

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 27th November 2022
Advent Sunday

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This Sunday David Hunt will lead a service of Matins at 10.30am.

The Collect & Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; **Psalm 122**

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

PRAYERS

Praying for the world: Please pray for all those, at home and abroad, who are fearful of a cold winter. Pray that help and support will be available for them. Pray for all those who are providing 'warm spaces' in the UK and that there will be the funds needed to keep them open for as long as is necessary. Pray too for the volunteers and users of foodbanks and community pantries.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our Christian sisters and brothers in the Dioceses of Wyoming (USA), Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Trichy (India) and Kiteto (Tanzania). Pray that they will be able to adapt to the impacts of climate change in their home districts and for a sense of unity as we all seek solutions to the global emergency.

News of the death of John Fidoe: Our former church member and friend to many, John Fidoe, died recently, at his care home in Sheffield, aged 96. John, a former Police Officer, was for many years, a loyal and regular member of the St Mary's Choir although profoundly deaf.

His son Michael lives close by with his wife Wendy, while his daughter Beth and her husband Simon live in Australia.

After a private cremation in Sheffield, his ashes will be interred next year, here in Knighton, in the St Mary's Garden of Remembrance, with those of his wife Kath, who died in January 2017. Please remember John's family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

Adrian

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 particularly remember **Audrey (Kate) Page** and **Judi Stone** as well as all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Sycamore Close.**

For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact Revd Adrian adrian.jones@zoho.com or Jane administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Thank you Bernard and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and love shown to us at this very sad and difficult time. We have gained much comfort from these messages. Thank You.

Our next Curate: I'm very pleased to announce officially that next summer Cecilia Adjadje will be licensed as Assistant Curate in the benefice of Knighton. As you'll know, Cecilia is in her final year of training at the moment, and is on placement with us here. She'll be ordained at Petertide in 2023 (end of June/ start of July) and then we will welcome her into a new full-time role serving both our Knighton churches and parishes. In the meantime, please pray for Cecilia as she keeps studying, and for Peter her husband, and Esther, David and Daniel, their children as they work out the changes in life that lay ahead! *Adrian*

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

4 th Dec	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
11 th Dec	All Age Gift Service	Tina & Jean
18 th Dec	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

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

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **all are welcome**. You can also join using a phone. You can join the meeting from 7.50 pm.

On the computer click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

On the phone dial: 0203 481 5240 and follow the instructions.

You will be asked for a meeting ID. Put **811 1818 3080** followed by #

‘Advent Pilgrimage’ Service: At St Mary's on **Sunday 27th November at 6.30pm** we will mark Advent Sunday with a reflective service of readings, choral music, hymns and prayers, called **‘Do not be afraid!’** This is a slightly different format for our Advent evening service, and is designed to take us on a journey through Advent, looking at the message of the angels to Zechariah, Joseph, Mary and the Shepherds: 'Do not be afraid!' Please do come and join us.

Your next step on the journey of faith? You may be feeling that you've grown in faith through 2022 and that it's time to recognise that in some way. In the Church of England there is a special service for teenagers and adults who want to affirm the Christian faith for themselves, called Confirmation. This service is led by the Bishop and usually draws together 'candidates' of all ages and backgrounds from different churches. In early 2023 there are two local Confirmation services taking place: 10.30am, Sunday 22 January at The Church of the Martyrs and then 2.00pm, Sunday 19 February at St Margaret's Church. If you think this might be the next step in your journey of faith then do have a chat with me in the next few weeks, and I can tell you all about it. *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.

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%.

Caring for each other at church during infectious times

Our Worship Committee, on behalf of the PCC, continue to discuss the precautions we should take at St Guthlac's.

- 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.
- to be understanding of those people whose response to the hazards of the virus is different to our own.
- **not** to come to church if we have any symptoms of covid-19

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; this is being reviewed on a regular basis.

The priest officiating at Communion will continue to sanitise their hands and wear a mask. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these precautions – this way we can remain both safe and welcoming! *Adrian & Churchwardens*



Open Hands

Donations will be collected at the All Age Worship service on 11th Dec

As usual, we would very much welcome your donations for our needy neighbours in Leicester, in the run up to Christmas. When doing your shopping over the next couple of weeks, please consider adding some of the following items, which are currently particularly requested by Open Hands:

- Vegetable oil
- Tea bags, instant coffee and UHT milk
- Jars of cooking sauce
- Tinned vegetable curry and meat meals
- Breakfast cereal
- Dried pulses
- Individually wrapped cake bars
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap and shower gel
- Deodorant
- Sanitary towels



Please note that our donations may not be delivered before Christmas, so Christmas specific items are not requested. However, if you would like to donate Christmas treats, these can be taken to the collection point at the London Rd Co-op until 29th November.

Many thanks for your generosity again this year, when it is so badly needed.

As you plan for Christmas, please consider supporting the Just shop when looking for presents, treats and decorations.



Just aims...

...to get people excited by fair trade ethical and sustainable living. To know the real difference it makes to disadvantaged communities all over the world.

...to sell the best range of fair trade ethical and sustainable products, making enough profit so we can grow and do things that benefit our producers in the less developed countries of the world.

...to value the people of the Just community so they feel actively involved, encouraged and supported to play their full part in the work of Just.

36, Silver Street

St Martin's Square

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Yes, it's back..... St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

will take place on **Saturday 10th December 9:45 am to 1:00pm.**
Join us for refreshments, live music, good company and the chance
to buy lots of Christmas Goodies!

For those who would like to order in advance - and this does help our
stock control - we are offering our **Virtual On-line catalogue**
show-casing some of our more popular items.

You will have received your catalogue if you receive your newsletter
by email. Hard copies will be available in church very soon.

*** Ordering in advance does not stop you joining us on the big
day ***

**We are starting to collect items for the fayre. If you have any
unwanted, unopened gifts or bottles for the gift stall and
homemade pickles and preserves, please can you leave them at
the back of church. Homemade cakes will be very welcome on
the day of the fayre. PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE WELCOME
AREA if you are able to provide items for the hamper, which will
be raffled in aid of Malawi. Thank you.**

Holbrook Oasis

at St. Guthlac's Church,
Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm

Companionship, Conversation, Refreshment, Relaxation

Open to all, especially young families, people living alone, older
persons and if you are new to Leicester. Tea, coffee and cakes
provided. Email; churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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

St Mary's <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk>



OADBY, TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 19:00

AMOS TRUST's Christmas tour stops off at TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, HARBOROUGH ROAD, OADBY in November, featuring a host of local performers, films, poetry, music, and special guests. PLEASE JOIN US.

Proceeds from the evening will go towards Amos Trust's Christmas appeal supporting their work in Gaza. For details, please visit amostrust.org/christmas-appeal

To book your tickets, please visit
amostrust.org/christmas-2022

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Come and join us at
St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 10th December 9:45 am – 1:00 pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd, Knighton LE2 3LF

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STALLS**

**CHILDREN'S
NOVELTY
JUMPERS**

Free entry

Refreshments

Live Music

Cash and Card payments accepted