

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 6th February 2022

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Lent

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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



Sunday 6th February 10:30am

This Sunday Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

UPDATE: Sundays in January and February: “*Women of the Bible*”

As we move towards Lent, our 10.30am Sunday morning services are going to look more closely at some of the women of the Bible -often overlooked or under-appreciated.

Each week we will hear what the Bible says about one individual, and listen to a sermon that unpacks what we can learn for our own Christian lives today from the story and example of this specific woman; examples include Anna, Phoebe and Miriam.

On **Wednesday 23rd February** we will also have the opportunity to discuss the recent report about the Diocese of Leicester, called “*Women: the state of play*”. The report explores how women’s ministry has been received and appreciated over recent years, and has some challenging conclusions for us all. Our discussion will be led by Revd Alison Roche, and begins at 10.30am in the Narthex of St Mary’s, with coffee from 10.15. I hope it will prompt positive changes for our churches.

Copies of the report “*Women: the state of play*” are available in church, at the meeting or online here:

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffd8a9f6aa/content/pages/documents/1606123365.pdf>

If you would like to be part of the discussion but would prefer an evening time, then do please let myself or Alison know.

Adrian

The Readings for the Fourth Sunday before Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-13)

Psalm: 138

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel reading: Luke 5.1-11

Readings for this Sunday's Service

Luke 8.1-3

Some Women Accompany Jesus

8 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them^[a] out of their resources.

Matthew 28.1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been

raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

PRAYERS

Nation

We pray for 70years since Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne marked this Sunday. We thank God for her long service, her selfless character and enduring symbol of unity and continuity. We pray for her leadership to reflect the glory of Jesus Christ and inspire integrity, honesty and moral character amongst other national leaders.

Church

We pray for the General Synod happening with meaningful commitments to be made around issues of justice, people, planet and those most assaulted by the impact of injustice such as child victims of trafficking to be heard and action taken to redress such evil.

Local community

We pray for our new Bishop Saju to find his calling and vocation as he is newly installed as Bishop of Loughborough. We pray for Shaped By God Together, how it may a time for growth against a climate of fear. For God's Kingdom to be known in fresh ways. We pray for growing cautious confidence in our

church and community. We pray for the restarting of the choir in a resumed direction. How this may resume being a joyful noise for the Lord. We thank God for all the lessons of grace, unity, togetherness and love that we have learned on the pandemic. May we learn to all be grateful for the lives, opportunities and relationships we took for granted now we know as gifts from God.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Barrington 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@stguthlacknighton.co.uk

Funeral of Rob Muddimer

Rob's funeral will be held at St. Mary's on Monday 21st February at 1pm followed by a service at 2pm at South Leicestershire Memorial Park and Crematorium, Countesthorpe, LE8 5QP. Light refreshments will be available from 3pm at Leicester Bowling Club, Kenwood Road (please note bowling club is cash only). Please RSVP by 11th February to Charlotte.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

13 th February	All Age Worship	
20 th February	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
27 th February	Matins	David Hunt
	& Church Club in Holbrook Hall	
6 th March	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

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, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: email: churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk.

If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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Post Pandemic St. Guthlac's Choir

On **Wednesday, February 9th** the St. Guthlac's Choir will be restarting on a fortnightly basis. The Wednesday practice will be from 7.30pm. to 8.30pm. If you would like to come for a taster session, please contact Janet Edwards for a list of dates and more details.

Everyone Welcome.

Intercessors: Can you help? We currently only have a few intercessors for Sunday services.

Intercessors can read pre-prepared prayers from a published book or make up their own prayers. New intercessors will be given help and support. If we have a full complement of intercessors, each person would read the prayers once every two or three months.

Is this something you could do to help the church? If so please chat to Tina about it or email her.

Looking ahead – *Adrian's forthcoming 'Extended Study Leave'*

I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has given me his permission for a period of Extended Study Leave (or 'Sabbatical' as it used to be called) in 2022, between 25th April and 25th July.

This will give me a break from normal parish responsibilities for a while, and the opportunity to reflect, read, research and come back renewed! Please don't imagine that it's a sign I'm leaving... quite the opposite in fact! - I'm hoping that this time will give me lots of ideas and material to use back in our churches to refresh our worshipping life for a long time to come.

During my extended study leave I'll be looking at ways in which spirituality and discipleship 'on the margins' can nurture and support the life of Christian communities in more 'mainstream' urban and suburban areas. They're should be lots for me to tell you about, and plenty of ideas to try.

On a practical note, although I'll still be at home with the family in the vicarage most of the time, the aim is to break from normal parish responsibilities such as visiting, taking services, and being part of meeting. Thankfully, Matthew will be able to pick up the reins, with assistance from the other members of the Ministry Team, during this time.

I've discussed my Study Leave with both PCCs in the benefice and I'm grateful for their support. As you would imagine, we will plan carefully to ensure that all aspects of church life are maintained while I'm on my sabbatical.

Although we've some time to go yet, do please ask me any questions you may have about what I'll be doing, or about the arrangements for the churches here.

Adrian

The Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen

As I'm sure you'll know, the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen will be celebrated in 2022 across the Commonwealth, marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne. The celebration plans centre on a long bank holiday weekend from 2-5th June, and there will be special events of all sorts at that time.

The actual anniversary falls this Sunday, 6th February. Please join with us in using this special prayer for Her Majesty this week:

*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant,
we thank you that you have given Elizabeth, our Queen, a heart to serve her people,
and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her:
encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good,
until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom.
Amen.*

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FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included
in the next newsletter by **noon Thursday Jan 6th** 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>

We are making our garden more wildlife friendly!

The St Guthlac's Eco group have made good progress with plans to improve the wildlife value of the garden

- Compost bins are now in place and can be used by those tending the garden for soft garden waste (excluding of course perennial weeds such as bindweed and mare's tail) as well as waste from flower arranging, tea bags etc
- A green council garden waste bin has been requested and will be available for twiggy waste. It will also be used by the gardener for hedge and grass clipping
- Some areas will be sown with bee friendly flower mixes
- Two additional trees will be planted shortly (details to follow)
- The area of grass between the two buildings will be left to grow long during the summer
- Bird boxes and insect hotels are planned

