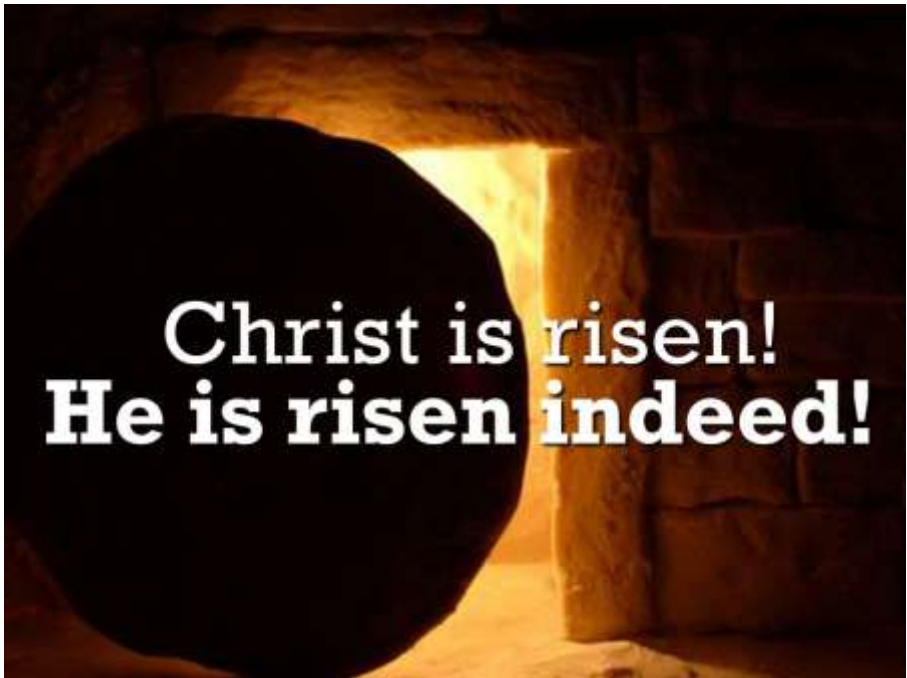


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 17th April 2022
Easter Day

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At 5.30am this Sunday, Revd Matthew Gough will be presiding at the Sunrise Vigil. Please see below for further information.

At 10:30am this Sunday Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

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,

revgough@gmail.com



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

The Collect & Readings for Easter Day

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one

whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

Gospel reading: Luke 24.1-12

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ ⁸Then they remembered Jesus’ words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

PRAYERS

He is risen. Alleluia! Death is defeated.

May we know the joy of resurrection in our world, nation, church and personal lives.

We pray for the machinery of death in Ukraine and all areas of conflict to cease in the name of the Risen One!

Death where is your sting?

We pray for the reckless disregard for law, decency and truth in our national life to cease.

As every knee and tongue will confess Christ as Lord.

In our homes, communities and families may we know the peace of the Risen Christ among us. May our doubts turn to faith. Our fears to hope. For he is alive. We recall Jesus words, "I will be with you always until the end of time".

He is the Alpha and Omega.

Amen

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Gartree 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@stguthlack-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:

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
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St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

24 th April	Morning Prayer	Revd Matthew Gough & Cecilia Adjadje
1 st May	Eucharist	
8 th May	All Age Worship	
15 th May	Eucharist	

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

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.

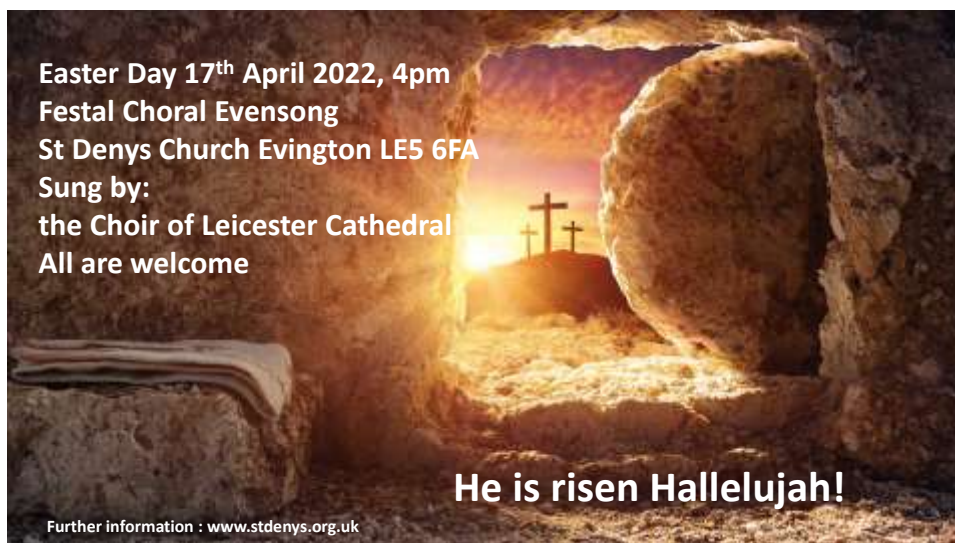
If you would like to stand for election or to find out more about what is involved, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

Lesley Meakin (PCC secretary)



Outdoor /Indoor Activities
Food, fun and a safe space to be
yourself & make friends
Thursdays 7.30-9pm
May 5, 19, June 9 & 23
St Guthlacs Church
To reserve a place or find out more
revgough@gmail.com 07754961997
Experienced leaders with DBS

Knighton Youth Group Ages 11-17 (Free!)



Easter Day 17th April 2022, 4pm
Festal Choral Evensong
St Denys Church Evington LE5 6FA
Sung by:
the Choir of Leicester Cathedral
All are welcome

He is risen Hallelujah!

Further information : www.stdenys.org.uk

Choir Practice Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 27th April
7.30pm-8.30pm in church.

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:

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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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

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.



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!

Wishing you a blessed Easter from the churches in Clarendon Park and Knighton

To discover how we are celebrating this season,
you can find details of our churches at
www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southleicester

May you know
the hope of new life
this day and always

