

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 29th January 2023
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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Joint Benefice Service in support of Christians Against Poverty:

On Sunday 29th January (the fifth of this month) we will be having our usual joint benefice service, this time at St Mary's, at 10.30am as usual. We are pleased to welcome Susan Littlemore, a speaker from Christians Against Poverty, who will tell us something about the CAP story and the people it supports. There will be an opportunity to donate to CAP directly if you wish, and details of how you can also do this online. Please do come and join us as we discover the reality of the 'cost of living crisis' for others across the country, and think about the response that we should be making as Christians who can make a difference.

As we aim to bring together everyone from all our benefice congregations in this one service on Sunday, please note that there is no service at St Guthlac's and no 9am service at St Mary's on this Sunday. *Adrian*

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.

The Collect & Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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: 1 Kings 17.8-16; **Psalm 36.5-10**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 18-31

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those people who suffer in the forgotten conflict and crisis zones of the world - Haiti, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - as well as the people of Ukraine. Pray for peace, justice, shelter and food for everyone.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the unity of the Church of England as we prepare for the General Synod meeting in February, and as the issue of same-sex marriage again threatens to cause division and discord. Pray for a Spirit of gentleness, grace and generosity in all the discussions, and that everyone involved will remember the real people whose lives are deeply affected by the matters being discussed.

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 – **Bankart Avenue**

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@stquthlac-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 17th January. 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*

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
5 th March	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones

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 #

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.

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

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.

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

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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>

Social meeting Sunday 5th February. There will be a meeting after the service on the 5th Feb, to discuss a possible fund raiser to be held in May/June. The current thoughts are to have a few stalls, with refreshments, but all ideas welcome. The meeting is open to everyone.

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.

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.

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%.

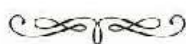


You are invited to come along to our Tea and
Talk evening for February.....

KNIGHTON HOUSES AND STREETS IN TIME

Tuesday 14th February at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



A meander through late 19th century to mid-
20th century Knighton

Presented by Margaret Bonney and Anne
Hunt



Free talk and refreshments

Do join us!