

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

<https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>



Sunday 11th September 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Her Majesty the Queen

It was with great sadness that we heard the news on Thursday of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. In our services on Sunday we will reflect on Her Majesty's life and faith, and remember the Royal Family in our prayers.

It is very likely that St Mary's will be open for prayer and reflection during the week. Please see our website for up to date information.

Please do use this prayer over the coming days:

God of eternity,
you promised eternal life to all who believe.
Hear us as we give thanks for your servant Elizabeth
who, having served our nation and Commonwealth,
and been a shining example of commitment and grace,
has passed from this life, full of years and strong in faith.
As we give thanks for her life and Christian witness,
meet us in our sadness, and fill our hearts
with a longing for the values which she embraced in love
and joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

God save the King

Sunday 11th September

This Sunday is the Harvest All Age Worship & Gift Service, which will be led by Fiona Wingate and Lesley Meakin.

The Collect & Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

Second Reading: 1Timothy 1.12-17

Gospel reading: Luke 15.1-10

Readings for this Sunday's Creationtide theme: Harvest

Psalm 67:6

Ezekiel 34:27

Psalm 65:11-13

Matthew 13:31-32

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those affected by the devastating floods in Pakistan. Pray that everyone may find safe places to live and may receive the help that they need, including food, clean water and shelter. Pray for a swift and effective response from the Pakistani government and from international aid agencies.

Praying for the Church: Pray that, as we continue through the Season of Creation, or 'Creationtide', we might be changed by the Holy Spirit so that we become free from fear and are able to change our lifestyles and speak out for the protection of all creation in the face of global heating.

Pray also for our neighbour church of St Christopher's, in the Samworth Tudor Grange Academy school in the Saffron estate. Pray for Chris Collins the Vicar, for Charles Ndigirwa, curate, for the church's Alpha course, and for wisdom to know how best to respond to the cost of living crisis in their parish and neighbourhood.

Praying for those in need: Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried.

Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who have found God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends. We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Ridgway Road**

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

18 th Sept	Eucharist	Bishop Christopher & Fiona Wingate
25 th Sept	Morning Prayer	Revd Adrian Jones
2 nd Oct	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
9 th Oct	All Age Worship	Revd Adrian Jones

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

Monthly St Mary's Evensong on the first Sunday of the month 5.30pm. Please come along and enjoy this worship together.

Choir practice every Wednesday 7.30pm in church. All welcome.

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 midweek online haven

The experience of Compline March 2020 – August 2022

The Compline service is at 8.00pm on a Wednesday. It presents the traditional service through modern technology, via Zoom, using a telephone or computer in an accessible democratic way. Everyone can take part in the service as the parts of the service are shared out. It has been easy to use.

About 14 to 20 people take part each Wednesday. At the last meeting the participants reviewed the past 2½ years of Compline. They felt that the Compline online service has shown that good can come out of bad (Covid) by providing a 'real service' for those who can't easily access a service because they are protecting their health; are cautious about going out in the evening; or because they want a midweek service.

Before the service starts, there is a chance to chat informally and to discuss a topic for 10 minutes in very small groups. Participants felt that it has brought members of St Mary's and St Guthlac's churches closer together in a relaxing supporting atmosphere where they can have liturgical prayer as well as laughs. They have enjoyed meeting new people from the churches.

You will be very welcome to join us from 7.50 on a Wednesday evening by either:-

- using Zoom on your computer and clicking this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

or

using a telephone, ring 0203 481 5240 and follow the instructions. You will be asked for a meeting ID. Put 811 1818 3080 followed by #



St Guthlac's Church

Holbrook Rd, South Knighton

Choral Harvest Evensong



Sunday 9th October

6pm

***The service will be led by the Cathedral choir and staff.
Further information from Fiona Wingate***

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>

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>

Harvest Festival Sunday 11th Sept: Gifts for Open Hands

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 11th September. The need to reach out to those struggling to feed themselves and their families is even more pressing this year, and as usual we will be taking our food donations to Open Hands, a fantastic local organisation which St Guthlac's congregation has supported very generously for a number of years. The chart below indicates which items are needed currently. Please remember this appeal when doing your shopping between now and Harvest. Thank you.



St. Mary's Coffee Morning Saturday 10th September from 10.00 am until 12 noon in church. Stalls to include cakes & preserves, plants, books and a raffle. Just come along. Everyone welcome

Cecilia's studies whilst with us in Knighton: Cecilia, our ordinand in training, has now started her second and final year at St Mellitus College. During the course of this year there are three modules of study that require her to reflect specifically on what she is learning and experiencing with us at St Guthlac's and St Mary's:

- **Evangelism in Practice:** ordinands are expected to reflect upon their experience of evangelism in their context over a period of approximately 6 weeks;
- **Foundations in Christian Worship:** ordinands are expected to reflect upon their experience of worship in the placement;
- **Preaching:** ordinands are expected to record and reflect upon preaching experience.

Cecilia and I are also asked to think through and discuss how she is demonstrating and growing in a list of six specific personal qualities:

- Love for God
- Call to Ministry
- Love for People
- Wisdom
- Fruitfulness
- Trustworthiness

The last quality, in particular, is used to assess the commitment in terms of safeguarding, professional conduct and living within the boundaries and values of the Church.

These conversations inform the written comments that I then submit to the College and which help to shape the report to the Bishop at the end of the year.

I know that Cecilia is very happy to talk about her studies and college life so do please ask her some questions if you'd like to know more.

Adrian

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.



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



The charm of a Lincolnshire holiday?

Beach huts, eyesores and coastal conservation before WW2

A talk by Dr Susan Barton, Honorary Visiting Research Fellow,
International Centre for Sports History & Culture at De Montfort
University, and Leicester City Councillor for Braunstone Park &
Rowley Fields

Wednesday 14th September 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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St Denys Church

2022 Music Festival



Saturday 3rd September 3pm	Student Recital: Erica Lees-Smith and Charlotte Bradley Two talented young musicians perform a range of music on recorder, saxophone, piano and voice. Tea and cake will be served.
Saturday 10th September 7pm	Organ Recital: Simon Headley ARCO Former cathedral organist performs music for the Platinum Jubilee incl. Handel, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Walton . Refreshments will be served.
Saturday 24th September 6.30pm Village Hall	Classical Sitar Recital: Ustaad Dharambir Singh MBE Performing a varied programme of Indian music curated by one of the country's top sitarists from Leicester. Samosas and drinks will be served.
Sunday 2nd October 3pm	Harvest Hymns and Pimms Send in your favourite hymns with a donation to church funds and join in this special Songs of Praise. Pimms and other refreshments will be served.
Saturday 8th October 7.30pm	Violin Concert: Amalia Young Outstanding violinist and former Evington resident performs Georg Philipp Telemann's 12 Fantasias for solo violin. Refreshments included. Tickets £8.
Sunday 9th October 3pm	St Denys Day Concert: Penny Campling and friends A relaxed afternoon of music for piano and voice following the Parish Lunch to mark St Denys Day.

Entry to all concerts is FREE except for the 8th October where tickets are available at the door priced £8. Donations for the work of St. Denys very welcome.

The opportunity to buy raffle tickets will be available across all concerts. The draw will be made at the end of the final concert on Sunday 9th October.

For more information contact office@stdenys.org.uk or 07803 828454.

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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