

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 3rd July 2022
Third Sunday after Trinity
Thomas the Apostle

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

The Collect & Readings for Thomas the Apostle

The Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Habakkuk 2.1-4

Psalm 31.1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.19-22

¹⁹You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Gospel reading: John 20.24-29

²⁴Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the

nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

PRAYERS

(The Lord's Prayer, thoughtful or helpful (?) rendition based on Aramaic to English, rather than from Aramaic to Greek to Latin to English).

***O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration,
soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us
where your Presence can abide.
Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear
the fruit of your mission.
Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire.
Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each
being needs to grow and flourish.
Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us, as we release
others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our
true purpose, but illuminate the opportunities of the present
moment.
For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power,
and fulfilment, as all is gathered and made whole once again.
And So It Is!***

(from Prayers of the Cosmos, meditations on the Aramaic words of Jesus by Neil Douglas-Klotz)

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Knighton Rise.**

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

How do we pray for the church and world as church?

Thursday 21st July, 7-8pm St Guthlacs.

Shared prayer and intercessions.

Good practice looking at different types of intercessory prayer.

Seasonal, liturgical and spontaneous

All welcome.

Particularly of use to those not sure how to start and those wanting to refresh their individual or shared prayer life.

Please Speak to Matthew for more details

NEW Evensong Starting Sunday 3rd July 5.30pm at St. Mary's

Come along for our monthly BCP Evensong

First Sunday of the month

Participate in the prayer book's traditional liturgy with choral accompaniment

First Sunday of each month 5.30pm starting July 3rd

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>

Sunday at 10.30am

17th July Eucharist Revd Matthew Gough

31st July NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S,
There will be a Benefice Eucharist Service at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

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

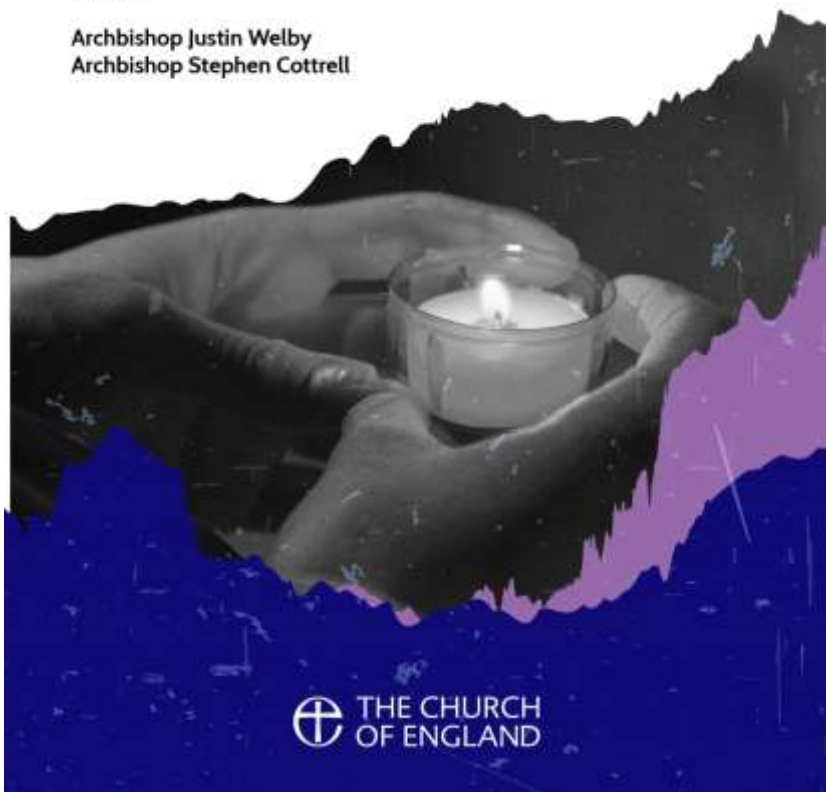
0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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.

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.

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*

Children & Families Pioneer Worker

St Mary's is developing possible plans to appoint a Pioneer Children and Family Worker which could include St Guthlac's. St Guthlac's PCC will be reviewing this possibility.

You are welcome to hear more of the plans so far on **Sunday 3rd July at St Mary's 6.30pm (after Evensong)** where you can ask questions and meet a City based Pioneer Family Worker, Jan Bryars to learn how a post can work in practice and may benefit Knighton. If you cannot make it but would like to know more, contact Matthew.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

The magazine was remembered recently in the intercessions at St Mary's. This was in a complimentary way, but its continued success does depend on the support it receives from the members of our two churches. The next issue is due out in July, so please let me have your **contributions by 1 July if possible**. If you have something in mind but need a little longer, please let me know about it.

Any subjects of interest to our readership are welcome: reports and pictures of events, notice of forthcoming events, thoughts on faith matters, local history, reminiscences - all are appreciated. And remember our occasional themes - My Favourite Hymn and Travellers' Tales.

Please contact me at stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com (despite the address, this is for St Guthlac's too).

Thank you. Nigel Siesage

Choir Practice Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday 6th July 7.30pm-8.30pm in church. This will be the last rehearsal until after the summer holidays.

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>



Coffee Morning

On Saturday 9th July 2022

From 10 am – 12 noon

In St Mary Magdalen Church

Brinsmead Road, Knighton

Stalls to include

Cakes, Plants, Books

Raffle

Just come along

Everyone welcome



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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

STONEYGATE

Spooks, Scandal



and Society



A talk by Virginia Wright a local historian and Blue Badge Guide.
Hear about the scandals and ghosts behind the staid facades of one of
Leicester's most exclusive neighbourhoods.

Wednesday 13th July 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

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Summer Read



The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Rachel Joyce

We hope you will join us in reading 'The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy' by Rachel Joyce over the summer. A few years ago, we had 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry' by the same author as our summer read which was really enjoyed by many.

In this uplifting story Queenie thought her first letter would be the end of the story. She was wrong. It was the beginning. When she discovers that Harold Fry is walking the length of England to save her, and all she has to do is wait, she is shocked. In her note to him she had explained she was dying. How can she wait? A new volunteer at the hospice suggests that Queenie should write again; only this time she must tell Harold everything. In confessing to secrets she has hidden for twenty years, she will find atonement for the past.

There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss the book on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30 (with tea & cakes). You can either borrow the book for a small donation or buy a good quality secondhand copy. See Tina or Jean if you want a copy.