

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 18 October 2020

**Luke the Evangelist
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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.

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 and friends in your prayers. For other prayer requests, please contact a churchwarden.

PRAYERS FOR BEIRUT Please remember in your prayers the people of Beirut and all Aid Workers and Charities working in the capital and throughout Lebanon.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS Please pray for all our local doctors, nurses, care workers and support staff, especially **Amy and Dan Barnes** and **Katherine Swanson**.

MALAWI In your prayers, please take time to remember the people of South America, the Middle East and Africa as cases of Covid-19 start to soar in all three areas. Thank you. *Fiona*

COMMUNION SERVICE & BOOKING SYSTEM

Sunday 18th October 10:30am

On Sunday 18th October the communion service will be led by Rev Adrian Jones and Rev Aphro McCullough. Geoffrey will play the organ.

In order to maintain social distancing, we have to limit the number of people who can attend each service; our current calculation is that we can seat a maximum of 21 individuals, small households or 'bubbles' safely at any one time. This is sadly very limiting. Consequently, we need to use a booking system.

If you would like to attend, you need to contact Tina to book a place.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

Before the service

- Please arrive by 10.25 to allow time to direct you to your seat.
- When you arrive, you may have to queue for a while - please maintain a distance of 2m from others.
- Please wear a face covering as you queue and all the time you are in the church - we have some extras for those who cannot obtain their own.
- You will be welcomed and asked to sanitise your hands.
- The steward will ask you to give or check your contact details. The Steward only will write these down. These details will only be shared in the unlikely event that anyone develops symptoms. This is to protect everyone.

- You will be directed to a seat. Please sit only in this place as we need to maintain distances and reduce movement.
- Please note there are no toilets available.

The service

- You will find a communion booklet or service sheet and a book (OCOFOL) with the day's readings and prayers on your chair.
- A member of the Benefice Team will lead the service.
- The choir is still not able to lead us in worship and we can't sing any hymns. Yolanda will be playing the organ.

The sharing of the bread or blessing

- Great care will be taken to protect the safety of the congregation. Only the priest will handle the elements and vessels, and then only after sanitising their hands. There will be no assistant. The wafers for the congregation will be covered while the priest consecrates them.
- After the priest takes his/her wine and priest's wafer, he/she will put on a mask and sanitise hands again. Only then will the small individual wafers be uncovered and given to the congregation. Only wafers will be offered, not wine. At the distribution, Holy Communion will be administered in silence.
- Please stay in your seats the celebrant will come out to you in turn.
- If you wish to receive the bread, please hold out your hands. The priest will 'drop' the wafer into the outstretched hands, taking care not to touch them.
- There is no obligation to take the bread. If you wish to receive a blessing, please hold up your service booklet. If

you prefer to pray quietly and not to receive either please fold your arms.

After the service

- Leave your service sheet and book on your chair.
- Please keep your distance from others as you leave and do not linger in the building - sadly we can't offer refreshments.
- If you wish to leave a donation, please put it in the small box provided.
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands as you leave.

When we have all gone, the church building will remain unused for 72 hours to eliminate any virus.

If you should feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus in the two weeks following the service, as well as seeking medical advice, please leave a message with Adrian or Matthew.

No doubt, over time, even these restrictions will begin to feel 'normal.' Please don't feel too put off by these necessary precautions – throughout history Christians have found themselves worshipping in many dangerous and unusual circumstances, making do with what they have and still praising God, as is our duty, calling and privilege.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The meeting will take place this **Sunday 18th October at 12 noon** via Zoom. The meeting will be accessible via the internet or by phone only, there will be no physical attendance.

Adrian will open the meeting from about 11.45 to give everyone plenty of time to join the meeting. The details are as follows:

For internet access: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/92308623052?pwd=NGR0TWsxb2ZPV0Jubm5RTjdEa2NtUT09>

Meeting ID: 923 0862 3052

Passcode: 066117

Taking Part in the AGM by telephone: Sunday October 18th 11:45am: It is very easy. The speaker will guide you through.

1. Wait until the advertised time of the meeting, or slightly after, so that Adrian can 'let you into the meeting'.
2. Ring 0330 088 5830. This is charged at the local rate.
3. You will be asked to enter the meeting ID followed by hash key: 923 0862 3052 #
4. You will be asked if you have a participant ID. You do not have one so you will be asked to put a hash key #
5. You will then be asked to enter the passcode followed by hash key 066117 #
6. You will be told that you have been put on hold so that Adrian can let you into the meeting.

If unusually the telephone number is engaged try
0208 080 6592 or 0131 460 1196

You may have telephoned into other meetings. The ID and passcodes usually change. The numbers here are the ones you need for the AGM.

Collect & Readings **For Luke the Evangelist**

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 35.3-6

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

The psalm is Psalm 147.1-7

The second reading is 2 Timothy 4.5-17

Luke 10.1-9

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

For the Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The first reading is Exodus 33.12-23

The Psalm is Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22:15-22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then,

what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’
¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ ²¹They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

A poem for St Luke’s Day

His gospel is itself a living creature
A ground and glory round the throne of God,
Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature
And One upon the throne sees it is good.
Luke is the living pillar of our healing,
A lowly ox, the servant of the four,
We turn his page to find his face revealing
The wonder, and the welcome of the poor.
He breathes good news to all who bear a burden
Good news to all who turn and try again,
The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,
A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,
The voiceless find their voice in every word
And, with Our Lady, magnify Our Lord.

Malcolm Guite

Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster sends his apologies for the absence of a reflection this week; he is only just back from holiday.

Sad news: I'm sorry to have to tell you that our friend and long-time chorister, Gil Parsons died in the early hours of Tuesday 6th October. As you'll know Gil had been ill for a long time, and he had recently had a spell in hospital before coming home to be with Ondre last week. He was a much appreciated friend and church member; "a lovely man who could sing the whole range from bass to alto" and loved to do so. Do please remember the family in your prayers. Gil's funeral is to be on Monday 9th November Adrian

Harvest thanks: Earlier this month we celebrated our Harvest Festival around the theme of 'Growing Hope' and supporting the Christian relief and development charity *Embrace the Middle East*. I hope that you enjoyed the recorded virtual worship, our actual service and/or some of the activities at home. I'm very grateful to everyone who contributed to our appeal for Embrace – we've been able to send on almost £600 (including Gift Aid) to support their work among the Zabaleen people of Cairo, Egypt who live in the city's rubbish dumps. Thank you so much! Adrian

Typo from a Church Newsletter

"This evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin."

"Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get."

Thanks to Margaret for forwarding from City of Leicester Singers. More to follow!

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME

Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day to day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from David Hunt. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

During the current Coronavirus pandemic please put aside your weekly offerings ready to bring to church when things return to something like normal. The costs of the church are largely unchanged even though we cannot meet, so your regular giving is extremely important to our collective 'health' and the mission of God here.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC Radio 4 Daily Service each weekday 9.45am on long wave only

Catch up available for all these on the BBC Sounds app.

Virtual Sunday Service for the Knighton Benefice.

Each week we will now usually upload a recording of the Sunday service from St Mary's or St Guthlac's onto the Knighton Benefice You Tube channel. This should happen by 1pm each Sunday. Please go direct to

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChYDSfNmIB2Zamsaz_EdZSq?
or via the website or Facebook page.

Virtual Compline/ Night Prayer at 8pm on a Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT LOGIN FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

You can join by just phoning up and inputting the code or using 'Zoom' online. If you would like to participate with a speaking part, please do contact Tina by 4pm on Wednesday.

Topic: Compline 21 Oct Time: Oct 21, 2020 08:00 PM London

For Telephone call : 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 884 2886 4948

For internet using Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88428864948>

Input Meeting ID: 884 2886 4948



0800 804 8044

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

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Don't forget to visit the St. Guthlac's Facebook page and website <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>

Whilst work is being carried out on the webserver it may be necessary to access the website via

<http://82.22.25.16/StGuthlac/>

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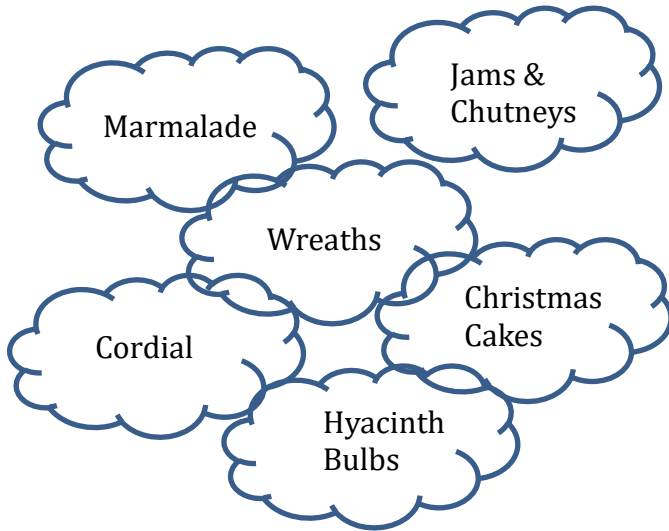
Images of Knighton 2021 Calendar

Raising Funds for St Mary's Spire Appeal. Lovely local artistry has contributed to make this special community celebration of Knighton life. £7.50 each or 3 for £20. Free tubes available for posting. Cheques payable to 'Knighton PCC'. Please collect from Sunday services at St Mary's, Rev. Matthew, Lorna Kirk, Aileen Orme, Nigel Siesage or Rev Janet. **Also available from Londis, Knighton Church Rd, Holbrook News, South Knighton Rd and Wigston Fields Deli, Carlton Drive.**



St Guthlac's Virtual Christmas Fayre

Home-made Christmas Gifts



Although St Guthlac's won't be able to hold a Fayre this year, we are pleased to be able to offer some of our popular makes and bakes..... **the order line is now open!**

You should have received a copy of the catalogue with this newsletter. If you did not please email fayre@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

There is a limited supply of goods so orders will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.

Methods of payment and receipt of goods are detailed on the catalogue. Completed orders will be available from December 6th.