

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 1 November 2020

All Saints' Day

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 or member of the Ministry Team.

The funeral for Gil Parsons will be on Monday 9th November at Great Glen Crematorium

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

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

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.

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**.

BOOKING SYSTEM

COMMUNION SERVICE Sunday 1st November 10.30

St Guthlac's will have a communion service on Sunday 1st November at 10.30. Rev Canon Dr Stephen Foster will lead the service. There will be an opportunity to take bread or receive a blessing.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Sunday 8th November 10.30

The service of Remembrance will be led by Rev Matthew Gough on Sunday 8th November. The first part of the service will take place inside the church.

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 19 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, either service 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 (OCO FOL) 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

As you would expect, we will need to mark Remembrance Sunday in a slightly different way this year, large scale public Remembrance services are not being permitted. At St Guthlac's, we will have a small service to honour and remember all those who have lost their lives in the armed services and wars. We will have a two minute silence outside the Memorial Hall wall plaque for 11am. If you would like to come to the 10.30 service, please book via Tina as usual. We will make our way outside for 11am. Alternatively, if you would like to come just for the 2 minute silence, please arrive in good time outside the

Memorial Hall where social distancing of 2 meters must be observed. We are not promoting the event to the wider parish except for the immediate neighbours on Holbrook Road. Despite this modest approach, in all that we do, we will strive to provide a dignified and fitting tribute. *Rev. Matthew*

Please do come and share this special service at St Guthlac's if it has a particular importance to you - simply phone Tina as usual so that she can add your name to the list. However I do recognise that not everyone will be able to do this, so we will also be producing a special recorded Virtual Worship to mark Remembrance Sunday. It will be available on our website and Facebook pages next Sunday and also through a link to YouTube that we will send to everyone on our email list. If you don't have internet access then you will find Remembrance Sunday services on the television and radio as usual. *Adrian*

Collect & Readings for All Saints' Day

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

The First Reading is Revelation 7.9-17

The Psalm is Psalm 34.1-10

1 John 3.1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

A bit of teaching!

Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

As I will be preaching at St Guthlac's on Sunday for All Saints Day, and using one of the set texts for that day...1John 3:1-3...I thought it a good idea on this and similar preaching occasions to give a little teaching background to the text itself.

As an initial comment, please remember that in textual criticism, more often than not, we are dealing with answers of 'probability' based on scholarship, both historical and contemporary, using criteria such as language, vocabulary, theological 'thrust' and milieu, or what theologians call 'Sitz im leben' etc etc.

In a necessarily short article such as this, these sort of insights, might cause a 'nod of the head' or a 'raised eyebrow or two'! As a biblical scholar, I welcome any such gestures which might promote further discussion!

So, I John comes from a group of writings called the Catholic Epistles. It is the fourth of seven, bounded by James and 1&2 Peter on the one hand and 2&3 John and Jude on the other. 'Catholic' here means they enjoyed a wider distribution than, say, 1 Corinthians, in which Paul addresses specific challenges and questions from a specific ecclesial community.

1 John reads more like a sermon than a classical (say) Pauline letter, and addresses the pretty common problems of the Church at the turn of the first century, where false teaching(2:26) the behaviour of folk(2:1) and questions as to

the person of Jesus (5:13) were often taking a hold. I John does not have many OT quotations or semitic sayings, to so it is probably aimed at Gentile congregations being written between 90-110AD possibly in Ephesus.

The question of authorship is particularly fascinating. Although 'of old' it was assumed that the same John was responsible for the Gospel, the Letters, and Revelation, and is the same person as John, the disciple of Jesus; and, although there are still those who want to hold onto that belief as adding to the authority and 'oneness' of the Bible, the most surface-like critical study would suggest this line of thought is very very unlikely. Although in English the reading of 1 John as a 'sermon' suggests a similar style to the Gospel, on further inspection, the language used appears quite different. It is more likely that the Letters of John are by the same author, whoever that is, but impossible to suggest that a Galilean fisherman was responsible for the often beautiful Greek of the Gospel or the dreadful Greek of the Revelation!

Afterall, by age alone, John the disciple would be 'ancient' at the very least and arguably dead by the time these letters were penned.

Finally, (and please forgive me sounding facile), but I have never understood the will to try and make each John or (from last week's pre-Compline quiz) each Luke, or each Peter, in the Bible to be one and the same person, based solely on a name...whilst turning much evidence to the contrary inside out and upside down to reach that conclusion!

Material for a benefice lecture perhaps!

Happy 100th Birthday, Holbrook Hall!



One of the sad things about the present restrictions on our lives is that we won't be able to celebrate Holbrook Hall's centenary, as we had hoped to do earlier in the year. Ever since its official opening, on Saturday 23 October 1920, it has

been a focal point for community life in South Knighton, bringing people together for a wide variety of educational and social events. And as such it has triumphantly repaid the hopes and aspirations of all those who contributed to its construction.

Local builder, Mr H M Dudgeon, was given the job of constructing the hall, and the cost was about £5,000 – mainly raised by local subscription. Contemporary newspapers record the opening of the 'quaintly-built and commodious hall' adjoining St Guthlac's church by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Dr Woods, on that Saturday afternoon. A large number of parishioners gathered to hear speeches made by the Vicar of Knighton, Revd R E Roberts, who said 'they were particularly grateful to several Nonconformists who had been kind enough to subscribe to the fund' and also to the large number of contributions received from 'subscribers who had never attended either of their churches'. So this hall was truly ecumenical from the outset! But more seriously, it was to be a war memorial 'worthy of those who served them so faithfully and fell so gallantly in the Great War'. There were high ambitions for the use of the hall: it would 'serve as a social centre and for the stimulation of intellectual interests – not to deteriorate into a mere billiard or dancing saloon'! The curate, Mr Mallory, had 'some excellent schemes' in mind, and Mr Oram had offered to start a library with 100 first-class books.

However, it was the bishop who set Holbrook Hall in the context of community cohesion: 'every hall like that should be the

workshop in which people of various social grades and various outlooks in life and various schools of thought should be able to meet on terms of equality'. 'There were many things the Church needed to try to teach other people, and indeed learn herself, but there was no greater task ... than the teaching of true neighbourliness, and he believed that hall would prove a powerful instrument for carrying out that task (Applause)'.

And so Holbrook Hall continues (when restrictions are lifted) to bring people of all ages and backgrounds and interests together – whether it be for botanical painting, for yoga, for ballet or lectures, talks, concerts or exhibitions, for wedding celebrations and funeral eats – the hall is there for us all to enjoy and use now, 100 years on. Happy birthday, Holbrook Hall, and long may you continue to bring our local community together!

Margaret Bonney

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE CATALOGUE HAVE NOW SOLD OUT:

2 & 3 bulb hyacinth bowls

Plum chutney - all sizes

Plum Jam

Lemon & ginger jam - all sizes

Apple chutney now back in stock

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.**

Typos from a Church Newsletter

"A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday."

"A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favourite recipe, also a short antidote for it."

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_EdZSg?
or via the website or Facebook page.

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

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 Matthew by 4pm each Wednesday (revgough@gmail.com).

For Phone only: telephone this number 0131 460 1196

When promoted input Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

For internet using Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408>

Input Meeting ID: 746 767 4408



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and reflections.

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<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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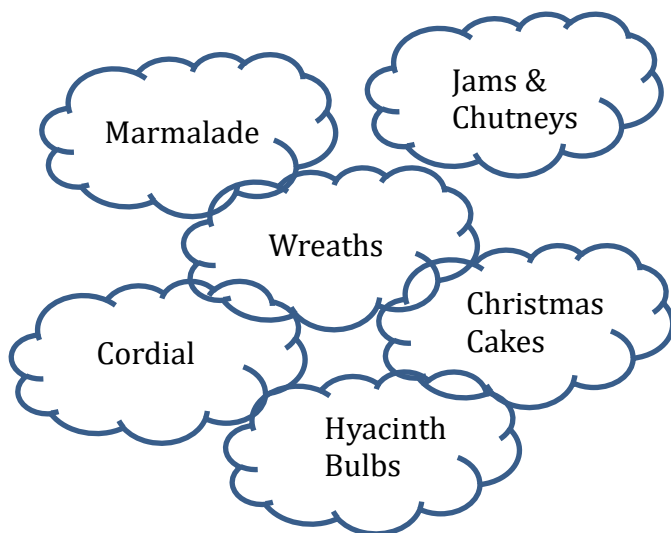
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St Guthlac's Virtual Christmas Fayre Home-made Christmas Gifts



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!**

If you would like a copy of the catalogue 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. **PLEASE SEE p11 FOR ITEMS WHICH HAVE SOLD OUT.**

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