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Newsletter 512

Sunday 17th July

This Sunday Revd Matthew Gough will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8.1-12

Psalm 52

Second Reading: Colossians 1. 15-28

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel reading: Luke 10. 38-42

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

PRAYERS

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light, Matthew 11.

We pray for all needing rest. Praying particularly for those burdened by over-work. We think particularly of teachers and school workers starting their holiday break. We pray for children and young people to be fulfilled and know joy. We pray for those families who cannot afford holiday or dread the increased burden of childcare or food costs. We pray that none may go hungry and all who struggle may find help.

We pray for those lonely at this time needing friendship. We pray that church may be a place of welcome and love. May we know joy in our worship, peace with one another and a love which passes all understanding. Amen

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **London Road.**

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

Knaptoft Ruins Service: July 17th 3pm

Live Band Music

Guest Preacher: Reverend Matthew Gough

Fundraising for One Roof Leicester

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

Evensong First Sunday of each month 5.30pm at St. Mary's

Come along for our monthly BCP Evensong

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

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>

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.

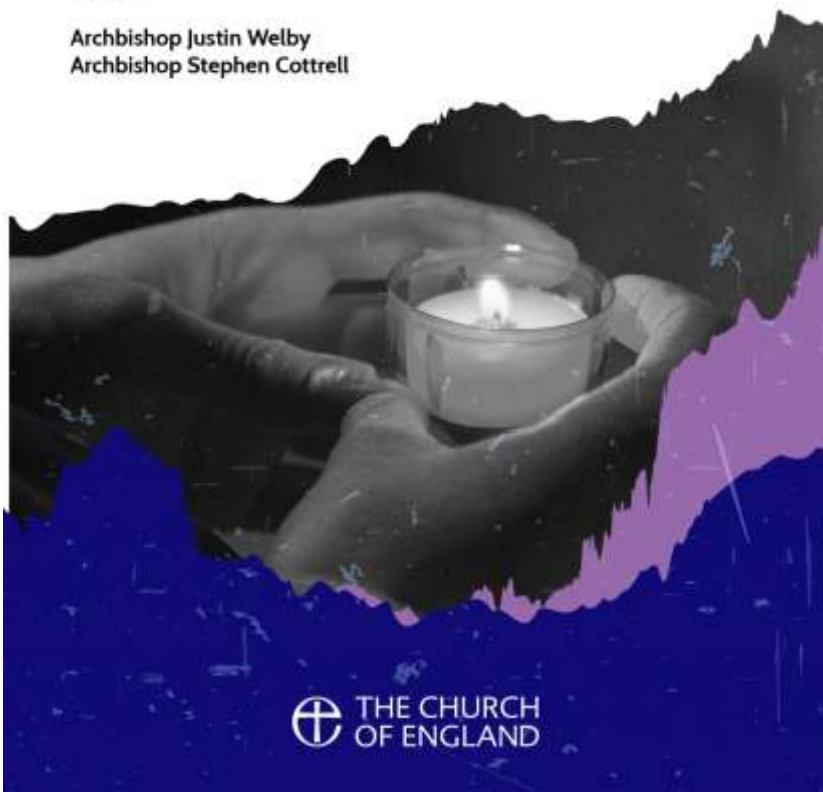
Please leave your donation as you come into the service. A steward or member of the congregation will take up the plate to the altar for all donations to be blessed during the 3rd / offertory hymn or at a suitable point in non-Eucharist services.

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



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*

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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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>

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 this book and others you've enjoyed reading on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30 (with tea & cakes). If you can't make this date, there will be another chance to chat about this book and others at the new Holbrook Oasis at St Guthlac's on Wednesday 28th September at 1.30.

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.

South Leicester Churches

Drop ins - all welcome

Mon Wellbeing Cafe | 10am-12noon | Stoneygate Baptist Church

Tues Toddler Group | 9-11am | Christchurch Clarendon Park

Mothers Union | 2pm | St John the Baptist (3rd of month)

Mothers Union | 2-4pm | St Mary's Knighton (4th of month)

Weds MOLO (babies under 1) | 11am-12noon | St John the Baptist

Older persons luncheon | 12:30pm | Christchurch CP (fortnightly)

Holbrook Oasis Drop in | 1:30-3pm | St Guthlac's Knighton

Open Wednesday | 2-5pm | Clarendon Park Congregational Church

Thurs Buzzy Bees (1-5 yrs) | 9:30-11am | St John the Baptist (term time)

Connections | 2pm | St John the Baptist

Fri Messy Church | 3:30pm | Stoneygate Baptist (once a month)

Film night | 6pm | Clarendon Park Congregational (2nd of month)

**For more information about churches
in the South Leicester Christian Partnership see
together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southleicester**

Holbrook Oasis

Wednesdays 1.30 – 3.00 pm
Starting 20th July

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Road LE2 3LF

Companionship, Conversation, Refreshment, Relaxation



Come and join us in our Welcome Area and garden to chat and enjoy others' company. Open to all: especially young families, people living alone, older persons and if you're new to Leicester!

Tea, coffee and cakes provided

Toys available for children with their carers



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