

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 31 October 2021
All Saints' Day
Fourth Sunday before Advent

Benefice service with Bishop Martyn at St. Mary's Sunday 31 October 10:30am

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

Collect and 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

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9

Psalm 24.1-6

Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life."

Gospel Reading: John 11.32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

PRAYERS

For COP26 starting 31st October

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more
sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer
solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

For Leicester Diocese

We pray for our Bishop Martyn and those who lead the Shaped
BY God Together Process. We thank you for the unity across
the Diocese in supporting the new Minster Communities. We
thank God for the commitment to cultivate all member ministry
for all to work together for the growth of the kingdom. We pray
too for the focus on those who may be outside our church
buildings, the young, different generations and the need for
both intergenerational and intercultural worshipping
communities to flourish as signs of Christ's diverse kingdom.
We pray for our concern about making sure sexual orientation,
marriage and identity are honoured and respected through the
Living in Love and Faith courses being run. We pray too that
our local responses to environmental emergency, Eco Diocese
and Eco Church may be meaningful to all with imagination and
creative ways to improve the church's transport policies

currently being implemented. We pray too for renewed commitment to have the courage to invest responsibly away from damaging fossil fuels toward those areas which promise a hopeful future for all, especially those worst affected by climate disasters. AMEN

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Sidney 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

Jeremy Macafee; Doreen and family warmly thank their friends in St. Mary's and St. Guthlac's for the love and support they have received over the past difficult few weeks.

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.

Benefice Magazine

Please consider contributing to the November/December issue of the Benefice Magazine. The copy deadline is Sunday 31st October. I aim to publish in mid November.

I would like to start a regular feature - My favourite hymn. We all have our favourites: tell our readers which means most to you, and why. Where there is a choice, which tune do you prefer?

If you have an article in you on this subject or any other, please send it to me at stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com.

Nigel Siesage

St. Guthlac's Services, Sunday at 10.30am

7 th November	Eucharist	Revd Canon Dr S Foster
14 th November	Service of Remembrance	F Wingate
21 st November	Eucharist	Revd Canon Dr S Foster
28 th November	Morning Prayer	Revd Adrian Jones
	& Church Club	

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

THANKS Thank you to everyone who sponsored or spurred me on to complete the Royal Parks half-marathon on October 10th. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of running through central London without any traffic and managed to run for the duration of the course! Total raised so far for the MU - £654 - thank you to all who donated.

Clare Gough

Eco-Tip of the week

Wildlife Friendly Autumn Gardening



Don't cut back all plants now autumn is here – especially those like teasels and poppies, fennel, sedum and honesty. Their dry stems and heads can be things of beauty as well as being places for small insects to over winter or as seed source for birds.

Goldfinches are partial to teasel and lavender seeds.

As roses come to the end of their flowering season, let them form hips which birds may then enjoy.

If you are pruning shrubs etc to keep them in shape, use the prunings to create a dead hedge. Larger branches can be used to create a log pile. Both of these will provide places of shelter and safety for wild life such as beetles, insects, frogs/ toads etc.

If you have a bird feeder and/ or bird bath, take time to clean them regularly to guard against bacteria and viruses that might harm birds, and keep them topped up.

And don't forget to check for hedgehogs before strimming or making a bonfire.



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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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>

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.



**You are invited to join us at
“Stand up for Climate Justice”
at 2.30pm on 6th November '21
to call on the British government to push for climate justice
at the COP26 United Nations Climate Talks.**

This is part of an International Day of Action for Climate Justice, with events being held across the world.

- 2.30-3.30 We will be holding a silent vigil for climate justice at the Leicester Clocktower – please wear black or white.
- 3.30-4.00 We'll then move to either the Town Hall Square or Jubilee Square (place to be confirmed) and take an aerial photograph of everyone standing in the shape of an eye to send to Boris Johnson to say that Leicester and Leicestershire are watching you at the UN Climate Talks.
- 4.30 We'll invite everyone present to write a postcard to their MP there and then asking them to press for Climate Justice.

It would be lovely to have your presence as a councillor, showing your support for this hugely important issue of climate justice.

We do plan to issue a press release beforehand, and hope there will be press there on the day, so if you are going to join us, would you please:

- 1/. Send us a short quote on why this issue matters to you and why you're attending this event. We will include this in the press release.
- 2/. As well as the aerial photo we will take a politicians photograph to use in social media, press work and again to send to Boris Johnson.

**We hope to see you there. Please RSVP to:
leicesterclimateaction@gmail.com**

***Knighton
Christmas Tree Festival***

**St Mary Magdalen Church
Brinsmead Road
Leicester
LE2 3WG**

**Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th December 2021
(setting up on 2nd & 3rd December)**

***A community event Free to enter a tree
To raise money for a local charity
and church funds***

**To reserve a place please email
smctf@outlook.com**



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.

You should have received a copy of the catalogue with this newsletter. If you did not 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.

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