

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 15th January 2023
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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: Isaiah 49.1-7; **Psalms** 40.1-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Gospel Reading: John 1.29-42

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those who work in health and social care, both at home and around the world. Thank God for their dedication and pray for their compassion and strength in the face of suffering and pain.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our neighbouring Anglican churches - St James the Greater (London Rd), St John the Baptist (Clarendon Park), St Denys (Evington), St Christopher (Saffron Lane), and, of course, St Mary's. Pray for a deeper sense of unity and common bonds between all our congregations.

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, those who are anxious and worried as well as those facing new challenging circumstances.

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 – **Alexandra 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.

Coffee Morning in St. Mary's Church, Sat. 14th Jan. 10-12noon.
Stalls to include unwanted Christmas gifts, cakes, books and raffle.
Everyone welcome.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

22 nd Jan	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
29 th Jan	NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S Joint Eucharist Service at St. Mary's	
5 th Feb	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
12 th Feb	All Age Worship	Revd Adrian Jones
19 th Feb	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

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 #

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%.

Use your phone to scan the QR
Code below and make a donation
towards the work of St. Guthlac's
Church. Thank you.



Advance notice! This month has five Sundays, and as usual we'll be taking the fifth as an opportunity for a joint benefice service, where we join together with the congregation of St Mary's to worship, pray, learn, and get to know each other better. On **Sunday 29th January** we will join together at St Mary's for a Eucharist, and to hear Susan Littlemore, a speaker from **Christians Against Poverty** - see below for more information about CAP. As we aim to bring all our church members together in the one service on this Sunday, there won't be a 9am Eucharist at St Mary's that day.

Christians Against Poverty was founded in 1996 by John Kirkby. He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help those in need. In his hometown of Bradford, John began to use his expertise to help ordinary people weighed down by debt and unable to make ends meet, to support families facing eviction and to bring hope to desperate people trapped by poverty. In partnership with local churches and other committed volunteers trained as debt counsellors, John expanded the network of CAP centres to other areas of the country. Today, as well as offering debt help, Christians Against Poverty offer practical advice about living well on a low income through Life Skills groups, and support people stepping into employment through CAP Job Clubs. Through this UK-wide network of projects, CAP have a vision of transformed lives, thriving churches and an end to UK poverty. All Christians and churches are invited to be part of this essential service of others.

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



United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

St Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Rd, LE2 3HN

on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm

Lunchtime Pilgrimage (16th – 20th January)

Day 1	Mon 16th	Noon	Clarendon Park Congregational Church Springfield Rd/London Rd, Leicester, LE2 3BB
Day 2	Tue 17th	Noon	St Mary Magdalen Church Brinsmead Rd, Leicester LE2 3WD
Day 3	Wed 18th	12:30	Leicester Quakers 16 Queens Road Leicester, LE2 1WP
Day 4	Thur 19th	Noon	Christchurch 105A Clarendon Park Rd, LE2 3AH
Day 5	Fri 20th	Noon	Stoneygate Baptist Church 315 London Road, LE2 3ND

Churches Together South Leicester - <https://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southleicester>

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity pamphlet for 2023 can be found here: [WPCU-2023-English-pamphlet-web.pdf \(ctbi.org.uk\)](https://www.ctbi.org.uk/WPCU-2023-English-pamphlet-web.pdf) [pdf]

Caring for each other at church during infectious times-UPDATE

Our Worship Committee, on behalf of the PCC, continue to discuss the precautions we should take at St Guthlac's. We would urge everyone to continue thinking about the best ways to ensure that illnesses are not spread at church, for instance staying at home if you feel unwell. Please also continue to be understanding of those people whose response to the hazards of the virus is different to your own.

Following a successful trial at our midweek Communion, we will now be offering the wine as well as the bread to everyone at Sunday morning Eucharists - if you would like to take it. "Simultaneous Communion" means that the priest will take each wafer one at a time and dip the edge into the chalice of wine, before placing it in the Communicants hands as usual. This allows for the sharing of wine from a Common Cup, but without the hazards of each person actually using the Cup themselves.

The priests officiating at Communion will sanitise their hands before taking the bread and wine to the congregation. They will not wear a mask as they now mix normally at all other times.

The Wardens and I would be very pleased to have your feedback on this way of receiving, so do please let us know what you think when you've tried it out a few times.

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

Adrian & Churchwardens

Stamps for the Leprosy Mission: Discontinuation

The Leprosy Mission has made the decision to stop asking for contributions of stamps and collectables to help raise funds. This is due to a drop in value of stamps, further exacerbated by the introduction of barcoded stamps, making cash returns very small. In the past significant sums have been raised, and grateful thanks have been sent to all those who have made this possible. Please bring any stamps you have before the end of January, as a final shipment will be made before the deadline. 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**](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>

WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?



Fairtrade is a system of certification that aims to ensure a set of standards are met in the production and supply of a product or ingredient. Together with Fairtrade farmers and workers there is a vision: a world in which trade is based on fairness so that producers earn secure and sustainable livelihoods. For farmers and workers, Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products.

What does Fairtrade do?

 Fairtrade works with farming co-operatives, businesses and governments to make trade fair

 Fairtrade sets social, economic and environmental standards for the companies and farmers involved in the supply chain. For farmers and workers, the standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment. For companies they include the payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price safety net and an additional Fairtrade Premium.

 Fairtrade certifies ingredients and products, using an independent organisation to check that Fairtrade Standards have been met by the farmers, workers and companies that are part of the product supply chains. In order to reassure consumers that this has happened, the use of the FAIRTRADE Mark on products and packaging is licenced, to signal that standards have been met.



 Through Fairtrade Towns, Schools and Faith groups, and through campaigns, awareness of the issues of unfair trade is driven and the public is asked to choose Fairtrade.

 Fairtrade works with partners to support specific issues, from Bolivian coffee farmers tackling the plant diseases linked to climate change, to cocoa-growing communities creating the Women's School of Leadership in Côte d'Ivoire

 Fairtrade pays the FAIRTRADE PREMIUM, which is what sets Fairtrade apart from everyone else: It's an additional sum of money, over and above the Fairtrade price, which goes into a communal fund for workers and farmers to use – as they see fit – to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions

**FAIRTRADE
PREMIUM
INVESTED
IN...**

**BETTER HOUSING
EDUCATION GRANTS
FARM IMPROVEMENTS
SCHOOL ALLOTMENTS
SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS**

CHITO QUINTERA, COOBANA CO-OPERATIVE, PANAMA



Choosing Fairtrade means standing with farmers for fairness and equality, against some of the biggest challenges the world faces. It means farmers creating change, from investing in climate friendly farming techniques to developing women in leadership.

THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS

With Fairtrade you change the world a little bit every day. Through simple shopping choices you are showing businesses and governments that you believe in fair and just trade.

Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, please look for the FAIRTRADE Mark!



Source of information: Fairtrade Foundation www.fairtrade.org.uk

Free Film Night at St Guthlac's Church



**Holbrook Rd
LE2 3LF**



**Part of our monthly Tea and Talk series of events. All
welcome!**

SAVING GRACE

(Cert 15, 90 mins)

Tues 17th Jan 7.00pm

Green-fingered widow Grace Trevethen (Brenda Blethyn) is faced with a cash-flow problem and wonders how she will be able to pay for the upkeep on her Cornish manor. The solution comes from the manor caretaker (Craig Ferguson): why not start growing and selling marijuana? That's exactly what Grace does, with hilarious and unforeseen consequences. Other actors are Martin Clunes, Tch ky Karyo and Jamie Foreman.

**Free refreshments and the
chance to socialise**

