

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 10th April 2022
Palm Sunday

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This Sunday Tina Jarvis will be leading a service of All Age Worship.

The Collect & Readings for Palm Sunday

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and
humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19.28-40

²⁸Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ³⁰‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this, “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying

the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Liturgy of the Passion

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel reading: 22.14 - 23.56

PRAYERS

As we step into holy week, we are reminded that Jesus rode through the gates of Jerusalem on a donkey. Loving Father help us to be humble, crucify our pride. Father, may we walk with purpose and confidence in step with the spirit. May we have the strength to endure suffering as each day gives us choices to transform more into the creatures you intend us to be. May you melt our hearts with compassion and know joy in all our different opportunities to serve, witness to others and love beyond ourselves. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Freemantle 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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 9.30am morning communion service at St Guthlac's on Thursday 14th April. The Maundy Thursday Communion service will be at 7.30pm.

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
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Choir Practice Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 13th April 7.30pm-8.30pm in church.

Easter Morning Sunrise Vigil 5.30am

You are warmly invited to **St Guthlac's garden** at Dawn from **5.30am** to witness the light of **Easter Sunday** coming into the world. It is an early start and we will finish by around 6.15am witnessing the risen sun and birdsong of a new day. A contemplative time of devotion, with prayer, liturgy and reading around a firepit, then lighting the 2022 Paschal candle to take the light into the church with Taize music and communion inside. If you would like to help with any of the readings or want any updates, please let me know,



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The photo is from last year's Easter Sunrise at St Mary's when we were prohibited from worshipping inside the building. Due to Covid this will be the first time we have celebrated Easter inside the churches since 2019 (before I started!). Matthew

Online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, all welcome.

Online joining details are:

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)

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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Expressionist Spirit: German Expressionist Art at Leicester Museums



Sunday 24th April, 14:00 - 16:00, Free.
Leicester Synagogue and Heritage Centre



A talk examining the links between Leicester's renowned German Expressionist Art collection and Jewish refugees escaping Nazi Germany.

Founded in wartime in 1944 with vibrant, colourful canvases spirited out of Germany by a refugee Jewish art collector, Tekla Hess, and now numbering around 500 artworks, Leicester's collection of German Expressionist Art holds many stories. Artists include Franz Marc, Ludwig Meidner, Kathe Kollwitz, Lotte Laserstein, Otto Dix and many others.

The speaker is Simon Lake, for a number of years the art curator at Leicester, now a freelance art historian and lecturer. His book, 'The Painter's Hidden Masterpiece: The Story of Johannes Matthaeus Koelz' is out now.

The Heritage Centre will be opened 30 minutes prior to and after the talk to provide access to our displays and tours of the Synagogue.

To book your free ticket please visit
<https://jewish-leicester.co.uk/visit-us-leicester/> and follow the links.



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

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 a year
- **Plant for pollinators:** Grow a variety of plants to support insect diversity
- **Grow your own:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enjoy 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!