

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 24th April 2022
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This Sunday Cecilia Adjadje will be leading a service of Morning Prayer and Revd Matthew Gough will be preaching. Church Club will be taking place in Holbrook Hall.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING This will take place in St. Guthlac's, **THIS SUNDAY 24th April 11.45am**, after the Sunday service.

ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

At our 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)

The Collect & Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 5.27-32

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead – whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Psalm 118.14-29

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8

Gospel reading: John 20.19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 – **Goldhill Road.**

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@stguthlack-knighton.co.uk

Sad news from our Church Family - I'm sorry to have to tell you that our friend and long-serving member of the Knighton churches, Bob Rutland, died in the early hours of Good Friday. Since a diagnosis in late January, Bob had been very seriously ill and recently had moved to LOROS. Please do pray for Sybil and their children, Philip and Charlotte, in the face of this sad loss. Bob was a supportive and encouraging man of deep faith, and we will miss his wisdom and humour so much. *Adrian*

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

1 st May	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
8 th May	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis & Jean Gabbar
15 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
22 nd May	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt

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

Looking ahead – *Adrian's Sabbatical Study Leave*

I'm pleased to say that Bishop Martyn has given me his permission for a period of Extended Study Leave (or 'Sabbatical' as it used to be called) in 2022, between 25th April and 25th July.

This will give me a break from normal parish responsibilities for a while, and the opportunity to reflect, read, research and come back renewed! Please don't imagine that it's a sign I'm leaving... quite the opposite in fact! - I'm hoping that this time will give me lots of ideas and material to use back in our churches to refresh our worshipping life for a long time to come.

During my extended study leave I'll be looking at ways in which spirituality and discipleship 'on the margins' can nurture and support the life of Christian communities in more 'mainstream' urban and suburban areas. There should be lots for me to tell you about, and plenty of ideas to try.

On a practical note, although I'll still be at home with the family in the vicarage most of the time, the aim is to break from normal parish responsibilities such as visiting, taking services, administration, emails and meetings. Thankfully, Matthew will be able to pick up the reins, with assistance from the other members of the Ministry Team, during this time.

I've discussed my Study Leave with both PCCs in the benefice and I'm grateful for their support. As you would imagine, we have planned carefully to ensure that all aspects of church life are maintained while I'm on my sabbatical.

Best wishes,
Adrian



Knighton Youth Group Ages 11-17 (Free!)

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

Bluebell Walk, Sunday 1st May, Outwoods

Margaret Young and Rev Matthew would like to invite you to join us as we appreciate the wonder of God's creation: the shortlived bluebells in woodlands this spring. After church Sunday 1st May, meet either for lunch at the Outwoods cafe 1pm or just for walk from 2pm in the car park
Outwoods Car Park, Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse Eaves, LE11 3YG contact Margaret or Matthew

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

There have already been some changes. All the chairs are back in the church and the Welcome Area is fully accessible, so that refreshments will be available after the services. We no longer record those present at each service. However, a collection plate will not be passed around during the service but will be placed at the back of the church.

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.

Other matters are very much down to each person's own conscience, but can we 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 & Churchwardens*

CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Revd. Adrian Jones *Adrian is currently on sabbatical study leave, so please contact Matthew, others in the Ministry Team, or the Church Wardens as appropriate. He'll be back at the end of July.*

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FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by noon next Thursday to administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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!