

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 7th August 2022
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This Sunday Revd Aphro McCullough will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

Curate Moving On

The Bishop of Leicester announced this week that Matthew has been appointed as the Rector of Thurstaston, 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.

Farewell to Matthew!

As you will have seen from previous newsletters, we're saying a fond farewell to Matthew and Claire, Lydia, Constance and Eleanor, as he moves to take up his new post as Rector of Anstey, Thurstaston and Cropston. Their time with us has been full of love and laughter and Matthew has created many new opportunities to turn us and our community once again towards the call of Jesus - he'll be much missed.

Matthew's last Sunday with us will be 14th August and so we are having a joint service to say farewell at St Mary's at 10.30am. The service will be followed by coffee as usual and then a 'bring and share' picnic lunch at about noon, for anyone who would like to come, in the small park opposite the church. We'll take chairs outside and, of course, if the weather should happen to turn we have indoor options too. Just bring yourselves and your picnic!

Matthew will be licensed by Bishop Saju at a special service on the evening of Tuesday 3rd August, and again all are welcome – more details will follow.

In the meantime, if you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift then do please send a cheque payable to 'Knighton PCC' to James at the St Mary's office, or preferably make a direct payment by bank transfer to Barclays Bank with the following details:

Account name: Knighton PCC

bank sort code: 20- 49 -17

bank a/c no. 43592286

with a reference of 'Matthew'.

Thank you! *Adrian*

The Collect & Readings for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Psalm 50.1-8, 23, 24

Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Reading for this Sunday's service: Genesis 15:1-6

God's Covenant with Abram

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'^[a] ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD^[b] reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Gospel reading: Luke 12. 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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 – **Moorland 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@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Adrian writes: It's good to be back from my sabbatical study leave, which ended with a family trip to the ecumenical centre in Taize, south east France. We're all looking forward to reconnecting with our church family and hearing how the last three months have been for you.

And it's many congratulations and good wishes to Matthew on securing a new post as Rector of Anstey, Thurston and Cropston! We will sorely miss him, Claire and the girls of course, but we know that God's goodness is such that they will be a real blessing to their new churches and villages. Their time with us has been full of laughter and love.

Matthew's last Sunday in the benefice will be 14th August, please see the notice on page 2 for further information.

Thank you! *Adrian*

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

14th Aug **NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLACS**

Benefice Eucharist Service 10.30am at St. Mary's– to say farewell to
Revd Matthew

21st Aug Eucharist Revd Adrian Jones

28th Aug Matins David Hunt

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

There is no Church Club at St Guthlac's in August.

The next one will be on 25th September.

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.

Ride and Stride 2022 at St Guthlac's: 10th September 10:00 - 18:00. The annual Ride and Stride event will take place on 10th September from 10:00 to 18:00. This is a fundraising event for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust (LHCT) which supports churches in Leicestershire with grants for improvement and maintenance costs. Half of all funds raised by participants can go to their local church so everyone benefits. The LHCT publish a list of all churches and chapels that are open on the day and then participants can plot their walking or cycling route between any number of the churches. St Guthlac's is taking part and would like to open to welcome visiting walkers and cyclists to the church.

I'd like to encourage you to get involved in any of the following ways.

(1) By volunteering to for a slot to welcome visitors to the church. If you're interested there will be a rota at the back of church so please do sign up for an hour (or more). It can be a restful way to spend some time and as a "Rider" or "Strider" it is always a real joy to find the church open and people present to welcome you.

(2) By cycling or walking between open churches. This gives you a chance to see inside some of the beautiful churches of our city and county.

All participants, whether welcomers or riders and striders, can be sponsored. If you'd like to participate please speak to Fiona for lists of churches and sponsorship forms. If you'd like to ride and stride but are a little unsure of the format or would prefer not to go on your own then join Fiona from 10:15 for a cycle tour around some of the churches in Knighton, Stoneygate and City Centre who will be taking part which should take about 4 hours allowing time for stops.

Any other questions please get in touch with Fiona Wingate by email on eco@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk.

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 verbenas 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.

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

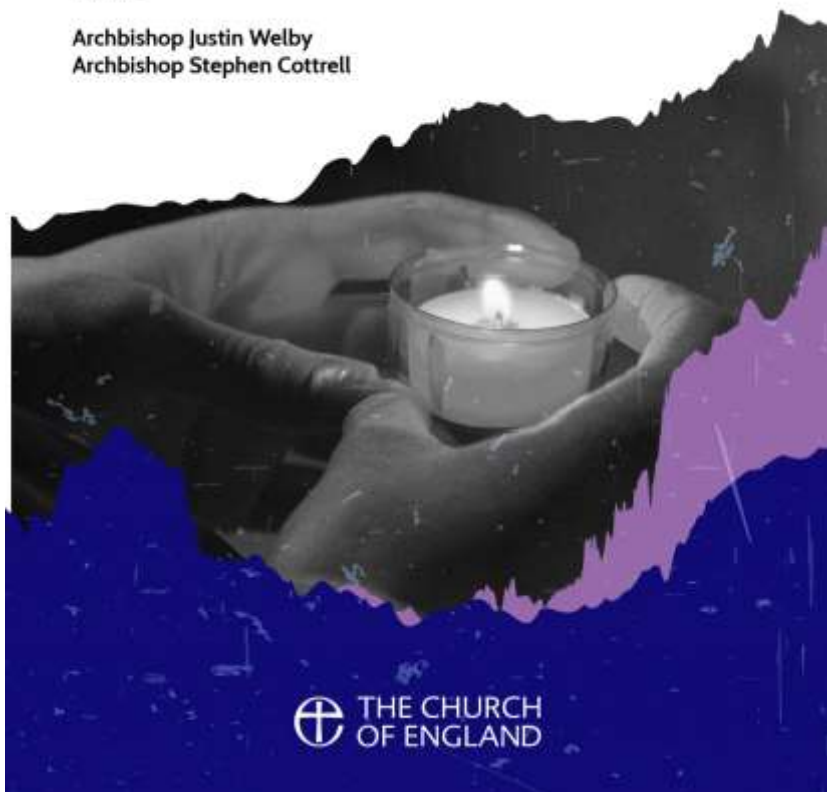
0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

A Prayer for Ukraine

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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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

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workshop sharing and shadowing other learners
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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