

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 11th December 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

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Tina and Jean will be leading the Nativity Gift Service this Sunday at 10.30am. Please see the notice on page 7 if you are able to bring a gift for Open Hands.

The Collect & Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10; **Psalm 146.4-10**

Second Reading: James 5.7-10; **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11.2-11

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray for the protection of Christians around the world, and in particular for those who live in places where they are persecuted or experience hardship because of their faith. Pray that, in this season of Advent and Christmas, they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and that fear will be banished by hope, peace, love and joy. Pray that they will be encouraged by knowing they are part of one global Christian family.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that this will be a time when churches everywhere welcome friends and strangers alike, and that good friendships will be formed now that encourage many people to explore more about Jesus and the Christian faith in the year to come.

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 – **Stoughton Road**

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

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.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

18 th Dec	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
25 th Dec	Eucharist	Revd Jon Barrett
1 st Jan	Benefice Eucharist service at St. Guthlac's	

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

Advent Meditations: *Do not be Afraid*

Tuesdays at 7.30pm to be held in the main body of the church.

~~29th Nov~~ — ~~HOPE~~

~~6th Dec:~~ — ~~PEACE~~

13th Dec: JOY

20th Dec: LOVE

The meditations give time to pause and be with God through readings, music, pictures, prayers and some silence (45min - 1 hour)

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 #

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

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.
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- ❖ For the moment Bread only is being offered at the 10.30am Sunday Communion Services. As a trial, the priest will give bread that is dipped in wine at the 9.30am Thursday Communion Services on 1st and 8th December.
 - ❖ The priest officiating at Communion will continue to sanitise their hands.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these precautions – this way we can remain both safe and welcoming!

Adrian & Churchwardens

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*

Many congratulations and best wishes to the Revd Janet Gasper, who celebrates 25 years of her ordination to the priesthood this week.

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*

ADVANCE NOTICE - SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023

Please note that on New Year's Day, the first Sunday of January, there will be only one service in the benefice. This will be a Communion service at St Guthlac's, starting at 10.30am as usual. Please make a note in your diaries now! Many apologies for any inconvenience. *Adrian*

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%.

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.

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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

Mince pie tasting at Oasis on 21st Dec 1.30-3.30

Please come along and join us for mince pie tasting at the last Oasis session of the year. We will be sampling various versions and seeing which comes out on top. The more the merrier!

Carols on the Corner. 15th December 6:45pm. Come along and join the local community as we sing a few carols on the corners around South Knighton. Starting at 6:45pm outside Withers Salon on the corner of Knighton Church Road and South Knighton Road, we be back at St Guthlac's by about 7:30pm for some refreshments. All are welcome. Dress for the weather and consider bring a torch to make reading the carols sheets easier. Look forward to seeing you there. *Fiona & Steve*

Make your Christmas Greetings go further. As in previous years, members of the congregation may like to make a donation to Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another. A large card for everyone to sign is in the welcome area together with a box for donations. Thank you.

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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>

Update on Malawi from Bishop Christopher

Recently, I had a message from Malawi that they have had an outbreak of cholera. I have been exchanging messages with our medical team and the diocese. I've been impressed with what has been happening. The Diocese has built three boreholes in and around the infected areas; the third will be completed soon. Access to clean safe water is essential if cholera is to be eradicated

Our Team Medical Leader, Dr John Chipolombwe, has been talking with the District Health Officers for Chamalala (Kasungu) and Mfula (North and South Mzimba). He tells me that help from the UN has given funds for vaccinations, chlorine (means to purify water) all of which I had mentioned to him. So this is excellent news. More importantly, and the most significant intervention, is to have access to clean safe water - as I've said - but also the building of latrines to stop the frequent and dangerous practice of open defecation. Currently, what they lack to move this programme on - the education on how to prevent cholera - is funds for the sensitisation campaign and chlorination of water points

In consultation with the local health districts Dr Chipolombwe has sent me a budget to help launch this programme: £800. It sounds a large sum of money. I think this is about 50% of what might be required but it is all he has asked for. The programme will involve almost 100 personnel. It consists of a mixture of invited guests (e.g Village Headman, Headteachers and others); it is a way of getting the villagers there. Also performers. Drama is a big part of getting the message across as well as support staff all who need feeding and allowances. Included in this is the cost for a meeting tent and amplification hire.

I'm confident we can raise this and I'm very keen to do so. The impact will be significant for 1,000s of people and a swathe of the Northern Region of Malawi. Later today or as soon as I can I'll send some other emails and make some 'phone calls. I have some funds in reserve which we could use.

Thank you and as ever, very best wishes. +Christopher

Communitrees

We will be hosting a wooden Christmas tree in front of Holbrook Hall in the run up to Christmas, as part of the Communitrees fundraising initiative which our gardener Sam Oldman is organising. Twelve trees will be put up around the area in support of twelve charities. If you would like to support the scheme, this can be done in two ways:

- By using the QR code near the tree to make a donation
- By going to Karma Corner (a shop on Montague Rd, off Queens Rd round the corner from the Flower Corner) and picking up a wooden tree decoration, which you can write a message on/decorate and return (maybe take a suitable marker pen to do it on the spot). A voluntary donation can be made in the shop. The finished decorations will then be hung on one of the trees

Further details of Communitrees and the charities which will benefit are on the noticeboard posters.



St Guthlac's Christmas Services

Nativity Gift Service: Sunday 11th December 10.30 am

An interactive service suitable for all ages, that tells the story of the birth of Jesus. Gifts of food will be collected for people in need in Leicester. (Tinned & packet foods only please.)

Holy Communion: Sunday 18th December 10.30am

Nine Lessons & Carols: Wednesday 21st Dec. 7.30 pm

Take part in a joyful service celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth, told through bible readings, poems and carols and led by the benefice choir and friends.

Crib Service: Saturday 24th December 4 pm

Join us for an informal service, particularly suited for children, where youngsters are encouraged to help tell the Christmas story by placing the nativity figures in the stable.

First Communion of Christmas: Sat. 24th December 8 pm

Together we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth with Holy Communion, carols, readings and prayers.

Christmas Morning Eucharist: Sun. 25th Dec. 10.30 am

A communion service celebrating the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

Benefice service of Holy Communion: Sun 1st Jan. 10.30am at St. Guthlac's Church

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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