

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 19th March 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Mothering Sunday, Revd Janet Gasper will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 2.1-10; **Psalm 34.11-20**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray that, in all the controversy about Government plans to restrict the numbers of refugees and asylum seekers coming to the UK, we will all remember the real human stories at the heart of modern migration. Pray for those trapped in unsafe circumstances and pray for those who feel so desperate that they have to leave their home countries. Pray that around the world, people of goodwill will be strengthened in their efforts to end suffering, conflict and poverty.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray for the parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Grimston, Holwell, Saxelby with Shoby, Six Hills and Wartnaby, along with the West Vale of Belvoir parishes of Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Nether Broughton, Old Dalby and Stathern. Pray too for Bishop Martyn on his Lent Pilgrimage around the diocese.

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 – **Elmsleigh Avenue & Llewellyn 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

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
23 rd April	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Cecilia Adjadje

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's

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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.

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

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.**

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! *Adrian*

Your Benefice Magazine

The magazine is published every two months. 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. Please take account of the closing dates if you want to take advantage of this.

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 1 May 2023, for publication, if possible, in mid-May. The provisional closing date for the July/August edition is 1 July. **All contributions are appreciated.** Don't be shy. Please send your contributions, preferably in Word, to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. *Nigel Siesage*



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!

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.

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.

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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>

 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**