

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 3rd April 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Passiontide

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This Sunday Revd Matthew Gough will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 43.16-21

Psalm 126

Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be

found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel reading: John 12.1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

PRAYERS

"Culture eats strategy for breakfast"

We pray for a spiritual transformation in our national and global politics. All our plans can amount to dust without values of integrity, justice and righteousness. Lord come amongst our national and global leaders, soften their hearts, give them courage and strengthen their will to look out for the least.

We pray particularly for those worrying about paying their utility bills and feeding their families.

We pray for those most affected by the loss of our recently retired Chief Constable of Leicestershire, Simon Coles. We pray for his young family and all those grieving for his death. We pray that they may be comforted by the sure hope of eternal resting with a loving Father.

We pray for all those national and local refugee sponsors organising to support the thousands of Ukrainian refugees in homes, communities and churches throughout the land. We pray that we too may be compassionate and generous when called upon to exercise our welcome. We pray that their stay may be short as peace comes upon their land soon. For the Prince of Peace, Jesus is sovereign over the principalities and rulers of this world. His reign is greater than Putin and all those who make war. Christ, the liberator of the oppressed, may your will be done.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Francis Street.**

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

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
1 st May	Eucharist	

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

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 6th April 7.30pm-8.30pm in church.

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.

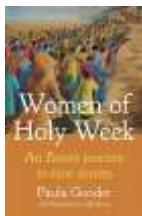
Please Lord come and have your way in your world.
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven.
May your peace reign. Now and always.

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

Ukrainian Refugee Host Sponsorship

You may already be aware that the government is encouraging householders and communities to act as hosts to offer temporary accommodation or support for the 1000s of Ukrainian refugees expecting to arrive in the UK to escape the warzone. Leicester Diocese and Leicester University are official community sponsors and the council is responsible for safeguarding and vetting. Hosting is not just about accommodation, rather it is being prepared to be a place of welcome and support. Government will financially support the families and they will be entitled to work and access benefits and services. The Diocese is currently gathering data on churches, individuals and householders who are signing up either to the government accommodation scheme and need to be under the sponsorship of the Diocese, or families and churches willing to offer support. I am currently collating this for our parishes. Please let me know if you have signed up to the government scheme or would like to support families on arrival offering to host with meals and support in other ways. Thanks, Matthew revgough@gmail.com

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.

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

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

How to be more sustainable in your garden



Now Spring is under way, many of us are getting out into our gardens and planning for the season ahead. Whatever the size of your garden, and however keen a gardener you are, you can make a difference to the environment by adopting as many of these planet friendly gardening tips as you can:

- **Plant a tree:** Help with carbon capture and enhance your environment
- **Use a water butt:** Switch from mains to rains
- **Go peat free:** Choose peat free compost and keep peat in bogs, not bags
- **Make your own compost:** And typically save over 5kg carbon emissions
- **Plant for pollinators:** Grow a variety of plants to support insect diversity
- **Grow your own:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and tastier produce

For more information and advice on these tips, and for further suggestions, please look at the RHS website article '10 ways to be more sustainable in your garden'

THANK YOU, AND HAPPY GARDENING!