

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 15th May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 11.1-18

¹The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ⁸But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has

ever entered my mouth.” ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Psalm 148

Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

Gospel reading: John 13.31-35

³¹During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment,

that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

PRAYERS

Christian Aid Week

We pray for those in Zimbabwe, suffering hardship through climate injustice and unfair trade. We pray for those in East Africa suffering drought and disrupted food supplies due to conflict in Africa and Europe. We pray for our efforts close to home as support the different churches by hosting the launch event in our Benefice.

Jubilee Communities

We pray for our streets, neighbours and churches coming together in a spirit of unity and joyful community. We pray for us to discern where we can be most available and aware of God's promptings for us to join in. We pray for peace, prosperity and full embracing of all as we come together to celebrate this most exceptional of sovereigns.

Easter People

We pray for a resurrection of integrity in our national political life, We pray for a resurrection of compassion and courage from those who govern to alleviate the poverty inflicted by poor policies and profiteering corporates which have created a cost of living and fuel crisis.

Ukraine and Russia

We pray for the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church to see the Christ like need for peace from Russia to Ukraine. We pray for those refugees without home to be given shelter soon. We pray for our communities and government systems to work together to help with generous and wise compassion.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Guilford 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@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.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
12 th June	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis & Lesley Meakin

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

New recurring access link and codes for Online Compline

Online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, all welcome.
From **Wednesday 18th May** onwards, please use the following:

Topic: Compline

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

St Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk

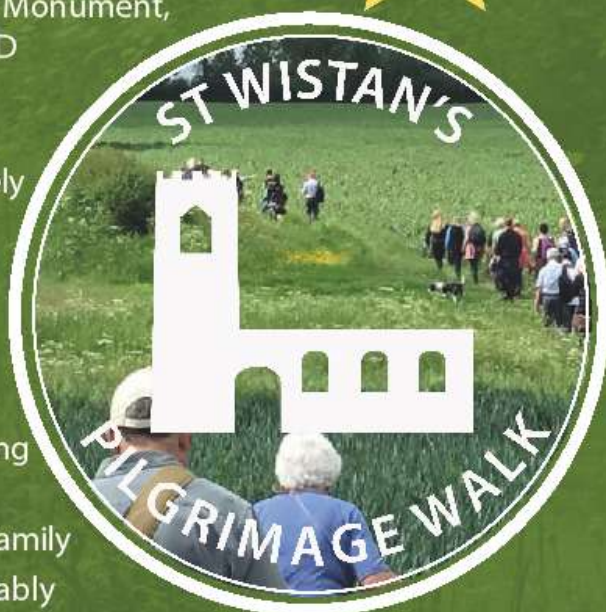
Wednesday 1 June 2022

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.



**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**

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.

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>

Please support Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May



St Guthlac's church is raising money for Christian Aid Week because it's unjust that drought is driving people into hunger. Jessica fears her children won't eat tonight. Drought robs her of the power to provide for her family. But with your help we could make sure families like hers can grow drought-tolerant crops that flourish in the changing climate. Please join us this Christian Aid Week by donating in one of these ways:

- Through a donation in a Christian Aid envelope which is delivered to your home, or one available in church
- By donating on-line through our St Guthlac's e-envelope. This is easy to do by using the following link

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-guthlac-knighton>



THANK YOU!

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



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
Any queries to leicester@lrhfs.org.uk

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