

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 21st November 2021
Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 21st November 10:30am

This Sunday Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

FAREWELL AND THANKS



You'll remember that the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster is taking a fresh direction in his ministry after Christ the King and therefore taking a step away from his current commitment to the benefice. His last formal occasion will be the Faure Requiem with the Knighton Parish Singers on 24th, and his last service will be at St Guthlac's on 21st November. On that Sunday we will be presenting Stephen with some parting gifts as tokens of our

appreciation.

We will miss Stephen's wisdom and deep sense of pastoral concern, as well as his preaching and presiding of course, and are grateful for all that he has given to us in Knighton. We pray that God will continue to use him and his gifts as new roads open up for him. *Adrian*

Collect and Readings for Christ the King

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Reading: John 18.33-37

³³Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

PRAYERS

As we come to the cusp of Church's liturgical year and a new season of Advent beckons, may we embody this Franciscan Benediction in our spiritual practice and make it a prayer for the new year ahead and thinking of the year closing behind us.

May God bless you with discomfort,
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships
So that you may live
Deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people,
So that you may work for
Justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
To shed for those who suffer pain,
Rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand
To comfort them and
To turn their pain to joy

And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.
Amen

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Stoneygate 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

St. Guthlac's Services, Sunday at 10.30am

28 th November	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Revd Adrian Jones
5 th December	Eucharist	Revd A McCullough
12 th December	Advent & Gift service	Revd Adrian & Cecilia
19 th December	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

Book of Common Prayer-Morning Prayer Each Thursday at 10am in November at St Mary's we will be saying BCP Morning Prayer. If you would like to join in this practice you are very welcome whether familiar or new. We have lots of BCP books at St Mary's you can use. Just come along or contact Felicity Cocks or Matthew. Starting 4th November, come once or every week, it will happen regardless of numbers.

HEALING SERVICE

On the last Friday of every month there is a Service of Prayer for Healing with Holy Communion. The next service will be held on November 26th at 11am at St Mary's. This service will also contain Laying on of Hands and Anointing, enabling those present to receive this ministry ,if they wish, for themselves or for someone they know or for a situation in the world. The service is gentle and peaceful and all are welcome.

Rev Janet

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%.

Benefice Magazine

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

Advent Benefice Carol Service on Sunday 28th November 6.30pm at St Marys

Rediscovering Advent, Reclaiming Christmas

We often complain about the way in which Christmas has become commercialised and the true meaning of our celebration has been lost. One important way to counter this trend and to make sure that we ourselves are keeping the focus in the right place, is to **rediscover Advent** as an important season of the year, and in its own right.

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year and can be seen as a time of preparation in a similar way to Lent. The colour used in church changes to purple, as a sign of this 'work of the heart', the inward and spiritual preparation that we take on so as to be ready once again, for the celebration of Christ's birth.

This year Advent Sunday falls on 28th November and the benefice choir will be leading us in a special Advent Service in St Mary's at 6.30pm. This is the best possible way to begin the journey towards Christmas, so do please join us.

This year there will also be four weekly **Advent Meditations** open to everyone - each Tuesday, 7.30pm at St Guthlac's (31st November, then 7th, 14th and 21st December). Each will be hosted by a member of our Ministry Team and will provide 45-60 minutes of prayers, reflections and music to help us keep hold of Advent as the pressures of the holiday season begin to take over.

Our **Advent Fellowship Group** will also meet on three Thursday mornings at the Vicarage, 5 Church Lane – 2nd, 9th and 16th December from 10-11.30am. Each week we will be looking at some of the different names of Jesus from the Bible, and sharing stories, prayers and coffee & cake! Everyone is welcome but please sign up first by using the list at the back of the church or by leaving a message on the Vicarage answerphone (0116 270 4268).

There are also many books and resources online to help you take a few minutes for **daily reflection and prayer** through Advent. You might like to take a look, for example, at the Archbishop of York's Advent Book for 2021 – *“Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill”* by Robyn Wrigley-Carr - which comes highly recommended. It's available from Christian Resources at St Martin's House in the city centre (0116 261 5222).

Tearfund are offering daily email devotions called 'Christmas in your global neighbourhood' at

https://www.tearfund.org/forms/advent-email-sign-up-form?tf_source=209720

Alternatively you might like to use a book that I have found particularly helpful: *“Waiting here for you – an Advent journey of hope”* by Louie Giglio. I have seven copies, each available for free or for a donation to Tearfund – just ask!

I hope you'll be able to rediscover Advent and so reclaim Christmas this year.

Adrian

New Bishop of Loughborough announced.

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Malayil Lukose Varghese Muthalaly (known as Saju), as the new Suffragan Bishop of Loughborough. He succeeds the first-ever Bishop of Loughborough, the Right Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani who became Bishop of Chelmsford earlier this year.



Bishop-elect Saju said: “It is an honour and a joy to be invited to become the next Bishop of Loughborough and I am looking forward to getting to know the people of Leicestershire.

“My priorities in ministry are profoundly relational. If I have felt anointed in anything, it is in forming friendships, gathering

God’s people, and creating hospitable and loving spaces in which people can grow in faith, hope, justice and love.

“I have a deep desire for the flourishing of all people, particularly the poor, those at the margins of our world. I grew up in a leprosy hospital in the city of Bangalore, India, where my mother worked as a nurse. From my earliest memory, my heart has bent towards those who live in poverty.”

For the last seven years, Bishop-elect Saju has been the vicar of St Mark’s and St Mary’s Island, Gillingham, in the Diocese of Rochester, Kent. He will be moving, with his wife and four children, to the diocese in the spring.

Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow said: “We are delighted that Saju is coming to join us in the Diocese of Leicester where we cherish the wide diversity of our worshipping communities and are looking to strengthen parishes and help them do more with their local schools. We look forward to the energy and enthusiasm Saju brings, knowing that he will be a Bishop who is first and foremost a disciple committed to listening and learning as he joins us in our vision of seeking the Kingdom of God.”



KNIGHTON PARISH SINGERS SING

GABRIEL FAURÉ

REQUIEM

A Time to Remember & Honour

All those we have loved and lost.

A time for remembrance with prayer,
music and light.

Wednesday 24th November
7.30pm
St Mary Magdalen Church

Conductor : Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Organist : Simon Headley

Free admission and no need to book. Turn up in good time to avoid disappointment. Please stay at home if you have recent covid symptoms or been in contact with someone with covid. Face-coverings, hand sanitising and social distancing with non-household members are still required in church.

Eco-Tip of the week

No textiles need go to landfill!

We all have clothes or textiles such as curtains, duvet covers and blankets that we don't want any more or are past their best.

But did you know that in the UK around 336,000 tonnes of our unwanted textiles get thrown away every year?

The good news is that there are simple ways to keep **all** textiles in use, and out of landfill.

I expect most of us already donate clothes and textiles that are in good condition to charity shops or put them in door-to-door collection bags. This is an important way to minimise the overall impact that clothing has on our environment.

However, did you know that items that aren't suitable to be passed onto someone else can be recycled and made into new items, such as padding for chairs and car seats, cleaning cloths and industrial blankets?

- **M and S have a 'Shwopping' scheme** whereby you can take unwanted textiles **of any quality** to one of their clothing stores and put it in a Shwop Box. Saleable items will be passed to Oxfam and the rest will go for recycling. Nothing is wasted!
- Textile recycling banks are widely available e.g. on the car park behind Boots in Oadby



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St. Mary Magdalen

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On

Saturday 27th November 2021

11.00 am until 2.00 pm

in

**THE KNIGHTON PARISH CENTRE,
BRINSMEAD ROAD, LEICESTER LE2 3WG**

STALLS TO INCLUDE:

CHRISTMAS GIFTS + CARDS & CRAFTS

TOILETRIES + CAKES + BOOKS + JEWELLERY

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES + JAMS & CHUTNEYS

PROSTATE CANCER CRAFT STALL

RAFFLE + GRAND TOMBOLA

Refreshments available:

Soup & bread roll + Tea + Coffee

Free Admission

Registered Charity No. 1130823

***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 **supplementary copy** of the catalogue with this **newsletter with some additional items that are now available**. 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. **Please check revised order form attached before ordering. Some items have now sold out!**

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