

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 1st May 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday Revd Aphro McCullough will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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: Acts 9.1-6(7-20)

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him

stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Psalm 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

¹¹I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing! ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel reading: John 21.1-19

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

PRAYERS

God's one and only job description is to turn death into life. That's what God does with every new springtime, every new life, every new season, every new anything. — Richard Rohr

Nation & World

We pray for a ceasing of war and brutality in Ukraine. We pray for the Patriarch of Russia to hear the word on God upon his heart. We pray for his courage, insight and truth to prevail in his counsel to the Russian leadership. We pray for peace to come upon the region, for the homelessness faced by tens of 1000s of families to be remedied. We pray for our country to be bold in offering help. We pray for renewed integrity in public life, for those who set policy and the moral tone of the nation, to repent of self-indulgence and greed, instead to hear the voice of the poorest affected by current hardships.

Church & Community

We pray for the new season in our Church's life post-Covid. With churches and all people of good will may we seek to work for hope amongst all facing the despair of poverty, seeking refuge, hunger, fear of rising costs. May divisions be lessened and hurts healed and forgotten to be one, building community and kingdom. We pray for the Anglican Churches in Leicester to forge ahead with God's blessing seeking God's will for the design of the new systems and structures. We pray against the diminishing fear of scarcity instead seeking a bold hope, confident in the power of new life and resurrection in our churches.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Goldhill Gardens.**

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@stguthlacknighnton.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. **Bob's funeral will be on Thursday 5th May at 3pm in St Mary's.**
Adrian

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

8th May All Age Worship Tina Jarvis & Jean Gabbar

15th May Eucharist Revd Janet Gasper

22nd May Matins David Hunt
 & Church Club

29th May Benefice Eucharist @ St. Guthlac's
 Revd Matthew Gough &
 Revd Aphro McCullough

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

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

Choir Practice Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 4th May 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



**South Leicestershire Christian Partnership
Christian Aid Week Launch Service
at St Mary Magdalen Parish Church, Brinsmead Road
Knighton
Sunday 15th May 6.30pm
Christian Aid Speaker national church lead, John Plant
All welcome
A collection will be taken for Christian Aid's work tackling
hunger and the impact of climate injustice**

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

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

**St James the Greater Church
London Road, Leicester
Saturday May 7th 2022
7.30 p.m.**

St. Cecilia Mass
Gounod



Mass in C
Beethoven

Danni O'Neill - Soprano

Annie George- Contralto

Paul Smy - Tenor

Robert Clarke- Bass

Simon Headley - accompanist

Richard Archer - Conductor

Eco-Tip of the month: May

Low waste bathroom swaps

The average bathroom is awash with plastic: Bottles of shampoo, conditioner, bubble bath, shower gel, hand wash..... as well as toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, razors, synthetic sponges, wet wipes, make up removal pads and more. Taking steps to reduce bathroom plastic may seem daunting, but there are some easy swaps you can make.



Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and soap

- Try solid, plastic free shampoo and conditioner bars, or buy liquid brands which can be refilled locally
- Use a bar of soap instead of shower gels and liquid soaps: many types are available either unpackaged or in plastic free packaging

Dental care

It is estimated that 150 million plastic toothbrushes go to landfill in the UK annually, along with plastic toothpaste tubes and mouth wash bottles.

- Swap to bamboo toothbrushes
- Choose mouthwash in glass bottles, or try mouthwash tablets
- Toothpaste is now available in glass jars or metal tubes

Wet wipes and make up removal pads

These have become the scourge of sewers, with a 700% increase in use over the last decade (amounting to 11 billion a year in the UK) contributing to the formation of fatbergs and pollution of beaches and oceans

- Swap to reusable fabric wipes and makeup pads made of natural materials, which are widely available to buy
- Recycle old towels, flannels and muslins to make wipes and cloths



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Discovering Roman Leicestershire & Rutland

The New Archaeological Evidence

An illustrated talk by Peter Liddle, retired County Archaeologist,
and now freelance lecturer, writer and TV personality

Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.30pm

Venue: Stoneygate Baptist Church, London Road,
Leicester LE2 3ND (opposite the Regency Hotel)

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall
Free to members, non-members a small donation (£2) is appreciated
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