

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 12 September 2021
Harvest Festival
Creationtide 2

HARVEST GIFT SERVICE

Sunday 12 September 10:30am

Let's celebrate Harvest together!

Our first All Age Worship service since the pandemic began will be this **Sunday 12th Sept at 10.30am** and will be a celebration of harvest. Cheryl and helpers will be decorating the church for the occasion, which will be a real treat as flowers have not been in church for a long time. If you would like to help with this and haven't already offered, please let Lesley know. As usual we invite you to generously bring along non-perishable food gifts for Open Hands, who have seen an increase in demand during the Covid crisis. The following items are particularly welcome:

Cereal

Tinned meat meals/fish/pulses (but not baked beans)

Tea bags/coffee/UHT milk

Tinned fruit/rice pudding

Vegetable oil

Biscuits/cake bars

Squash

Collect for Creationtide

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your
marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder
and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings for Harvest

John 6.1–12

Jesus feeds the five thousand

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'

Luke 10:27

²⁷ He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

PRAYERS

Christian Aid Creationtide for September

Pray in urgency and with hope ahead of COP26

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." - John 6:68-69

Lord to whom else can we go,
As we look at our world, and what we have done?
Lord to whom else can we go,
When we see our climate in crisis?
Lord to whom else can we go,

When we feel powerless before decision makers?
Lord speak your words of life
Into negotiations and corridor conversations
Lord speak your words of life
Into global choices and global decisions
Lord speak your words of life
That climate justice may be done
Lord to whom else can we go,
In the urgency of the hour?
Lord speak your words of life
Into our prayers and petitions
Amen

Pray to make space to listen to the
global community
Lord, open our hearts and minds as we pray.
Give us the wisdom to listen, and strength to act.
Today, we ask that COP26 will lead to a breakthrough for
those facing the greatest impact from the climate crisis.
May the voices of the most vulnerable be heard and may they
know a sense of hope that only you can bring.
We pray in a moment of stillness.
Quieten our hearts and minds, so that we can hear the calls of
our global brothers and sisters.
Lift up their voices, so those in positions in power are moved
into action by the power of their stories.
We pray together now, lifting up their voices with you.
Amen

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Powys Gardens.**

Those facing personal pain we name before our Lord.

And those who have finished their days on this earth. We thank you for their lives and pray for their families and loved ones to be comforted.

For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact Matthew revgough@gmail.com or Jane administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Rest in Peace - I'm sorry to have to report the death of the Very Revd Derek Hole earlier in the week. Derek was a former curate in Knighton and later became the Provost of Leicester Cathedral. He was very much a Leicester personality and will be missed by many. *Adrian*

Online Compline Night Prayer 8pm each Wednesday

All Welcome. Online joining details are:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09>

Or Phone In: 0131 460 1196 (standard call charge)

Meeting ID: 746 767 4408 Passcode: hope

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%.



What is Climate Sunday?

The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021). So far over 1,000 churches have joined in.

The collective action and commitments from local churches across Great Britain & Ireland will be presented to UK Government at a Nations' Climate Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday 5th September 2021.

We thought it would be good to join in, so we have registered St Guthlac's with Climate Sunday which complements our Creationtide services throughout September.

Thank you! Clare G and EcoTeam.

Ahead of COP26 meeting in Glasgow (Oct-Nov 2021) could we as a community pray this prayer from Christian Aid.

God of hope,

We pray for world leaders attending COP26. Bless them with wisdom, creativity and a shared vision of hope for all creation. May they find the determination to take strong action to halt the destructive effects of climate change and the political will to act together for the common good. Amen



More resources and information:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain>

CELEBRATING CREATIONTIDE THIS SEPTEMBER.

Creationtide September 5th - October 3rd will be celebrated by both St Mary's and St Guthlac's in common with other churches.

This is particularly important this year as we seek Eco Church accreditation. Also, the UK hosts the important United Nations Climate Change Summit (COP 26) in Glasgow this November.

We hope that you will join in as much with our activities as well as those across the local area.

We have a programme of local leading Environmentalist preaching in both churches as well as harvest festivals, All age and Outdoor Pets' Thanksgiving for all our 10.30am Sunday services.

Our guest speakers and special services are-

Canon Brian Davis-creator of York Course 'Caring for Creation', Chair of Eco Church Harborough and former Vicar of St Mary's Hinckley, the first medieval church to fit solar panels.

St Guthlac's Sept 26th; St Mary's Sept 12th

Anne Scott- Pioneer leader of Greenlight and environmental focused Fresh Expression of Church, Leicester and head of Forest School at Overdale Juniors. **St Guthlac's Church, October 3rd**

Dr Miram Stoate- Environmental Scientist and Campaigner. Pioneer minister for Eco Youth and Outdoor Groups in the Launde Deanery. **St Guthlac's Church, Sept 19th**

Peter Yates Reader, former Director of Social Responsibility and current World Development Adviser Leicester Diocese as well as The Midlands Fair Share Director and Ecumenical link

for Churches together with the Diocese of Trichy, India, **St Guthlac's Sept 5th**

Rev. Andrew Quigley Vicar of St James the Greater and Leicester Diocese Environmental Officer. Andrew has no car, does not fly and cycles or runs most places! **St Mary's Sept 26th**

Special Outdoor Pet Blessing Service, "Fresh!" with live music, **St Mary's Rev. Matthew Sept 19th**

Harvest Festivals September 12th St Guthlac's (Fiona and Tina) and **October 3rd St Mary's** (Rev. Adrian)



THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Meet the RSCM Director!

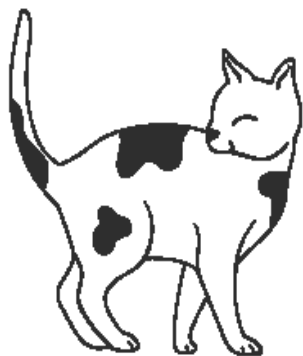
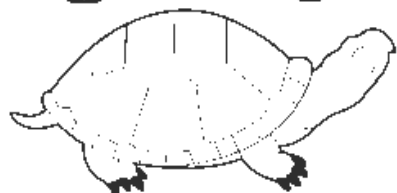
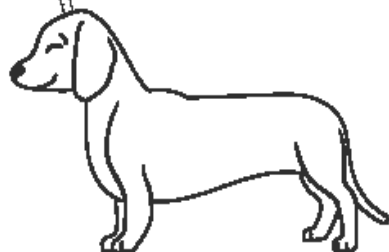
Hugh Morris will be visiting all 48 of the RSCM Area Teams over the next few months. Come along

and meet him, along with members of the local volunteer Team. This is an opportunity to hear directly about current and future exciting plans for the RSCM's work, including how we will be more actively supporting all our members. You can also ask any questions you may have. There will be the chance to join in with some straightforward collective singing (following the appropriate guidelines) which we will record and use as part of a specially assembled 'one RSCM family' recording, and to talk more informally with Hugh so that he is able to listen to what you might like to share and ensure your voice is heard. All welcome.

St Mary's Knighton is the chosen church for the Leicestershire visit. Please join us on **Thursday 16th September from 11.15am** in church. James will be there too in his capacity of Area Team Leader. It would be great to see you there! Please let James know if you're able to attend. Thank you.

ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL WELCOME

OUTDOOR PET
BLESSING
SERVICE



ST MARY'S
CHURCHYARD,
KNIGHTON
SEPTEMBER
19TH 10.30

Pause



Many of us find ourselves dashing around without time to rest or to pause, even on a Sunday.

Make some time to hear the still small voice of God at a relaxed, informal Communion service at **St Mary's - 7.30pm on Sunday 10th October.**

There will be music, readings and quietness, before an opportunity to share bread and wine as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus.

You're welcome to bring your own cushion, and a favourite mug for tea or coffee.

More information from Adrian Jones.

St Guthlac's and the environment – The Strategy: How will we do this?

In this final section about St Guthlac's environmental strategy we'll look at how we're going to make all this happen.

The starting point will be to use the EcoChurch framework. EcoChurch is A Rocha's (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>) tool to help our church celebrate what we already do well and make informed decisions about what to do next. It is based on five key areas; worship and teaching, management of church land, lifestyle, community and global engagement, management of church buildings.

Using the EcoChurch assessment a small group has met to review what we do at present in each of these areas. From this we'll be identifying what next steps we can make. Some things will be easier to achieve than others for example, ensuring we include creation and the environment in our intercessions or music can be achieved more easily than installing solar panels or heat source pumps.

As a church and PCC we'll aim to "Rethink – Reduce – Reuse – Recycle" in all aspects of our church life from the consumables we buy to what we do with the green space of the church garden. This means that we'll challenge what we've always done and look to do things differently by being mindful of the impact our actions will have on the environment.

The important thing part is that this is not just a small group of people doing this. What needs to be at the heart of this is the whole church community being involved in whatever way possible. We'll do our best to keep the church community updated on what is happening through the newsletter and magazine.

This work is not taking place in isolation. Leicester Diocese have committed to becoming an EcoDiocese and St Mary's has also registered as an EcoChurch. We'll work with the St Mary's Eco Task Team to share ideas and work together where this brings the most benefit.

The EcoChurch framework provides some exciting ideas and new ways of considering what we've always done. Over the next few months we'll feedback on the work being done in the five areas of EcoChurch as we aim to address the "low hanging fruit". We hope you'll enjoy, be excited about and get involved with all that will be happening.

If you'd like to know more in the meantime please get in touch at Eco@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk.

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

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

Fauré REQUIEM

Would you like to sing with the Knighton Parish Singers for a performance of the Requiem by Gabriel Faure?

Rehearsals for this performance begin on **Wednesday 22nd September at 8.00pm** in St Mary's.

You would be more than welcome to join the choir for this performance.

The performance will be on Wednesday 24th November.

Further information from Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster.

Looking forward to seeing you on 22nd September.

Knighton Players Presents
The Sword In The Stone
By Ian Jones



Saturday 9th October 1.30 pm & 6.00 pm

St Mary's Church Brinsmead Rd, Leicester

Tickets: Adult £7.00 Children £5.00

Available from Tanya Willis & Ann Swanson

Or contact knightonplayers@ntlworld.com

Profits in aid of MENPHYS

(supporting Leicestershire children and young people with disabilities for over 50 years)

Please be aware, due to Covid precautions, we would ask you to observe social distancing and wear a face covering where possible?

Although there will be a short interval, refreshments will not be available and there will not be a raffle.

Toilets are available in the church.

Knighton Players apologise for these measures but feel that they will be in the best interests of all present.