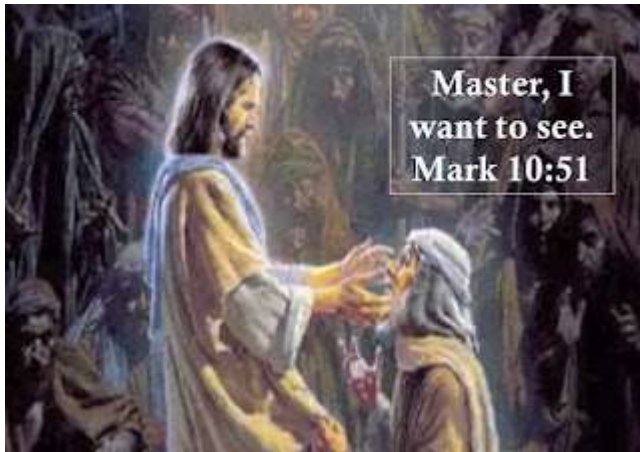


# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**Sunday 24 October 2021**  
**Last Sunday after Trinity**  
**Bible Sunday**

# MATINS

**Sunday 24 October 10:30am**

This Sunday David Hunt will be leading a service of Matins. Church Club will be held in Holbrook Hall.

## **Collect and Readings for the Last Sunday after Trinity**

### **The Collect**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

### **First Reading: Job 42.1-6, 10-17**

<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered the LORD: <sup>2</sup>I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup>“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?” Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup>“Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.” <sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup>Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup>The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup>After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup>And Job died, old and full of days.

## **Psalms 34.1-8, 19-22**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28**

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 10.46-52**

<sup>46</sup>As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to

Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## **PRAYERS**

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;  
The world and all it contains, *Psalms 89:11*

As the powerful nations prepare for the Glasgow COP26 the following week,

We pray for our world and our place in it.

We pray for those most affected by flooding.

We pray for justice and truth in cause and prevention of natural disaster.

We thank God for the beauty and provision of creation.

We pray against the powers of profit and greed distorting how nations, corporates and experts can collaborate to change the path we are on.

We pray against individual guilt and blame and seek the grace of a loving Father to soften the hearts and minds of decision makers.

In all these things we lift up the powerless, those not yet born as "we are first the generation to feel the effects of climate emergency and the last to be able to avert it" (Barack Obama).

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Shirley 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](mailto:revgough@gmail.com) or Jane [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)*

## **Michaelmas Ordinations in Leicester**



Many congratulations to all those ordained as deacon or priest recently in our diocese. Our particular good wishes go to Ali Simpson-Smith, one-time youth worker with the Edge Project which was part of our Mission Partnership. Ali was based at St Christopher's, Saffron Lane and worked with our own Alison Roche. Ali is serving her curacy at St John the Baptist in Clarendon Park.

## **St. Guthlac's Services, Sunday at 10.30am**

|                           |                                                |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October  | Joint service at St. Mary's with Bishop Martyn |                        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | Eucharist                                      | Revd Canon Dr S Foster |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November | Service of Remembrance                         | F Wingate              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Eucharist                                      | Revd Canon Dr S Foster |

## **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

## **Advance Notice: Bishop Martyn's visit to Knighton**

I'm very pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has accepted an invitation to join us in Knighton and to preside at a joint service for the Benefice, at St Mary's on Sunday 31st October at 10.30am. We will mark All Saints, give thanks for the successful completion of the St Mary's InSpired Appeal, and the Bishop will celebrate the Eucharist with us. I do hope that you will join us for this special occasion - as this is a benefice service for both parishes, there won't be another service at St Guthlac's on this Sunday. Adrian

# The World's Favourite Bible



The remarkable story of the  
King James Version

A special lecture by

**Professor Gordon Campbell**

FBA, DPhil, DLitt

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7.30pm Monday 25 October 2021

St Mary Magdalen Church

Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WG

Tickets £5 – book via Eventbrite at

[kingjamesbible.eventbrite.co.uk](https://kingjamesbible.eventbrite.co.uk)

Additional donations gratefully received on the day

Supporting the campaign to restore the spire of the Church

A complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice will be served after the  
lecture

**Gordon Campbell**, Emeritus Professor and Fellow in Renaissance Studies at the University of Leicester, is an entertaining speaker and an exceptionally distinguished scholar with wide-ranging interests. For the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible in 2011 he published a monograph on the Bible and an edition of the 1611 text. His other extensive publications have included the works of John Milton, a history of gardens, classical art and architecture, and the alleged foundation of America by the Vikings.

## **The changing face of parish ministry:** *Leicester Diocesan Synod votes in favour of a Minster Communities framework*

Following widespread discussions and the Shaped by God Together consultation, the Diocesan Synod has now voted in favour of a “**Minster Communities**” framework as the future shape of parish ministry across Leicester and Leicestershire. A Minster Community will be a group of parishes who work together in mission without losing their individual identity, and who work alongside their church schools, fresh expressions of Church, and chaplaincies.

It is envisaged that there will be parishes will be up to 25 Minister Communities within the diocese, each with a leadership team of at least four paid positions. Each team will be led by an ordained Oversight Minister, and will include a ‘Growing Faith’ focussed minister (lay or ordained) whose role will be to increase the number of children and young people within the life of our churches.

The framework was overwhelmingly supported (72%) by Synod members and it is intended that it will gradually be brought into place by 2026, after careful and detailed local conversations between parishes, schools and fresh expressions. These discussions will be supported by a diocesan staff Transition Team, and agreement will be sought across all parties about finance, buildings, and leadership.

The Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow said that the comments made by Synod members during the debate, and concerns raised, would all be addressed and taken into account as the framework is worked out over the next few years.

Bishop Martyn said: “Nothing is going to change overnight and everything will be done in discussion with parishes. Every PCC,

school governing body and fresh expression will be involved. Each will decide for itself how they engage with this.” A special video message about Minster Communities has been recorded by the Bishop and can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Au-gOAYPK9Y&t=6s>

*Adrian's observation* : Thank you for all your prayers about this important decision. Here in Knighton, we will not know for some months, at least, any details about how this shift to Minster Communities will change things for us. Undoubtedly though, our benefice will be joining other parishes in a wider team, and working together is always a good thing! In the meantime, our worshipping life, all we do to build up and encourage each other in following the way of Jesus, and all our efforts to share our faith with our neighbours, will continue!

**Greetings from distant friends who benefit richly from your love, concern and care.**

The mobile clinic in Northern Malawi continues its vital work through the generosity of people like you. Thank you and thank you for your sustained awareness, support and enduring commitment. You are changing lives and you are saving lives.

This year we have carried out 12 clinic visits so far April - September. There were no visits from January to March because of severe rains and flooded rivers. The visit to the village of Chamalala involves crossing the Dwangwa River which is impossible when it is flooded and dirt roads become seas of mud in the rainy season.

However, the team of six made four visits to Mfula between May and August and two to Chamalala once the river had gone

down. Over those visits 1,220 were treated at Mfula and 463 at Chamalala. These are the winter months in Malawi. Top of the list of illnesses treated were respiratory infections though malaria didn't lose its hold together with gastrointestinal complaints. Scabies, which is probably a rarity in this country, is not an uncommon affliction. COVID has impacted the team though the incidence of cases is falling. Sadly, one of the team succumbed to the virus and died earlier this year.

These figures leave me in no doubt as to the importance of this good work. Together we are able to support these remote rural villages and help raise the whole quality of their lives. Above all they know they are not forgotten. Indeed cherished and cared for.

Just this week I have received the budget for the next six visits, a grand total of over £2,800 - £1.67 per patient. Amazingly good value I think.

God bless you, your families, St Guthlac's Church and give you all good health.

Thank you again and stay safe.

Bishop Christopher

October 2021

**Mothers' Union Fellowship** Our next meeting, arranged by Margaret (M), is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in St Mary's. The speaker will be Adrian, our vicar. Visitors are welcome.

## Eco-Tip of the week

### How to recycle tablet blister packs and inhalers

Good news! Superdrug on Humberstone Gate are participating in a recycling scheme for all brands of empty **medication blister packs**. If you don't visit town yourself, why not ask someone who does to drop off your collection once in a while?



Most of us generate this kind of waste, and every little helps in avoiding unnecessary landfill. Once collected, empty blister packets are separated by polymer type and cleaned (if necessary). The material is then extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

**Do you use inhalers?** A local pilot scheme Leicestershire Take Action for Inhaler Recycling (AIR), is underway and is aimed at disposing and recycling empty and unwanted inhalers of any brand or type, with the users sending them via post. The aluminium canisters will be recycled and reused, the plastic components will be recycled and put back into the plastic supply chain, and any remaining propellant gas will be extracted and reused in items such as fridges and air conditioning units. Non-recyclable materials will be converted into energy.

Those wishing to use the scheme are advised to ask their local community pharmacist for a Take AIR pre-paid postage envelope.



## 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>

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

**You're invited to a Garden(ing) Party at St Guthlac's on Saturday 30th October from 14:30 till 16:30.** Please bring yourselves, your garden tools, your boots, your gloves, your enthusiasm and your mug. We're looking to get the garden ready for winter and looking its best to welcome people for Remembrance Sunday. We would really appreciate if you'd join in. There'll be time for refreshment so please do bring your own mug. Fiona

### **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*

### **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%.



# 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.

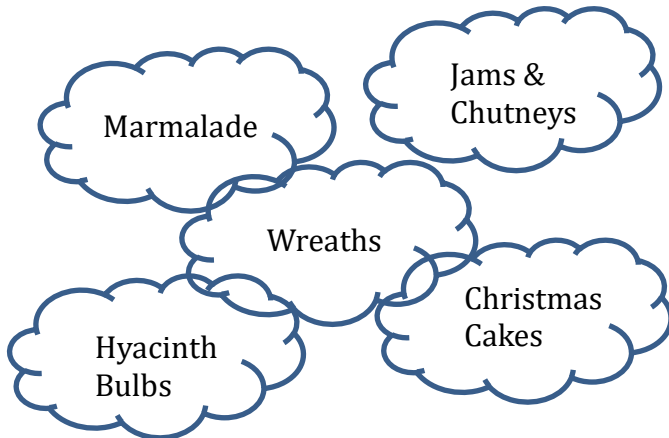
You would be more than welcome to join the choir for this performance.

**The performance will be on Wednesday 24th November.**

Further information from Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster.

Looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

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



St Guthlac's are holding another virtual Fayre this year and we are pleased to be able to offer some of our popular makes and bakes. We will also be having a raffle in aid of Malawi.

**If you can help with making jams, chutneys or Christmas wreaths please contact Tina. Thank you.**

0116 2707485 [churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)

**The catalogue will be available soon with orders being taken from November 1st.**

Methods of payment and receipt of goods are detailed on the catalogue. Completed orders will be available from December 11<sup>th</sup>.