

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 29th May 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday there will be a Benefice Eucharist service at St. Guthlac's, which will be led by Revd Matthew Gough & Revd Aphro McCullough.

The Collect & Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 16. 16-34

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned round and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

When the owners of the slave girl realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise."

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family.

Psalm 97

Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel reading: John 17.20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, ²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

PRAYERS

Thy Kingdom Come: Between Ascension and Pentecost 'Wait for the gift my Father promised' Acts 1:4

May the Spirit be born in our church again. Be born in each of us. May the spirit enable us to be faithful witnesses to God's love. A love that goes beyond our emotions or need for reciprocal reward. An unselfish, giving love.

From the Justin Welby's 9 days of Thy Kingdom Come-

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art who does they sevenfold gifts impart.

Come Holy Spirit, I acknowledge my greatest need is Your presence and my sure hop, Your great love be with me.

Come Holy Spirit, blow upon us and cause us to be moved by the strength of Your presence

Come Holy Spirit and create in us a longing, expectation, and hope for the fullness of your presence

Come Holy Spirit give us the words to tell of your love that may hear your voice summoning them in love.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430):

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Holbrook 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.

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

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 8th June 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 Sat 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

St. Mary's Jubilee Celebration (see poster opposite)

If anyone would like to assist the catering team at the above event they would be very welcome. The sessions are just half an hour each on Sunday afternoon 5th June from 1:30 to 5:30 to either setup; serve cake; (no financial charge taking involved); cut up cakes; clear tables; help pack up etc. Please email Cora Paul if you are able to help, Thank you.



ST MARY'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION



All welcome free community event, live jazz band, cakes, refreshments, plantstall, prize duck race, children's jubilee crafts and finishing with "Scratch Choir" Evensong from 5.30pm

Sunday 5 June 2022

2pm-5pm

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.*

Assistant Curate: Revd Matthew Gough
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Revd Aphro McCullough

Revd Janet Gasper

Reader: Fiona Wingate

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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>

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



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



Garden Update



The recent rain has really helped the garden, which is looking lovely and green. The two new trees planted by Church Club in February have settled in well and the little James Grieve apple tree has some apples forming. The special grass seed mix for dry areas which was sown under the yew tree at the front has now germinated, so fingers crossed that it will become established. We are waiting to see how the wild flower and poppy seeds sown near the hedge do. The hedges are getting going and will have their first cut of the year in the next couple of weeks.



Our new gardener has been cutting the lawn where the benches are but the grass on the hall side of the church is being left to grow long for the benefit of bees and other insects, apart from mowed paths for access to the garden bins and bike stands. We have already had a nice show of cuckoo flowers in the longer grass and now have buttercups and daisies, clover and two kinds of speedwell.



We are grateful for those members of the congregation who care for the beds and borders on a regular basis. A new volunteer has recently taken on the area previously cared for by Sonia Bullough, who has now 'retired'. Thank you to them both.



The Eco Task Group hope you will enjoy the church garden over the coming months. Although it may look a little less tidy than in the past, the changes which have been made should result in a greater variety of plants to enjoy, as well as making it a better habitat for bees and other insects.

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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