

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 19 September 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Creationtide 3

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 19 September 10:30am

This Sunday Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster will be presiding at a service of Holy Communion.

We are delighted to welcome **Dr Miriam Stoate** to preach at our service. Miriam is an Environmental Scientist and Campaigner and Pioneer Minister for Eco Youth and Outdoor Groups in the Launde Deanery.

Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church

God of evolving diversity,
made known in seed and soil,
and the wonder of animal worlds:
free our hearts
from the anxiety
which knows only domination:
open our being
to learn from the life
with which we share this earth:
through Jesus Chris, the Most High of the harvest.
Amen

Readings for Creationtide 3 from the Inclusive Bible

Proverbs 8.1-31

¹ Doesn't Wisdom call? Doesn't Understanding raise her voice?

² On the hills along the road,
at the crossroads, she takes her stand; ³ beside the city gates
of the town, in the gates themselves, she cries out, ⁴ "Women

and men, people everywhere, I'm calling out to you! I cry out to all of humankind! ⁵ You who are simple, learn how to make sound judgments! To the foolish among you, use your common sense! ⁶ Listen closely, for what I say is worth hearing, and I will tell you what is right; ⁷ for my mouth will speak the truth and my lips hate to lie. ⁸ Everything I say is right; none of it is twisted or crooked. ⁹ All of it is plain-spoken to those who understand, clear to those seeking knowledge. ¹⁰ Accept my lessons in place of silver, and knowledge in place of gold; ¹¹ for wisdom outsparkles jewellery; anything you desire cannot compare to her. ¹² I, Wisdom, am the habitat of sound judgment, the source of clear thinking. ¹³ To revere YHWH is to abhor evil. I despise pride and arrogance, corrupt behavior and deceptive words. ¹⁴ I have good counsel and sound judgment; I have understanding and power as well. ¹⁵ Rulers reign because of me, and administrators issue just judgments. ¹⁶ Because of me governors govern well, and the noble apply justice. ¹⁷ I love those who love me; and those who seek me out zealously find me. ¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me enduring wealth and prosperity. ¹⁹ The gifts I distribute are better than gold, even fine gold; and my profits are better than fire-tried silver. ²⁰ I walk the upright way, the path of justice, ²¹ bestowing wealth on those who love me, and filling their treasuries. ²² "YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning, before the first acts of creation. ²³ I have been from everlasting, in the beginning, before the world began. ²⁴ Before the deep seas, I was brought forth, before there were fountains or springs of water; ²⁵ before the mountains erupted up into place, before the hills, I was born— ²⁶ before God created the earth or its fields, or even the first clods of dirt. ²⁷ I was there when the Almighty created the heavens, and set the horizon just above the ocean, ²⁸ set the clouds in the sky, and established the springs of the deep, ²⁹ gave the seas their

boundaries and set their limits at the shoreline. When the foundation of the earth was laid out, ³⁰ I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty. I was God's delight day after day, rejoicing at being in God's presence continually, ³¹ rejoicing in the whole world and delighting in humankind.

Matthew 6.25-34

²⁵ That's why I tell you not to worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Isn't life more than just food? Isn't the body more than just clothes? ²⁶ "Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet our God in heaven feeds them. Aren't you more important than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan? ²⁸ And why be anxious about clothing? Learn a lesson from the way the wildflowers grow. They don't work; they don't spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in full splendor was arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ If God can clothe in such splendor the grasses of the field, which bloom today and are thrown on the fire tomorrow, won't God do so much more for you—you who have so little faith? ³¹ "Stop worrying, then, over questions such as, 'What are we to eat,' or 'what are we to drink,' or 'what are we to wear?' ³² Those without faith are always running after these things. God knows everything you need. ³³ Seek first God's reign, and God's justice, and all these things will be given to you besides. ³⁴ Enough of worrying about tomorrow! Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.

Creationtide Discussion: 7:00pm Sunday 19th September on Zoom. There is an opportunity to join a short discussion group to reflect on Miriam Stoate's (our speaker on 19th) presentation from the morning service. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and last a maximum of 40 minutes. There won't be any breakdown rooms so we're all in the same space. The intention is really just to have a chance to share thoughts. Meeting details as follows:

Topic: Creationtide - Group Discussion

Time: Sep 19, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75709774910?pwd=OXU2N04ybmc1M0F1M0VWbU1jNURhZz09>

Meeting ID: 757 0977 4910

Passcode: yRC2Qx

St. Guthlac's Services, Sunday at 10.30am

26 th September	Morning Prayer	Fiona Wingate
3 rd October	Eucharist	Rev Canon Dr S Foster
10 th October	All Age Worship	Rev Matthew Gough
17 th October	Eucharist	

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

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 – **Ratcliffe Court.**

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. 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

'A new direction' for the Rev Canon Dr Stephen Foster

For the last few years, since his retirement from the University Chaplaincy, our parishes in Knighton have benefitted tremendously from the ministry of the Rev Canon Dr Stephen Foster – but after a time of prayerful wrestling and re-evaluation, Stephen has decided that his ministry should take a new 'direction' and to do that he needs to step back from the support that he has been giving here.

Personally, I am deeply grateful for the time, energy and gracious wisdom that Stephen has contributed here – and I know that many of us have good reason to thank God for his pastoral care and concern as well. Whilst understanding how he has come to this 'turning point', I will miss the extra dimension that Stephen has brought to our shared life.

I'm pleased to say that Stephen will continue presiding and preaching for us, and in his musical leadership, until just before Advent, and then we will say a fuller 'thank you' and wish him well in new ventures. *Adrian*

MESSY CHURCH / MESSY PLAY starts again at Stoneygate Baptist Church on Friday 17th September at 3.30 pm, with further sessions on Fridays 8th October, 12th November and 10th December, for children of primary school age and their families. All very welcome, including any new volunteers. Further details from Eileen McKellican.



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)

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%.

Please Pray for the Next Stage of Shaped By God Together

Bishop Martyn has written a letter to clergy to share across our diocese as we reach a significant moment in the life of the diocese with key decisions on how we are being 'Shaped By God Together', and asking our churches and communities to pray for the next stages of the process.

A key date for our prayers is 9th October when our Diocesan Synod meets to approve a new framework or structure for the diocese. Following that every person in our worshipping communities will be able to take part participate in making the new framework take shape in our own local contexts.

In his letter, Bishop Martyn stresses that the church will always need lay ministers, deacons, priests and bishops, just as we will always need and cherish parish churches which serve every person living in that parish. But how our ministers and parishes operate will start to look different in the coming years.

You can read the letter from Bishop Martyn on the notice board at the back of church, or by following this link:

https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/bp9529-pastoral-letter-from-bishop-martyn-sept-21-.pdf?utm_source=Diomail&utm_campaign=3d8f71a6be-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_03_25_10_27_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3b79945ade-3d8f71a6be-87825889

Update on Bishop Martyn's emergency appeal to support our partners in the Trichy Diocese



The response to Bishop Martyn's emergency appeal to support our partners in the Trichy Diocese in India as they work to care for those affected by Covid-19 has been tremendous. We have been able to send nearly £37,000 in total so far and this is being used to purchase vehicles and equipment to resource the diocese's hospitals and to support local churches throughout the diocese in caring for their communities. Bishop Chandrasekaran has written to express his sincere thanks to us for this generous support, adding: "We really had a difficult time - lost many lives including a few pastors. We earnestly seek your prayers and be sure of our prayers." The appeal will remain open for a little longer.

If you are able to make a contribution, however large or small, please send it to the following account:

Barclays Bank plc

Sort code: 20-49-37

Account number: 90577103

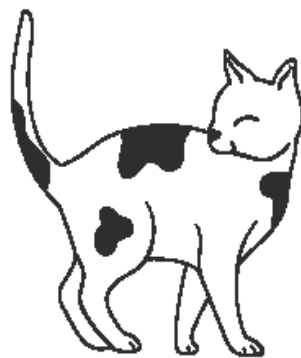
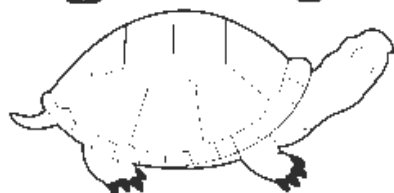
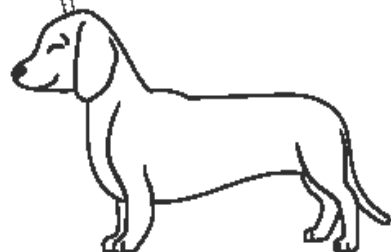
Account name: Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance

Please use the reference: 'Trichy Appeal'

Cheques can be sent for the attention of Jim Pullen at St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 1SY. Please make your cheque payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance' and write on the back 'Trichy Appeal'.

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.



Stoneygate Baptist Church presents

THE GREAT BIG GREEN HARVEST FESTIVAL

10:30am

Climate Sunday and Harvest Service

12:00noon

Bring Your Own Picnic | Cake Stall | Games | Crafts
Just Fair Trade Stall | Homegrown Plants and Produce
Meat Free Cooking Ideas | Awkward Recycling Station
Eco Church | Friends of the Earth | Knighton Justice Group

2:00pm

Tree Planting in the Church Garden

**Food collection for Zinithya Trust and
donations to Christian Aid Harvest Appeal**



SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

Stoneygate Baptist Church

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for more details see stoneygatebaptist.org.uk

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



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.