

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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This Sunday at 10.30am Tina Jarvis will lead a service of All Age Worship.

The Collect & Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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: Exodus 17.1-7; **Psalm 95**

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-11

Gospel Reading: John 4.5-42

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: As we approach Mothering Sunday on 19th, please pray for improved provision of healthcare for pregnant women and new mothers, around the world. Pray for the work of UK charity 'Ripple Effect', especially with mothers and families in Rwanda, as they support the establishment of simple kitchen gardens and teach the cultivation of good food crops.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray for the congregation and clergy team at St Martin's cathedral in the city, and especially for the remodelling programme 'Leicester Cathedral Revealed'. Pray also for the churches of the East Vale of Belvoir benefice, and for the Deanery of Framland.

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 – **Elms Road & Elms 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

19 th March	Eucharist for Mothering Sunday	Revd Janet Gasper
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
16 th April	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

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.

Everyday Faith – ‘Give us this day our daily bread’

Christian growth means moving from a ‘Sunday Faith’, limited to church on just one day, to ‘Everyday Faith’, allowing God to shape our whole lives and all our relationships.

Generations of Christians have found that they need the regular teaching and support of the Bible to keep them growing in faith and on-track with their Christian life – ‘daily bread’ whatever the circumstances.

One way in which we can easily do this is to use **Bible reading notes**. Each booklet typically covers a few months at a time and has a page for each day, including a short Bible passage to read, a thought to help us understand and apply the passage, and a prayer. This approach gives some simple structure and helps us establish a daily pattern, even though it may only take a few minutes. I’d certainly recommend it, from my own experience.

At the back of church this Sunday there is a collection of different types of Bible reading notes – each has their own style and a slightly different approach. Can I encourage you to have a look, and, if you haven’t tried them before, to take a sample home and give it a go? They’re all free, and you don’t need to bring it back.

If you would like to continue with these notes past Easter, then do let me know, and I can help – some are free and easily obtainable, whilst others have a modest price and may need to be ordered – large print is often available too.

Lent is an ideal time to try something new like this, and I’m sure that you’ll find daily Bible notes a real help as you grow in Everyday Faith.

Adrian

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.

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*

Deanery Synod meeting being held on Monday 27th March, 7.30pm in St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone.

This is an important meeting, **OPEN to ALL** regarding the finance of the diocese and how it may affect your church. Please attend if at all possible - synod representatives/members, PCC members, Churchwardens and Treasurers included. Please spread the word! Representatives from the Diocesan Board of Finance will be sharing some hard truths about our financial situation and how we can all contribute to the long term funding of local ministry to endeavour to solve the funding gap between parish contributions and clergy costs in the Diocese. **Refreshments will be served from 7pm.**

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

Mothering Sunday 2023

Mothering Sunday has come a long way from its origins, when people used to return to the 'mother church' where they were baptised, but it remains an important time to foster closeness and relationships - we share flowers and gifts with loved ones and remember all those who have shown us mothering care. So, once again, in Church, on 19th March, we will have a special service, reflect on God's love shown to us, and express our thanks and appreciation for mothers.

All of this is good but there is another perspective too. Today we are very much more aware of the great variety of mother-child relationships in our society, and that our experiences are not always positive. Remembering Mum's who have died, whether recently or some years ago, is also sad and poignant on this day. Mothering Sunday can be a painful day for many people.

We also know that it is not only birth mothers, and indeed not only women, who can demonstrate the loving care that we think of as "mothering", towards others. Mothering Sunday, therefore, is becoming much more than a traditional celebration – rather, it is a day to remember and celebrate the loving relationships between



generations, alongside reflection on the pain and distance that can also be a feature of these relationships - and a day to seek God's healing for our fractured society.

Having said all of that, there will still be much in our service that we will all recognise, and a real sense of gratitude to all mothers and carers. In 2023, Mothering Sunday, 19th March, falls on the third Sunday of the month, so we'll be celebrating within the context of our regular Communion service - do please invite friends, relatives and neighbours! There are some simple fliers at the back of church that you may find useful to give away. Thank you!

Adrian



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!

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 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**

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete a form which can be found on the notice board at the back of church, or contact Jane Wright administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk. Completed forms must be returned to Jane by 26th March if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. The 'Notice of Revision' posted on the internal church noticeboard gives details of eligibility. Thank you.

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

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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>

 ODDFELLOWS
BAND CONCERT



St Ursula's Chapel,
Wygestons, 160 Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0UX

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023

at 2.30pm

Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks will be available.

For more details, visit: <https://www.oddfellowsbrass.co.uk/>

Coffee Morning

A green ceramic cup filled with coffee sits on a matching saucer. To the right of the cup is a tall, slender glass vase containing several yellow tulips with green leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light green.

**On Saturday 1st April 2023
From 10 am – 12 noon
In St Mary Magdalen Church
Erinsmead Road, Knighton,
Leicester
LE2 3WB**

**Stalls to include
Cakes, Books,
Gifts & a Raffle**

**Just come along
Everyone welcome**

**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!