



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 26th March 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will be leading a service of Morning Prayer. Church Club will be taking place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect & Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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: Ezekiel 37.1-14; **Psalm 130**

Second Reading: Romans 8.6-11

Gospel Reading: John 11.1-45

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 – **Farley 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

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%.



Quiz evening Thanks to all those who supported the quiz night, whether by participating, donating raffle prizes or helping on the evening. £334 was raised for church funds (£71 of which was proceeds from the raffle).

Mothers' Union Fellowship. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 28th March when the speaker will be Linda Poole, one of our MU Diocesan trustees, who will talk to us about the Amish Way of Life. We'll meet in the Parish Centre lounge at 1.30 for a 2pm start. As always, non-members are welcome to join us. LP

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
30 th April	Benefice Eucharist at St. Guthlac's	

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.

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.**

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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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>

Coffee Morning



On Saturday 1st April 2023

From 10 am – 12 noon

In St Mary Magdalen Church

Brinsmead Road, Knighton,

Leicester

LE2 3WB

Stalls to include

Cakes, Books,

Gifts & a Raffle

Just come along

Everyone welcome