



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21.1-11; Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a; **Psalm 31.9-16**

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26.14 - 27.66

PRAYERS

Praying for the world: Please pray again for all those suffering areas of the world where a real healing and resurrection is needed - countries and peoples torn apart by war, disease, climate change and natural disaster. Please pray for the restoration and resurrection of Haiti, Yemen, Malawi, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Palestine and Ukraine.

Praying for the Church: As we enter into Holy Week, please pray for all our brothers and sisters in the faith across the world—that we may be united as we travel with Jesus towards the cross. Then, as we celebrate the resurrection together, please pray that we may know the joy of our Christian hope and be a clear witness to God's love to 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, 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 – **Francis Street.**

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

Pam Howe – earlier in the week I was saddened to hear that Pam Howe has died. Some years ago, Pam and her husband Stephen were a significant part of church life in Knighton, taking on many roles, both training as Readers and Pam singing in the St Mary's choir. Although she'd been ill for sometime, Pam's death was rather sudden, and our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen and the family. Pam's funeral will be at St Mary's on Wednesday 12th April at 11am. *Adrian*

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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	
7 th May	Eucharist	

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.

Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's and St Guthlac's

The events of Holy Week and Easter are at the heart of our Christian faith and our pattern of services gives us the opportunity to draw closer to God as we remember, lament and then celebrate.

This year the services are as follows:

Tuesday 4th April, 9.30am : Midweek Communion at St Mary's

Thursday 6th April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

9.30am : Midweek Communion at St Guthlac's

7.30pm : Maundy Thursday Eucharist at St Mary's

Friday 7th April **GOOD FRIDAY**

10.30am : All Age Worship at St Guthlac's

2pm : Good Friday Meditation at the Cross, at St Mary's

7.30pm : Reflective Night Prayer for Good Friday, at St Mary's

Sunday 9th April **EASTER DAY**

9am Communion (traditional language) at St Mary's

10.30am Sung Eucharist for Easter at St Mary's

10.30am Sung Eucharist for Easter at St Guthlac's

Please note that in the following week there will be no midweek Communion at St Mary's (11th April) or St Guthlac's (13th April), as the clergy take their traditional break.

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*

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*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 16th April at 11.45 am

The meeting will follow morning service. Please do attend if you are able. Elections for the posts of Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives will take place and there will be a presentation of the church accounts, as well as the opportunity to ask questions. Those with email will receive a virtual copy of the booklet containing the agenda, reports and accounts. For those without email, a limited number of printed copies are available in church. At present we have no candidates for election to Deanery Synod. Please consider whether this is something you could offer to do, and let me know if so. Thank you. **Lesley Meakin PCC secretary**

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

APRIL: Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, it's worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home, or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route? If you prefer exploring outdoors on foot, find out if there's a local Ramblers group.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. Many of us enjoyed reading this book a few years ago and just to let you know that it has been made into a film. It will be shown at the Phoenix cinema from Fri 28 April onwards and I've seen the trailer. It's great, and stars that wonderful actor Jim Broadbent. Worth going to see!

Margaret Bonney

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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>

LEADING WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE

April 22nd 9.30-3.30
at St Martin's House

To book email
claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org

A workshop to provide some basic skills, knowledge and experience in leading simple acts of worship in local churches.



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%.

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation towards the work of St. Guthlac's Church. Thank you.





LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Growing Up in Leicester in the 20th Century



Aspects of
childhood
focussing on the
working classes

The speaker is Cynthia Brown, a popular local historian with a special interest in oral history, author of *Wharf Street Revisited* and *The Story of the Saff*.

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

A small donation (£2) is appreciated

Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm
Oadby Granville Tennis Club, Leicester Road, Oadby LE2 4AB

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall

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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**