

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Second Sunday of



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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a; **Psalms 121**

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: International Women's Day falls on Wednesday 8th March. Please pray for positive change towards equality in all those countries where women are still significantly disadvantaged - globally less than 20% of landowners are women, for example, while 73% of illiteracy is amongst women. Pray that schooling for girls everywhere will be a priority and that all of us will learn how to treat each other with equity, so that we all flourish.

Praying for the Church: Around our Diocese, please pray for Bishop Martyn's Lent Pilgrimage, and for the churches of St Peter in Braunstone Park, Hope Hamilton and St Mary de Castro in the city. Pray for lay leaders and clergy, and for fresh growth in faith, numbers and service of the 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, especially **Geoff Altham** and **Vic Ironmonger**, 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 – **Dovedale Road & Dovedale Court.**

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

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%.



St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

12 th March	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis
19 th March	Eucharist for Mothering Sunday	
26 th March	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Fiona Wingate
2 nd April	Palm Sunday Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
7 th April	Good Friday All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
9 th April	Easter Day Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's 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.

Lent 2023

Lent is the traditional part of the Christian year that covers the weeks before Easter, and acts as a preparation for the sombre reflection of Good Friday and the joyful celebration of Easter Day.

Lent can be a time for growing in faith and so we have two weekly opportunities for you to join other members of our churches in a discussion group using a booklet called "Exploring God's Mercy: five images of salvation", written by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Steven Croft.

You can join a group on Wednesday mornings, at 10.30am in the small Cottage Room in the St Mary's Parish Centre, OR at 2.30pm on Thursday afternoons, at the home of Janet Edwards. You are very welcome to join us, even if it's only for one week! Please let me know in advance if you can, so that we can ensure there are enough refreshments!

Let's pray that Lent will be a time that God speaks to us all, and that, as he helps us understand our weaknesses afresh, we might also find more loving understanding of each other.

Adrian



The British Red Cross acknowledges with grateful thanks the recent generous donations given in the bucket collections for the **TURKEY / SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER** on Sundays 12th and 19th February 2023: St. Mary's Church £423.04. and St. Guthlac's Church £153.00.

Winter Open Hands Appeal

A huge thank you to all those who donated so generously to this appeal. Together with the Gaulby group of churches an enormous mound of contributions was collected and this has now been delivered to the Open Hands Compassion Centre for sorting and distribution. The staff asked me to pass on grateful thanks to both congregations. **Lesley Meakin**

Deanery Synod Representative for St Guthlac's: Every three years St Guthlac's (and all churches in the City Deanery) get to select two representatives for the Deanery Synod. The Synod meets three times a year at various churches within the deanery. Deanery Synod plays an important role in the life of the church by enabling reps from different churches to meet and share their experience and knowledge with one another. It helps foster understanding of the very different challenges that the churches face. The City Deanery is a very diverse deanery in terms of traditions, financial situation and contexts. It also provides a way for the laity to inform and influence initiatives that come forward from the diocese and national church. Its role in the future is likely to be important as the diocese looks to understand and expand the implementation of minster communities, even though they may not be bounded by existing deanery boundaries.

I have had the pleasure and privilege to represent St Guthlac's at the Deanery Synod for the last 16 years but have decided not to put my name forward for nomination this year for personal reasons. St Guthlac's is therefore looking for at least one person to present the church at the synod. If you think this might be something you would like to do and would like more information please get in touch. I would encourage everyone to consider this opportunity - it will surprise you. *Fiona Wingate*

Thank you Margaret and Lesley Ironmonger would like to say a very big thank you for all your messages of sympathy, prayers and support during this difficult time, and for making Vic's funeral such a wonderful celebration of his life, with special thanks to the choir for such an uplifting anthem.

Quiz Night: Sold out!

The Quiz night is now fully subscribed. Thank you to those who have booked a place. Vegetarians will be catered for, but if you have any other dietary requirements, please let me know. Thank you. Lesley Meakin l.c.meakin@ntlworld.com

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

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 on the next page, the PCC have decided that for the time being, future donations will be used to fund latrines in Malawi.

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



As part of our EcoChurch project, our church loo 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!

Open Hands Acts of Kindness Appeal: Easter Eggs

For their March Acts of Kindness Appeal, Open Hands will be collecting chocolate Easter Eggs of all sizes, mini, small and large! Easter Eggs will be labelled to highlight that they are a gift from the local community in Leicestershire. Contributions can be brought to church until the end of March 2023. Thank you.

St Guthlac's Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

This year's meeting will be held on **Sunday 16th April at 11.45am**, following morning service. Please do make a note of this date in your diaries. Election of Churchwardens, 2 Deanery Synod representatives and 4 PCC members will take place at the meeting. Please speak to me if you would like to be nominated for any of these roles or would like further information on any of the roles. New faces will be very welcome. **Lesley Meakin PCC secretary**

Your Benefice Magazine

I shall start compiling the next magazine in the first week of March, with a view to publishing in mid-March. I do my best to cover the full range of activities, plans and thoughts at both our churches, but I depend on hearing about these things from you, the readers. I can't, for instance, attend every event, so a paragraph or two, plus a picture, would be very welcome. So would advance notice of events planned for the rest of the year.

All contributions are appreciated. Don't be shy. Please send your contributions, preferably in Word, to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com.

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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.

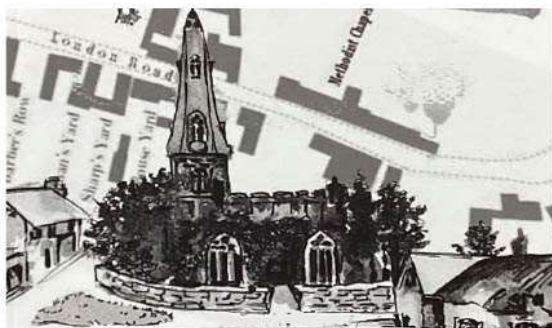
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LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Pinfold, Poachers and Hidden Places of Oadby



Lessons learned on the way to uncovering the lost stories of Victorian Oadby's poorest families

A talk by local historian Bill Davice. Bill has spent seven years researching the social history of Oadby 1700-1911 and has recently published his findings in *Who Stole The Common From Off the Goose?*

Free to members. Non-members welcome but please book in advance by email to publicity@lrfhs.org.uk or by phone/text to 0770 888 3147

A small donation (£2) is appreciated

Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm
Oadby Granville Tennis Club, Leicester Road, Oadby LE2 4AB

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall

Registered Charity No. 518870

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

**“FROM CLASSICAL TO
STAGE AND SCREEN”**



**AN ORGAN RECITAL BY
GEOFFREY HAMES
DIPL.CM**

Tuesday 14th March at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF

Free event and refreshments: Do join us!