

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 8th May 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

The Collect & Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9. 36-43

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand

and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

Gospel reading: John 10.22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

Elections at Annual Church Meeting

At our recent annual meeting Tina Jarvis and David Hunt were re-elected as churchwardens. Alison Welsted and Lesley Meakin were elected as PCC members. Grateful thanks to those willing to serve in these roles and a special welcome to Alison, who is joining the PCC for the first time.

PRAYERS

Lord give us love and common sense and standards that are high. Give us calm and confidence. And please, a twinkle in the eye. Christian Workers' Prayer.

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 – **Grenfell 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

Blessing your donations & the Collection Plate

Now many people do planned-giving through their direct debit, it seems inappropriate to hand the collection plate round during a service. The collection plate now will be at the back of the church.

Please leave your donation as you come into the service.

A steward or member of the congregation will take up the plate to the altar for all donations to be blessed during the 3rd / offertory hymn or at a suitable point in non-Eucharist services.

Newsletters on Line

Both St Guthlac's and St Mary's current and backdated newsletters are available online.

St Guthlac's <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

St Mary's <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk>

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

15 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
22 nd May	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
29 th May	Benefice Eucharist @ St. Guthlac's	Revd Matthew Gough & Revd Aphro McCullough
5 th June	Eucharist	Revd Matthew Gough & Revd Janet Gasper

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

St Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk

Wednesday 1 June 2022

Start: 9.15am at St Wistan's Church,
Kibworth Road, Wistow. LE8 0QF

Finish: Bell Street Monument,
Wigston, LE18 1AD

Free,
Family
Event!

- Four-mile leisurely walk
- Learn about the legend of the Leicestershire saint
- Local cafés serving refreshments
- Event for all the family
- Please dress suitably



For more information search St Wistan Pilgrimage on Facebook, contact Reverend Matthew Gough 07754961997 or email revgough@gmail.com



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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

Choir Practice Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm-8.30pm in church.

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



**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**



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!)

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>

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



THANK YOU

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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LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Thomas Cook and the Temperance Movement

Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm

An illustrated talk by the local historian Neil Crutchley

**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
Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk

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