

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 27th March 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday

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This Sunday Revd Matthew Gough & Jean Gabbar will be leading a service of All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday.

The Collect & Readings for Mothering Sunday

The Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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: Exodus 2.1-10

Psalm 34.11-20

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of

Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel reading: Luke 2.33-35

³³The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

The Collect & Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Collect

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading: Joshua 5.9-12

Psalm 32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Gospel reading: Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father we thank you for the warmth of Spring Sunshine and colour in the gardens and parks.

We pray for gas and electricity producers to be moved by justice over greed. Compassion over selfishness to share the profits made over the last few years to benefit those unable to pay their increased and unaffordable utility bills. We pray, Heavenly Father, for you to equip our political leaders with selfless courage and will, to challenge the powerful in our society to work for the common good over private greed.

We cry out for the suffering in Ukraine. We pray for the Russian Orthodox Church as fellow believers, brothers and sisters in Christ to turn their hearts to peace and reject as Pope Francis has called, 'the fallacy of a just war'. Father forgive Western hypocrisy where, in our name, smaller countries have been exploited for the wealth and comfort of Western nations. May we turn away from the unjust machinations of war and the weaponry of war and misery which creates such wealth for our nation. May we be honest and contrite in our reckoning with Christ as you call us to examine our hearts and motives.

May the Church this Lent, and beyond, be a beacon of hope and redemption for the thousands of Ukrainian refugee families who come into our communities. Give us hearts of hospitality and courage as this Lent we understand our own grace in your sight. May we realise that our citizenship is in heaven and none of us are home until we dwell fully in your Kingdom. **Amen**

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Farley 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

Celebrate Easter 2022!

This year we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus - the first Easter - across both churches in our benefice. Do join us at any of the following services:

Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday All Age Worship at St Guthlac's, 10.30am
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, 10.30am
Thursday 14 th April	Maundy Thursday Communion at St Guthlac's, 7.30pm
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday All Age Worship at St Guthlac's, 10.30am
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday Meditation at the Cross, St Mary's at 2pm
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday Reflection at St Mary's, 7.30pm
Sunday 17 th April	Sunrise Celebration at St Guthlac's, 5.30am - 6.15am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day Sung Eucharist at St Guthlac's, 10.30am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, 10.30am

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

3 rd April	Eucharist	Revd Matthew Gough
10 th April	Palm Sunday - All Age Worship	Revd Adrian Jones
17 th April	Easter Day – Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
24 th April	Morning Prayer	Revd Matthew Gough & Cecilia Adjadje

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

LENT DIFFERENCE COURSE & COMPLINE

Online Compline on Wednesdays will start at 7.30 pm during Lent. It will be before the Lent Difference Course which starts at 8.00. The Zoom link is unchanged and is the same for both compline and the Lent Difference course.

Topic: Compline then Lent Course

Time: 7.30pm Compline 7.55pm Lent Course

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09>

Or Dial in- 0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

A Prayer for Ukraine

from Christian Aid

Lord of all people and all nations,
we lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of
Russia,
each girl and boy, each woman and man
living in fear of what tomorrow might bring.

We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
when weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
when nation will no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace.

Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security
and safety;
comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved
ones;
change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression;
fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace.

Please Lord come and have your way in your world.
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven.
May your peace reign. Now and always.

We lift this prayer to you, our God,
who is able to do more than we can ever ask or imagine.
In the name of Christ our saviour.
Amen

Caring for each other at church during infectious times

As you'll know we are no longer subject to Government legal regulations and restrictions relating to Corona virus. Our Worship Committee met recently, on behalf of the PCC, to discuss what precautions we should discontinue or keep at St Guthlac's. We were agreed firstly, that when we come to church we should continue to have the highest regard for the safety and wellbeing of other people as well as our own comfort.

We have also agreed that we should gradually increase the number of chairs in the church, and that from Easter we will resume having refreshments after the service. The choir will once again be able to process to their places, we will place a collection plate at the back of the church and we will stop recording those present at each service. For the moment we do *not* feel it is the right time to resume offering the wine to the congregation as part of our Communion services. The priest officiating at Communion will continue to sanitise their hands and wear a mask as now.

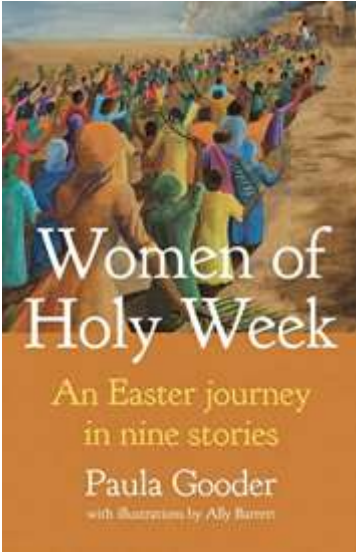
Other matters are very much down to each person's own conscience, but can I please ask you, when you come to church:

- to consider continuing to wear your face covering;
- to consider sanitising your hands on the way into church;
- to avoid crowding together when finding a seat and after church to give people a little more space than usual;
- **not** to come to church if you have any symptoms of covid-19 or a positive lateral flow test in the last 24 hours;
- to be understanding of those people whose response to the hazards of the virus is different to your own.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these precautions and changes – this way we can remain both safe and welcoming!

Adrian

Women of Holy Week



During Lent you may well have been reading this new book, alongside others of us in the church. It has proved to be a stimulating and imaginative way to follow up our Sunday series about women in the Bible.

We'll be talking about the stories from Paula Gooder's book at a special coffee morning, at **10am on Wednesday 6th April** at the Vicarage. You are warmly invited, especially if you've been reading – or intend to! If you're able to tell Adrian Jones or Alison Roche in advance (0116 270 4268) then we'll be

able to count out chairs and biscuits! See you then.

Local Aid Convoy to Ukraine Feedback Session

Two weeks ago, Hamish with other Leicester based Eastern Europeans took a local aid convoy supported by Knighton Church Road residents to the Ukrainian and Polish Border. Come along and learn about the challenges as Hamish will talk and share images of the mission. **Thursday 31st March 7.30pm in St Guthlacs Church.**

CHURCH GARDEN SEED SOWING: MOTHERING SUNDAY 27TH MARCH AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Following the success of our tree planting session in February, wildflower and grass seed will be sown in the church garden straight after the service on Mothering Sunday. Everyone is invited to stay on to join in or just to enjoy some fellowship.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING This will take place in St. Guthlac's, on **Sunday 24th April 11.45am**, after the Sunday service. The agenda and reports from the PCC will be available two weeks prior to the meeting.

ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

At our upcoming annual meeting there will be the election of 2 churchwardens for a 1 year term of office and 3 PCC members for a 3 year term of office.

If you would like to stand for election or to find out more about what is involved, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

Lesley Meakin (PCC secretary)

ELECTORAL ROLL

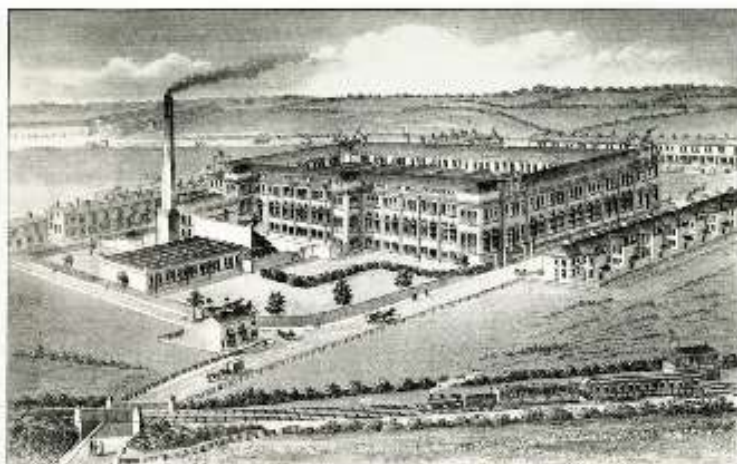
If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please contact Jane Wright

administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk for a form. Completed forms must be returned to Jane by 3rd April if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. The 'Notice of Revision' posted on our website and the internal church noticeboard gives details of eligibility. Thank you.

Choir Practice Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 30th March 7.30pm-8.30pm in church.



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



WATERBURY BOOT AND SHOE WORKS, BRIGHTON FIELDS, LEICESTER

These Boots Are Made For Walking: the Boot & Shoe Trade in Leicester

Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 7.30pm

A talk by popular local historian Brian Johnson

Venue: Oadby Granville Tennis Club,
Leicester Road, Oadby LE2 4AB

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall
Free to members, non-members a small donation (£2) is appreciated
Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk

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