

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 5th June 2022
Pentecost



Collects for the Platinum Jubilee Year

*Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.*

*Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

*O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
we give you thanks for your servant Elizabeth our Queen.
May she ever be provided with all she may need
for her ministry among us,
strengthened to meet every demand
which her office may make,
and in all things nourished by your word and example,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign,
world without end.
Amen.*

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953

Sunday 5th June

This Sunday there will be a Eucharist service, which will be led by Revd Matthew Gough & Revd Janet Gasper.

The Collect & Readings for Pentecost

The Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the

native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalms 104.22-36,37b

Second Reading: Romans 8.14-17

Gospel reading: John 14.8-17(25-27)

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

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 – **Knighton Church Road.**

Prayer of Dedication, from the Silver Jubilee Year

*Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
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.

*O God, who providest for thy people by thy power,
and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy
Servant our Queen, that under her this nation may be wisely
governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly
quietness;
and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart,
and persevering in good works unto the end,
may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end.*

Amen.

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

12 th June	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis & Lesley Meakin
19 th June	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
26 th June	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Fiona Wingate
3 rd July	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

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*

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.

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.

Christian Aid Week

Thanks to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week in any way. The 'drop off only' street collection raised £279.80 and a further £485 was donated in church or through the e-envelope, giving a total of £764.80. If you haven't yet had the chance to donate, the e-envelope will remain available for a few more weeks. **Lesley Meakin, Christian Aid Week organiser**

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



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.*

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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>

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.