

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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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 Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 58.1-9a(b-12); **Psalm 112.1-9(10)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12(13-16)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.13-20

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: As we look ahead to Racial Justice Sunday on 12th February, please pray for both justice and healing, between people of different ethnic groups, identities, nationalities and cultures. Pray for greater willingness to listen to the experience of others, and a deep willingness to put right past and current wrongs - especially

from those who hold the power and privilege. Pray that our governments will help and support these critical changes in our society.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the General Synod of the Church of England, meeting this week from 6th-9th in London. Pray that all those meeting will have the grace to listen to each other respectfully and to seek understanding. Pray that, together, our representatives might find the wisdom needed to agree a way ahead on the issue of blessings for same-sex couples.

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 – **Barrington 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

Vic Ironmonger - We now have details of Vic's funeral, which will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 28th February at 11am. Everyone is welcome to come and pay their respects of course. Please do continue to support Margaret and Lesley, and remember them in your prayers.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
12 th March	All Age Worship	

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.

EVERYDAY FAITH

All of us need to keep growing in our faith and looking out for ways in which we can help others and make a difference. When we do this we are moving from a 'Sunday faith' that's restricted to church on a single day of the week, to an 'Everyday Faith' that shapes our whole lives and all our relationships.

One simple way to support our Everyday Faith is to ensure that we start and end each day with a simple prayer. Sometimes busy-ness and tiredness can make this seem hard, or a waste of precious time, or perhaps we just forget. But even when we are distracted, God is pleased when we offer a prayer and, over time, we are changed by this regular practice.

The following prayers, one for use in the morning and one for the evening, might be helpful. You'll also find them on some small cards at the back of the church. Do please take one home with you, and pass them on to friends and family. *Adrian*

A prayer in the morning.

*Thank you Lord, for the gift of this new day.
Help me to walk closely and in step with you.
May I act with kindness and concern today,
help those in need, and notice the forgotten.
May I follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Amen.*

A prayer in the evening

*Thank you Lord, for the gift of this day past,
and for all you have done for me.
Bless those I have met or remembered;
heal and restore any I have hurt.
Forgive me for selfishness and lack of love,
and may I forgive any hurt to me.
Hold me in the peace of Jesus tonight.
Amen.*

Christians Against Poverty: Last Sunday at the joint benefice service, we were pleased to welcome Susan Littlemore from Christians Against Poverty to speak in our joint benefice service. Susan reminded us of the immense challenges facing so many people in the UK today, as the cost-of-living crisis bites ever deeper. Can I suggest that although we may be feeling the pinch ourselves in some respects, on the whole we are relatively well off? And as Christians, called to love our neighbours, we have to think deeply about how we respond to those around us who are in need.

If you would like to support others through the work of CAP, you can make a donation through their website <https://capuk.org/get-involved/donate> There is more information about Christians Against Poverty at the back of the Church. Thank you, in anticipation. *Adrian*

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.

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. 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.

Join us as we explore 'the Art of Living' Our new Wednesday morning small group continues to meet weekly in the Cottage Room of the Parish Centre, at 10.30am for coffee, prayer, support and a closer look at the wisdom of the Bible. For the next few weeks we'll be discussing 'The Art of Living' as described in the Book of Proverbs, so why not join us when you can, and nurture your Christian faith as the new year unfolds? To find out more please chat to me or just come along! Adrian & Cecilia

QUIZ EVENING

FRIDAY 17th MARCH at 7pm

Please join us for our relaxed quiz evening with a 2 course buffet supper. Rest assured there will be no sport or pop music questions and everyone will be able to score some points!

Do invite family and friends to come along and make up a team with you, but couples and people on their own can team up on the evening (maximum team size 4)



Tickets £8



Tickets from Lesley Meakin

Bring your own alcoholic drinks

Tea and coffee on sale

Raffle

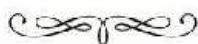
Proceeds to church funds

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!