Monday 30 th	10.00am	Knighton Interwar Project
Tuesday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 31 st	7.00pm	Worship & Outreach Committee Meeting

April

Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Friday 3 rd	10.30am	The Community Café
Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

FOR YOUR PRAYERS We have been asked to keep **Winifred Thomson, Martha Perez** and **Mike Vickers** in our prayers. Please remember those who have died recently including **Ann Spring** and keep her sister Penny Vickers and their families in your prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

A prayer for the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy,
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Corona Virus – our Christian response

The spread of the Coronavirus is proving to be a challenge for countries across the world, and although the number of cases in the UK (and Leicester) is relatively small so far, there seems little doubt that the virus will have a significant impact on all our lives, one way or the other.

As Christians we are called first, in every circumstance, to love our neighbour as ourselves. What exactly might this mean as we face the Coronavirus?

As a start we must take the official advice about handwashing and other health precautions. This will help to protect ourselves but will also reduce the chance of unknowing transmission of the virus to others.

The Archbishops have also recently issued new guidance to churches. As well as avoiding physical contact when we share the Peace, we are now to receive Communion in one kind only, that is, to receive the bread/wafers but not the wine. You will see the Priest consecrating wine but it will not be shared with the congregation.

Please don't let this concern you, as the historical Christian understanding is that receiving just the bread is still a valid and effective Holy Communion.

What we do *outside* of the church is even more important, as we seek to love our neighbours in this time. In the coming weeks we may find that our movement around the local community is restricted, and people we know may have to 'self-isolate' or be taken ill. Please have an early conversation with friends, near neighbours and those whom you know to be frail and more vulnerable, about how they can get in touch with you should they need help or be anxious. Be ready to offer assistance with shopping for instance, or with the NHS 111 telephone helpline. Be ready also, to allow *others* to help *you* – this may be their gift at this time and we should not, through pride or a sense of self-sufficiency, turn it away. Above all, remember that we are a people of faith and hope – faith in a good God who walks close to us and helps us in times of trial, and hope that He will bring good things out of bad times. This season of Coronavirus is an opportunity for us to demonstrate to our neighbours the same practical love that Jesus himself gave us, as the pattern and shape of our lives.

Adrian

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

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

TEA AND TALK, A TASTE OF FAITH: BUDDHISM

The tea and talk planned for Tuesday 17th March has been postponed until later in the year.

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.

Could you provide a **raffle prize**? If so, please contact Jane Wright, Tanya Willis or Bernard Stone. Thank you

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 **3rd April**. 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

MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON The next meeting is on **Friday 17th April 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.

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING: Sunday 19th April at 12 noon: Please put this date in your diary. Three PCC members and two Deanery Synod representatives will be elected at the meeting and new people are encouraged to get involved. If you would like to stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod, or would like to find out what is involved, please speak to Lesley Meakin.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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