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Sunday 16th April 2023

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

The Collect & Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 2.14a, 22-32;

Psalm 16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Gospel Reading: John 20. 19-31

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Just as the violence of the cross gave way to the peace of the tomb, let us pray that those areas of the world affected by violence can begin the journey to peace. We pray for all politicians and world leaders in their quests for peace. Please pray particularly for Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement that has reduced tensions in the province over the past 25 years.

Praying for the Church: We remember the Anglican Church throughout the world, please pray for those working tirelessly to improve the health and environments for their communities and for those areas where Christians are persecuted for their faith. In our own Benefice, please pray for our Clergy Team and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, giving thanks for those who have served on our PCC over the last year.

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 – **Gartree 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%.



St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

23rd April Morning Prayer Cecilia Adjadje
 & Church Club

30th April Benefice Eucharist at St. Guthlac's

7th May Eucharist

14th May All Age Worship

21st April 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.

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



St Guthlac's May Fayre Sat 20th May 11am – 2pm A date for your diary! Further details of the event will soon be available in the newsletter. Meanwhile, we would be very grateful for **contributions towards the Bottle Tombola**. Bottles ranging from drinks to shampoo will be very welcome: maybe you could add one to your weekly shop from now until the Fayre. There will also be a plant stall, so if you are splitting plants, have any unwanted self-seeded plants or spare seedlings, please pot these up and label them and they can be brought on the day. Cakes will also be gratefully received on the day. Thank you.

To all my wonderful friends at St Guthlac's. What lovely surprise to find a box of beautiful pink roses on my doorstep this morning. Thank you so very much. There are so many flower buds and I am sure it will flower for a long time. After many problems I finally moved in a week ago. I stayed with my daughter Sue until then. I am settling in although there is still more to do. But all in good time. I am never going to move again!

Thank you for thinking of me.

I miss you all very much

Love June.

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

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*

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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>

Tea and Talk evening for May ...

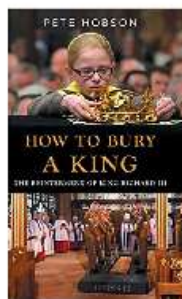
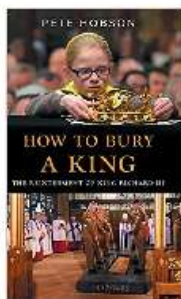
How to Bury a King The Reinterment of King Richard III

Tuesday 9th May at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF

How would you have arranged the burial of King Richard III?

Pete Hobson was faced with that challenge in 2013 as Project Director for the reinterment of King Richard III in Leicester Cathedral. As the ultimate insider, he gives an entertaining account of what happened after Richard III's remains had been found and identified.



Pete Hobson is chair of the local charity Leicester City of Sanctuary. He has also overseen the creation of St Martins House and Cathedral Gardens and most recently led the planning stage for the reordering and development work now nearing completion at the Cathedral.

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!

St. Guthlac's Church May Fayre

Saturday 20th May

11:00am-2:00pm



Holbrook Road

LE2 3LF



Summer Bedding Plants

Vegetable and Herbs

Annuals and Perennials



Coffee, tea, cake, biscuits

Ploughmans Lunches and Hot Dogs

Popcorn Soft drinks

Cakes and Preserves



Children's Novelty Jumpers

Bottle Tombola

Free Admission