

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday 3 October 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Creationtide 5

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 3 October 10:30am

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

We are delighted to welcome **Anne Scott** to preach at our service. Anne is a Pioneer Leader of Greenlight and environmental focused Fresh Expression of Church, Leicester and head of Forest School at Overdale Juniors.

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 Creationtide 5

Psalm 24 A Psalm of David

Entrance into the Temple

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

² for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory. *Selah*

Colossians 1.15-20

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in^[b] him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Anne Scott's Summary points and questions for newsletter

Key points:

- 1) The whole of creation is located within God – it was made through and for Jesus.
- 2) God says the inter-relationships within the whole of creation are very good.
- 3) God loves, sustains and provides for all creation and all creation gives glory to God.
- 4) God blesses people, as part of creation, to look after all things in the way God does to enable it to flourish.
- 5) People reject God and all the relationships are broken: God with people; God with creation; and people with creation.
- 6) Jesus's death and resurrection brings reconciliation for all the relationships.
- 7) As people who are reconciled to God, we can bring God's presence to earth and we need to speak into the situations we see around us: in prayer, in our words and in our actions.

Questions:

- 1) Read Colossians 1: 15-20. What does this tell you about God? What does it tell you about other people? What is the challenge for you from it?
 - 2) How would you explain to someone how God brings hope in the midst of the climate and ecological emergency?
 - 3) What actions can you do to enable God's creation to flourish?
- Talk to others; pray; sign petitions; help with Eco Church; cycle or walk more; be more energy conscious; celebrate God within creation.

Creationtide Discussions: 7:00pm Sunday 3rd October on Zoom. There is an opportunity to join a short discussion group to reflect on the presentation of Anne Scott (our speaker on the 3rd) 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 Evening Discussion

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74882445053?pwd=YXQxWU11NnlxMIZITnU0K05yVXV5UT09>

Meeting ID: 748 8244 5053

Passcode: rR4EF2

St. Guthlac's Services, Sunday at 10.30am

10 th October	All Age Worship	Rev Matthew Gough
17 th October	Eucharist	Rev Adrian Jones
24 th October	Matins	David Hunt
31 st October	Joint service at St. Mary's with Bishop Martyn	

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 FOR OUR FINAL WEEK OF CREATIONTIDE

Jesus: **"For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"** (Luke 23:31)

Adapted from CAFOD-

We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation.

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

We pray for our nation: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor. We are thankful how the fuel crisis forces us to reflect on transport. We pray that God's mercy may be poured out on those who need to make essential journey.

We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given.

We pray for world leaders: that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable.

We pray for our local community: that through God's grace we may be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Ridgway Road.**

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

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.

Our guest speakers and special services are-

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**

St Mary's Harvest Festival October 3rd (Rev. Adrian)

Introducing *Cecilia Adjadje*

I'm really very pleased to tell you that we have a new face among our congregations! Cecilia is an ordinand (that is, she is training for the ordained ministry), studying over two years with St Mellitus College, and on placement with us in the benefice for two days a week. This means you can expect to see her taking part in services on Sundays, and in all sorts of other places within our church life together.

Cecilia lives locally, is married to Peter, and they have three children; Esther, David and Daniel. Originally they are from Nigeria, and they made their home in Leicester some years ago. Please do welcome them all warmly!

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*



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 was 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>



As part of our EcoChurch project, our church loo has now been twinned with a latrine in Malawi.

Please look at the framed certificate on the windowsill next time you use the facilities. By twinning our toilet, we are recognising our good fortune in having excellent sanitation, and showing that we care about others living in very different circumstances:

Did you know that 2 billion people have nowhere safe to go to the toilet?

Without proper toilets and clean water, people are trapped in a vicious cycle:

- They're likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases
- Illness means they cannot work or farm their land, so they earn less or grow less food
- Children often miss school, because they are sick or because they're busy collecting water
- Girls often drop out of school altogether when they start their periods if there are no toilets or changing rooms
- Parents have to pay for medicines or food, so they may fall into debt
- Women and girls risk being attacked or bitten by snakes as they go to the toilet in the open, especially if the culture dictates that they have to go out at night

Water and sanitation projects enable families to build a toilet, have access to clean water, and to learn about handwashing and other hygiene principles.

Dignity is restored when the whole family can use a private, hygienic toilet at their home and no longer have to squat in the bush.

If you would like to consider twinning your own toilet, please visit the toilet twinning website. Tap twinning is also available. Both cost £60, which I think you will agree would be money well spent!

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%.

HARVEST GIFTS FOR OPEN HANDS: THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to everyone who responded to the appeal for food gifts for Open Hands at our Harvest Festival. Thanks to your generosity, a really huge collection of bulging bags and boxes has now been delivered to the Open Hands warehouse and was received with great thanks. Thanks to the ongoing support they receive, Open Hands have been able to respond to increasing need and are about to move to larger premises, having outgrown their current warehouse. Here is an extract from the latest newsletter: "We love partnering with churches, organisations, businesses, and supporters, and believe we can make a real difference by working together to help the poor and needy of our city. Together, we are continuing to deliver emergency food, toiletries, clothing, furniture and English classes to those who need it". If you would like to support this great cause on a regular basis, or didn't get the chance to donate at Harvest, you can drop off food donations at various locations including the Co-op in London Rd, or donate online. For more details please see: [Donate – Open Hands \(openhandsleicester.org.uk\)](http://openhandsleicester.org.uk)

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.

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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 next Wednesday.

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.