

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**God Speaks to Everyone:
We All Make up the Body of the Church!**

**Sunday 13th February 2022
Third Sunday before Lent**

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This Sunday Revd Matthew Gough & Tina Jarvis will be leading a service of All Age Worship.

Women in Ministry – an invitation to conversation

During this season in our Sunday services we have been remembering some of the women of the Bible, and reflecting on what we might learn from them.

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. Do please let either Alison or myself know if you’re coming, so that we can plan the biscuits!

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, again, do please let myself or Alison know.
Adrian

The Collect & Readings for the Third Sunday before Lent

The Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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: Jeremiah 17.5-10

Psalm: 1

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Gospel reading: Luke 6.17-26

Readings for this Sunday's Service

Jeremiah 1.4-10

The Call of Jeremiah

4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

6 “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

7 But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Unity and Diversity in the Body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

23 and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it,

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

PRAYERS

We pray for the crisis of integrity in our national public life. We pray for the exposure and removal of corruption which corrodes trust in our leadership. We pray for moral leadership at a time of economic and environmental emergency. We pray for those unable to afford to heat their homes or feed their families. We pray the promises of Jesus in the Beatitudes that Blessed are the poor, blessed are the hungry for they will be filled.

We pray for peace in Eastern Europe. We pray for Orthodox national churches to be one as Jesus called his followers and church to be one. We pray for their moral leadership to work for peace. We pray Jesus pray for the peacemakers for them to be blessed. We worship a Prince of Peace and pray for his sovereignty to be made known over all those in authority and all nations as we look forward to an eternal kingdom where all will kneel and confess Jesus as Lord.

We pray for our local communities, preparing to come out of Covid restrictions. We pray for the continued consideration and care for one another apparent throughout the pandemic. We pray for those continuing to shield and fearful of contact that we do not forget them as Jesus commanded us to look out for the least. Whenever we see and look after the least we may meet and serve Christ.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Beresford Drive.**

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

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

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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HOLIDAYS

As it is the half term holiday Matthew and family will be away after Sunday 13th. Adrian and family are away from Saturday 12th - Tuesday 15th. In the case of urgent need, please do contact one of the other members of the Ministry Team or the Church Wardens (phone numbers at the back of the newsletter). **Please note there will be no midweek Communion services on 15th or 17th February.**

How am I to live out my faith?
What could God be saying to me?
What opportunities are there to serve God?

To explore these questions further...

Everyday Calling

with Bishop Saju

Saturday March 26th 10am—3pm

Lunch included

Grand Hall, St Martin's House



Day will include seminars on:

- ♦ How to set up a social action project
- ♦ Exploring ordained or lay ministry
- ♦ How do I hear from God?
- ♦ Training opportunities

Time to chat to people in a range of callings eg

- ♦ Church Army
- ♦ Street Pastors
- ♦ Spiritual Directors
- ♦ Schools projects

To book a place email:

claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org

(Please state any dietary needs)

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

NB. THERE IS NO SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 17TH

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

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 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.

Tree planting at St Guthlac's on Sunday 27th Feb:

After the service and Church Club a flowering cherry and an eating apple tree will be planted in the church garden, as part of our plan to enrich the habitat. You are warmly invited to watch or assist with this. We hope the weather will be kind!



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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2022
'Choose The World You Want' Exhibition

We need your imagination!
Churches together in Clarendon Park and Knighton

Photographs, poems, pictures of your art work
what might you come up with?



Please send your entries to acbrindle@gmail.com
by 6th March

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