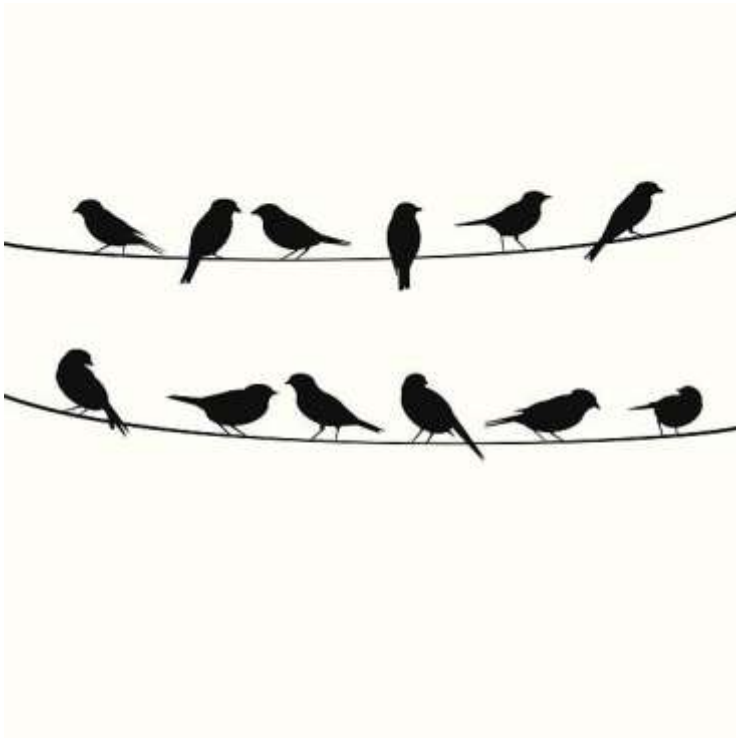


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Adrian Jones will be leading a service of All Age Worship.

The Collect & Readings for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.3; **Psalms 136**

Second Reading: Romans 8.18-25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6.25-34

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: On Racial Justice Sunday, 12th, and the days that follow, please pray that as well as treating everyone equally, we would be moved to find ways in which to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to use their God-given gifts and skills. Pray also that our government and authorities would seek ways in which to put right the wrongs, past and present, that have been committed against others because of their race or ethnic background. Pray that the Church will face up to these issues too.

Praying for the Church: Pray for all those who feel hurt, distressed, angry or sad following the General Synod meeting this last week, and the debates on the blessing of same-sex relationships. Pray for

healing and reconciliation wherever it is needed, and for good pastoral care within our churches. Pray for the continued unity of the Church of England despite these controversies.

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 – **Beresford Drive**

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.

British Red Cross: Turkey – Syria Earthquake Appeal

More than 20,000 people are now known to have died after Monday's earthquakes in southern Turkey and Northern Syria. Without shelter, water, fuel or electricity there are fears that many survivors could yet lose their lives.

There will be an opportunity to donate to this appeal on Sunday at St Guthlac's.

Please help.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

19 th Feb	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
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26 th Feb	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Cecilia Adjadje
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5 th March	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
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12 th March	All Age Worship	
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19 th March	Eucharist for Mothering Sunday	
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Every Thursday at 9.30am	Holy Communion
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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.

The Church of England and Same-Sex Relationships: This week has seen the General Synod of the Church of England (the representative and governing body) debating the Bishops' proposals for the blessing of same-sex relationships by ordained clergy, in church. You may well have seen reporting in the media on the rather heated exchanges and the deep divisions that exist between Christians on this issue.

Some of us can watch the arguments in a slightly detached way, as other people getting worked up about something that seems clear to us, or is not that significant. Others of us, though, may feel bewilderment and confusion in the face of complex arguments about reason, tradition, compassion, inclusion and Biblical faithfulness. Others, again, may feel deep pain and hurt, because the debate actually touches on real life experience - our own, our friend's, or perhaps that of someone in the family - and what for some is doctrinal or theoretical is, for us, personal and every-day. Any one of us might benefit from a quiet, considered conversation about the issues and, perhaps, our own experience and concerns.

If such a confidential conversation would help you, then do please let me know - over the next few weeks I'll be keeping time aside specifically for this. Alternatively, you might prefer to talk to my wife, Revd Alison Roche, who also has previous direct experience talking through these matters.

On our part, there's no agenda, apart from the questions or experiences that you might like to talk over, and the support that either of us might be able to give you in confidence. If you think this might help, please don't hesitate - you can catch us after church, on the phone or by email: Adrian 07919 262399 or adrian.jones@zoho.com and Alison 0116 270 4268 or a.m.roche@btinternet.com

If you'd prefer a confidential small group to discuss some of the background issues, Biblical evidence and where the Church of England is going on these matters, then, again, please let me know and I'll certainly organise something at a convenient time for everyone. *Adrian*

Everyday Faith

Christian growth means moving from a 'Sunday Faith', limited to church on just one day, to 'Everyday Faith', shaping our whole lives and all our relationships.

To help us grow we need to take the Bible seriously, seeking good understanding of these ancient words and how to apply them to life today.

There are many translations of the Bible available:

- some are more traditional in their use of language, others more like the way that we speak and write today;
- some are more literal in their translation of the original languages (taking each word one by one), while others are more concerned to give a sense of the *meaning* of the original;
- other versions try for a balance between both of these.

Whilst traditional language may be beautiful and familiar, my recommendation for everyday use is the New International Version (NIV), which is known for accuracy but also feels up to date. If you'd like to try it out, then do please take one of our free Gospels from the back of the Church – perhaps you could read a chapter a day over the next week or two.

As we become familiar with the stories and teaching of the whole Bible, God will guide us, whatever challenges we face. So do please make sure you have a Bible to hand, and try to stick to a pattern of reading a small amount daily.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119 v.105

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.

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

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

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*

As part of our EcoChurch project, our church too is twinned with a latrine in Malawi.



We would now like to twin the toilets in Holbrook Hall with other latrines in Malawi.

There is a collection jar at the entrance to the church where

donations, large or small can be made.

Please look at the framed certificate on the windowsill next time you use the church facilities. By twinning our toilets, we are recognising our good fortune in having excellent sanitation, and showing that we care about others living in very different circumstances. By donating £60 to twin your toilet, you help fund a project in a community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives. If you would like to consider twinning your own toilet, please visit the toilet twinning website where Tap twinning is also available. Both cost £60, which I think you will agree would be money well spent!

Water Aid Your donations in the Water Aid jar have raised **£65.15**, which will be forwarded to the charity. Many thanks. As you will see from the article above, the PCC have decided that for the time being, future donations will be used to fund latrines in Malawi.



World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March

A service for everyone

prepared by Christian Women of Taiwan

2.00pm at St Thomas More Church

7.30pm at Clarendon Park Congregational Church

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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>

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

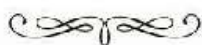
Proceeds to church funds

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!