

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ

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This Sunday there will be an All Age Worship service based on the Wedding at Cana.

Collect and Readings for the Baptism of Christ

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm 29

Second Reading: Acts 8.14-17

¹⁴When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.)
15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

21Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

PRAYERS

"A person is a person through other persons; you can't be human in isolation; you are human only in relationships." Desmond Tutu, (Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory).

This Epiphany we may chalk our doors, "20+C+M+B+22" Christus Mansionem Benedicat' or Christ bless this house. We see the birth of Jesus for who he really is. May we see ourselves and each other as we are truly are with the eyes of Christ and who we are meant to be.

In this extreme cold, may be mindful and pray and help where we can those who have no home to be blessed. We pray particularly for the agencies in our city and beyond which help

those vulnerably housed, living in hostels, and refuges and those sleeping rough on the streets. We pray for the compassion of God to stir hearts to be brave and wise. We lift particularly the work of Action Homeless, Shelter, Women's Aid, One Roof, City of Sanctuary, The Big Issue and Help the Homeless and all those helping those in need.

We pray for protection from Omricon and this destructive virus to be banished from our world. We pray to the public health officials, scientists, clinical care staff and all those caring for those suffering to have the Lord's hands, care and eyes watching over them. May we know liberation from this oppression soon, Lord Jesus.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Aber 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@stguthlack-knighton.co.uk

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

16 th January	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
23 rd January	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Revd Adrian Jones
30 th January	Eucharist	Revd Matthew Gough
6 th February	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

Every Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

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

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Looking ahead - your next step in Christian faith? During this season of Advent you may be thinking about how to take the next step forward in your Christian faith. If you are not already baptised then please do talk to Adrian about this important marker of commitment and God's grace. Our next service of baptism in the benefice will be at St Mary's will be on Sunday 6th February 2022. If you are baptised but not yet confirmed, then, again, please talk to Adrian or Matthew about the significance of receiving God's blessing through this special service.

A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed to the very generous quantity of food, toys and toiletries which was donated at the gift service. These donations will be distributed locally to brighten up the festive season for our disadvantaged neighbours here in Leicester. Every gift will make a difference, being enjoyed not only for itself, but also for the feeling that someone cares.

HAPPY NEW YEAR