

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 31st July 2022
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This Sunday there is **no service at St. Guthlac's.**

There will be a Benefice Eucharist Service at St. Mary's at 10.30am, everyone welcome.

Curate Moving On

The Bishop of Leicester announced this week that Matthew has been appointed as the Rector of Thurcaston, Anstey and Cropston. Matthew is due to be licensed Tuesday August 30th, 7.30pm by the Bishop of Loughborough, Bishop Saju. More details to follow.

The Collect & Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

First Reading: Hosea 11.1-11

Psalm 107.1-9, 43

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-11

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have

died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel reading: Luke 12.13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

PRAYERS

'They may all be one as you are in me and I am in the Father, that they too may be one', John, 17:21

As the worldwide Anglican Communion meets this week at Lambeth Palace for its delayed once a decade meeting, we pray for unity and compassion. We pray against colonial attitudes which have become entrenched through former ties of empire. We pray for pastoral compassion and respect for church leaders with same sex spouses. We pray for wisdom and discernment how disagreeing well may be life-giving and creative. We pray for the Church to be invigorated for mission for the kingdom to be built across the world with joy and courage.

We pray closer to home in our communities belonging to South Leicester Christian Partnership. We pray for all those different churches offering a place of belonging for all, especially this summer time for those struggling or needing company.

We pray for our Benefice and all that we share; our choirs, our services, our ministry team and the joint mission to LE2!

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Woodland Avenue.**

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@stquthlac-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

7 th Aug	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
14 th Aug	Morning Prayer	Cecilia Adjadje
21 st Aug	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
28 th Aug	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

Monthly St Mary's Evensong will take a break for August with the intention for it to return first Sunday each month, 5.30pm from September.

Compline on Zoom Wednesday 3rd July 8pm

Please note that both Matthew and Tina are both away and so Aphro will host the meeting on zoom with a prayer. We will not have breakout discussion or the regular compline script. It will just be a chance to talk and Aphro to pray with all who are available.

Join zoom meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09>

Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

Dial by your location

0203 481 5240



How to help garden wildlife in hot dry weather



During the recent hot, dry spell, wildlife across Britain has suffered as water levels declined and food sources became scarce. With more hot, dry weather forecast, the RHS is urging gardeners to support wildlife by following their top tips:

- **Encourage nectar production**

Keep pollinator friendly and summer-flowering species like single dahlias, single fuchsias and verbena going by watering well and deadheading regularly. Nectar flow can slow if plants get really thirsty and flowers can run to seed.

- **Improve access to ponds**

Ensure wildlife can get in and out of ponds as water levels drop. Extend ramps in steep-sided ponds and position plants so they provide extra access points.

- **Create a rehydration station**

Leave saucers of water in the garden for wildlife to sip from, placing pebbles and marbles in them to aid insects and smaller birds.

- **Leave overgrown plants for shade**

Avoid tidying the garden. Leave wildflower and meadow grasses uncut, increase log piles, and leave plants that have gone to seed in place. They are relished as a shelter and as nesting supplies while the seeds are highly prized by goldfinches. Watch out for toads that have burrowed to escape the heat when digging.

- **Tend your compost heaps**

Composting garden waste, especially in shady areas, is very helpful to wildlife. The insects, slugs and worms associated with rotting vegetation can feed other wildlife including amphibians and hedgehogs. Moisten the compost if it's dry.

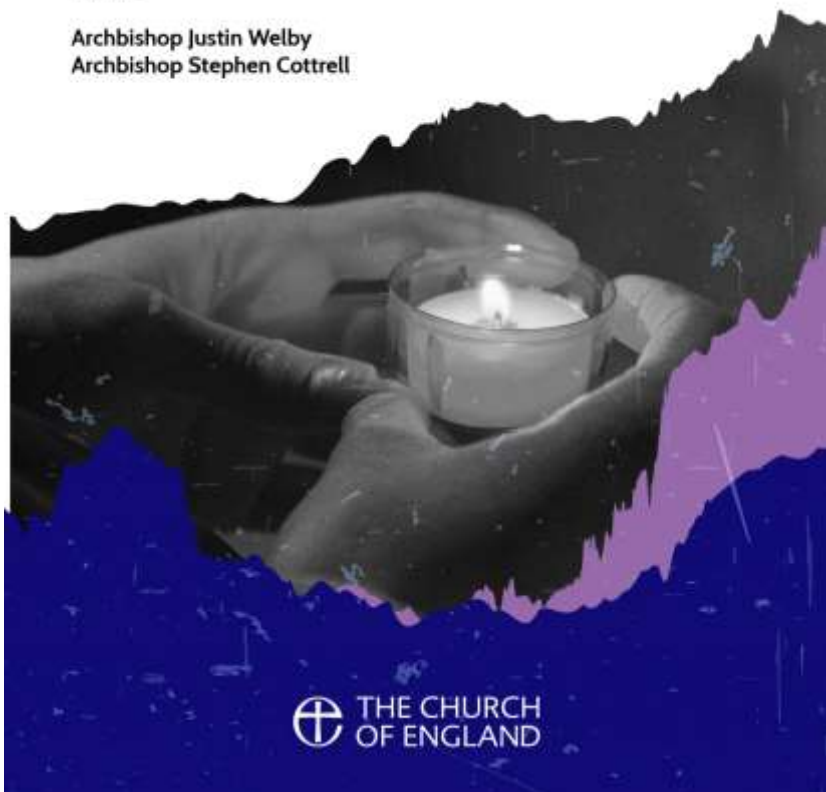
- **Support hedgehogs**

Supplement the diet of hungry hedgehogs by leaving proprietary hedgehog food, available from most bird feed suppliers, in shady spots. These garden favourites need moist soil to easily reach earthworms and other invertebrates that make up much of their diet.

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: email:

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

THE FORGE

Getting fired up for mission

Creative practice & fresh thinking in mission
with Leicester Diocese Pioneers

8 sessions across the year on *Being, Living, Doing & Leading*

Build your confidence in being experimental in the passion

God has put on your heart

Join others as you journey together with a supportive practical
learning experience

Different learning styles enable you to engage meaningfully

Try out new ideas in a safe space

Flipped learning allows your context, experience and
learning outside the classroom to shape your practice

Use of a learning journal, developing a spiritual practice,
workshop sharing and shadowing other learners
all build your skills to try new ideas

Discern God's call for your next steps, maybe associate ministry?

Open to anyone.

Contact Crystal Mcallister for more
information 07890 020012

To secure a place, email
Claire.stapleton@leicestercafe.org

Costs: £40 per term, but if cost is a
barrier please talk to us

Dates: TBC from September 2022

Sessions will cover:

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| spirituality | mission in all its forms |
| theological reflection | retreat day |
| pioneering | exploring your calling and next steps |

Diocese of Leicester's priorities (new, intergenerational,
reconciliation, eco & intercultural communities)



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



Email churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk