

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 20th February 2022
Second Sunday before Lent

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This Sunday Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

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 Second Sunday before Lent

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25

Psalm: 65

Second Reading: Revelation 4

Gospel reading: Luke 8.22-25

Readings for this Sunday's Service

Exodus 2.1-10

Birth and Youth of Moses

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Exodus 15.1-6, 20-21

The Song of Moses

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³ The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

⁴ “Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵ The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

The Song of Miriam

²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

PRAYERS

From A Better Resurrection

I have no wit, no words, no tears;
My heart within me like a stone
Is numb'd too much for hopes or fears;
Look right, look left, I dwell alone;
I lift mine eyes, but dimmed with grief
No everlasting hills I see;
My life is in the falling leaf:
O Jesus, quicken me.

My life is like a faded leaf,
My harvest dwindled to a husk;
Truly my life is void and brief
And tedious in the barren dusk;
My life is like a frozen thing,
No bud nor greenness can I see:
Yet rise it shall — the sap of Spring;
O Jesus, rise in me.

Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

A note on the prayer - We may find ourselves like our season, in later winter with the promise of the spring. Yet for many of us we may endure the winter of our lives. Or, perhaps the hardening of hearts is apparent at the national level and the bleakness of circumstance seems endless. Rosetti's unflinching unsentimental poetic prayer invites us to enter once more into the Christ who can handle pain, suffering and dwell with us when hope seems absent.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Birkdale Avenue.**

Those facing personal pain we name before our Lord.

And those who have finished their days on this; 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.

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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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

27 th February	Matins	David Hunt
	& Church Club in Holbrook Hall	
6 th March	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
13 th March	Morning Prayer	Fiona Wingate
20 th March	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones

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

Post Pandemic St. Guthlac's Choir

St. Guthlac's Choir has 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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administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Don't forget to visit the St. Guthlac's Facebook page and
website <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

***South Knighton Community Events:
March Event***

***A Talk by Dr Ian Cross about his time
working for Medecins Sans Frontieres:
March 5th 7.30pm***



Dr Ian Cross, formerly a Leicester GP, spent a number of years working as a doctor for the international organisation, Medecins Sans Frontieres. He will recall his experiences working on the front line to save lives in countries across the world. Ian has appeared on a number of TV programmes including Victoria Derbyshire and you can read his MSF blog [here](#)

At Holbrook Memorial Hall, Holbrook Rd

Saturday 5th March 7.30 to 10.00 pm

Entry: £5.00 which includes a donation to MSF, additional donations welcome on the night.

No need to book.

Please bring your own nibbles and drink

For further information contact Judith Hibbert

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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

<https://churches-together.co.uk/what-we-do/faith-in-action/> Churches Together South Leicester