

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

<https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>



Sunday 22nd May 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday David Hunt will be leading a service of Matins. Church Club will be taking place in Holbrook Hall

The Collect & Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple

cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Psalm 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5

Gospel reading: John 5.1-9

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' ⁷The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' ⁸Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

PRAYERS

‘A ceaseless interchange of mutual love unites the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our prayer is not merely communication with God, it is coming to know God by participation in this divine life. In prayer we experience what it is to be made “participants in the divine nature”; we are caught up in the communion of the divine persons as they flow to one another in self-giving love and reciprocal joy.’ [Society of St John the Evangelist, Rule of Life]

As this Christian Aid week draws to a close and we turn our minds to the Ascension of Jesus Christ, we see the scars of humanity on a risen Christ taken into the heavenly realm. We are comforted that all our brokenness, wounds and hurt will one day be enfolded by the Divine.

Help us Lord as witness to our communities the difference that faith makes to our lives that we may bear fruit, know joy, peace and generosity being kind to all we meet.

We pray for all those community jubilee plans that will be a rich celebration for the reign of our Queen. May she enjoy robust health in body and mind as we honour her diligent enduring service.

We pray for those facing hardship in Ukraine that peace may break forth and evil be restrained. We pray for those in this country facing food and fuel hardships, that political will and virtuous practice may prevail to alleviate such poverty.

We pray for those struggling with the effects of climate emergency, rising prices and food shortages in East Africa and Zimbabwe. We pray for your holy kingdom to reign. Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Hendon Grange.**

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

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
19 th June	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

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



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 25th May 7.30pm-8.30pm in church.

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*

DIOCESE OF LEICESTER MAKING A DIFFERENCE PROJECTS

We are collecting items for victims of domestic abuse in Leicester – items required include:

- Packs of new knickers – any size
- Socks – sizes 3-5 and 4-7
- Nappies – all sizes
- Toiletries – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, face cloths

Please place items in collection boxes at St Guthlac's or St Mary's.

Contact Clare Gough for more details if required.

Thank you in advance for your donations to this important support network.

Jubilee celebration litter pick - 2:30pm 28th May 2022. - In preparation for the Jubilee weekend we are organising a litter pick around the local area on Saturday 28th May. We'll meet at St Guthlac's Church at 2:30pm and aim to finish at 3:30pm, then return to church for refreshments. If you have your own gloves and litter pick please bring it with you, there will be some available to borrow. Everyone welcome. Look forward to seeing you there. Fiona



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@lrfhs.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 518870

Request from the Vicar: Can you help to give Cecilia and her family a summer holiday?

Friends,

I hope you'll forgive me emailing from the seclusion of my sabbatical study leave, but I have an important request -I want to ask if you'll consider making a contribution to the cost of a holiday for Cecilia Adjadje (our Vicar-in-training who is with us for two years) and her family this year.

Cecilia, Peter and their children arrived in the UK from Nigeria five years ago, so that Cecilia could study for an MBA. When Cecilia felt called to ordination she was supported by our Diocese and, after the usual lengthy and detailed discernment process, she was subsequently selected for training. She is now approaching the half-way point of a two year course with the College of St Mellitus, and is attached to us in Knighton as the context for all the practical elements of her training before ordination. If you know them already, then I'm sure you share with me the sense that the whole family is a blessing to us, that Cecilia is growing in her confidence and skills, and that God will use her ministry as a support of encouragement and hope to many people in the future.

However, Cecilia, Peter and the children have not had a holiday since their arrival in the UK.

As a disabled wheelchair user without a car, Cecilia faces significant barriers to which most of us never have to give a second thought. In addition, as they are still classed as 'temporary' residents, the family have very limited recourse to benefits and public funds, and Peter is not able to work as a

teacher. Like all ordinands in training, Cecilia receives a basic grant from the Diocese for living costs, but it doesn't cover anything beyond that - hence there is no possibility of a holiday unless it can be funded in other ways.

This is where I hope that we as a church family can make a significant difference.

A grant has helped us book a holiday for the whole Adjadje family this summer at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales, at the same time as our own family and others from St Mary's as we attend the Summerfest Holiday Week. The Scargill Community provide a wonderful warm Christian welcome, and a whole programme of talks, activities and entertainment for the inside of a week - a lovely chance for Cecilia, Peter, Esther, David and Daniel to relax and recharge. The remaining issue is the cost of transport to Wharfedale and back.

Having investigated all the possibilities, the only realistic transport option is the hire of a wheelchair- accessible minivan, so the whole family can travel together and have the option of moving around while on holiday too. We can provide a driver, but the cost of hire for the week is almost £700, plus the petrol of course.

My email is to ask you if you can help by making a contribution, of any size, to these costs, and so help Cecilia and family to take this holiday? Many of us feel under financial strain at the moment so this may not feel possible for you, but any thing you can give will be much appreciated.

If you'd like to support them in this way, then please make a direct bank payment to the St Mary's Church account (with the

reference 'Cecilia') or send your gift cheque to the St Mary's Church Office (not to Cecilia or to me!).

Cheques made payable to '**Knighton PCC**' please, or direct bank transfer to: **Barclays Bank: Knighton PCC; bank sort code: 20- 49 -17; bank a/c no. 43592286**

Many thanks for reading on, and for any contribution you can make - and do please pray for Cecilia during these challenging years of training, curacy and the beginning of ministry, and of course for Peter, Esther, David and Daniel, facing the joys and challenges of work and school.

Looking forward to seeing you all again later in the summer!

Adrian

Property for sale There are currently 2 properties available for purchase at Muston Gardens. Muston Gardens is a site of residential dwellings and intended for Christians aged 55 and over. Both of the properties are spacious 2 bed semi-detached bungalows with open aspects. Viewing is strongly recommended. For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Joel Pither.

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:

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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SINGING FOR UKRAINE



The Jubilee Singers

Conductor: Richard Archer

invite you to a summer concert at St Guthlac's
Church, Holbrook Road LE2 3LF
Light refreshments

A free event, but *please give generously*
to the Ukraine appeal

We look forward to meeting you on

Sunday 26 June from 3 to 4pm

Presented with the help of South Knighton Community Events
For further information: jubileesingersleicester@yahoo.co.uk

