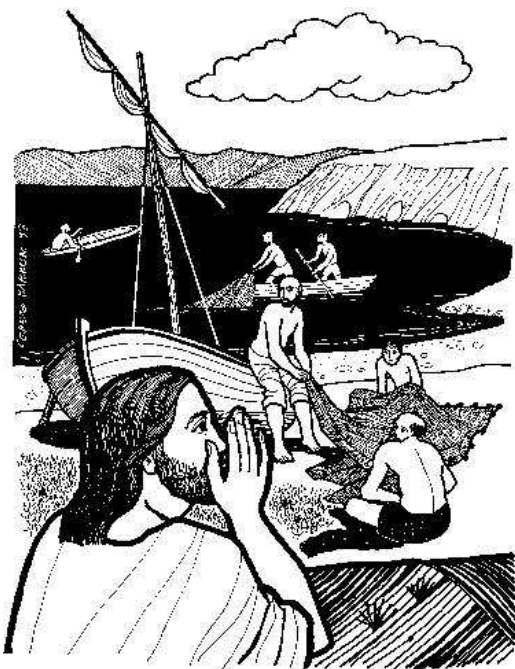


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 22nd January 2023
Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

The Collect & Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 9.1-4; **Psalm 27.1, 4-12**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.12-23

PRAYERS

Praying for the world - this week please pray for peace and justice in all the world's "hotspots" of conflict. Pray for the United Nations, for peacekeeping troops and all those working for greater unity and co-operation between nations.

Praying for the Church- please pray for greater Christian unity locally, nationally and internationally. Pray that we will become much more aware of the lives of our Christian brothers and sisters, and their churches, in the global majority world.

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 – **Allandale 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

The death of Vic Ironmonger: It's with great sadness that I have to tell you that our friend Vic Ironmonger died on Tuesday evening. Vic had been in hospital for a few days but deteriorated rapidly at the weekend and died unexpectedly but peacefully.

Over the years Vic contributed a huge amount to the life of our churches, and was a member of the St Mary's choir for over 70 years. We will all miss his gentle humour and concern for others. Please remember Margaret and Lesley in your prayers. *Adrian*

The funeral of the Revd John Gates will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 26th January at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Janet Gasper would like to thank everyone for their help and support last Sunday. Mick is now home recuperating, following treatment in hospital.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
26 th Feb	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Cecilia Adjadje

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 This is at St Thomas More Church on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity pamphlet for 2023 can be found here: WPCU-2023-English-pamphlet-web.pdf (ctbi.org.uk)

Open Hands Emergency Winter Appeal

The following items are urgently needed, as many struggle to stay warm due to heating bills or lack of accommodation. Please bring any donations to church by **Sunday 12th Feb** for delivery on Tuesday 14th Feb.

Duvets	Duvet Covers
Pillows	Pillowcases
Blankets	Sleeping Bags
Coats	Hats
Scarves	Gloves

Thank you.

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 24th January** in the Parish Centre lounge - 1.30 for a 2pm start. Our speaker, Sue Clark, will tell us about the Growbaby Vision which "aims to practically demonstrate God's love by providing Leicester families that are living in hardship, with free, good quality, new and preloved children's clothing and baby equipment". As always, non-members are very welcome to join us. LP

A date for your diary: Friday 3rd March - the World Day of Prayer. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan with the theme "I have heard about your faith". Our afternoon service will be held at St Thomas More Church and the evening service at Clarendon Park Congregational Church.

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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