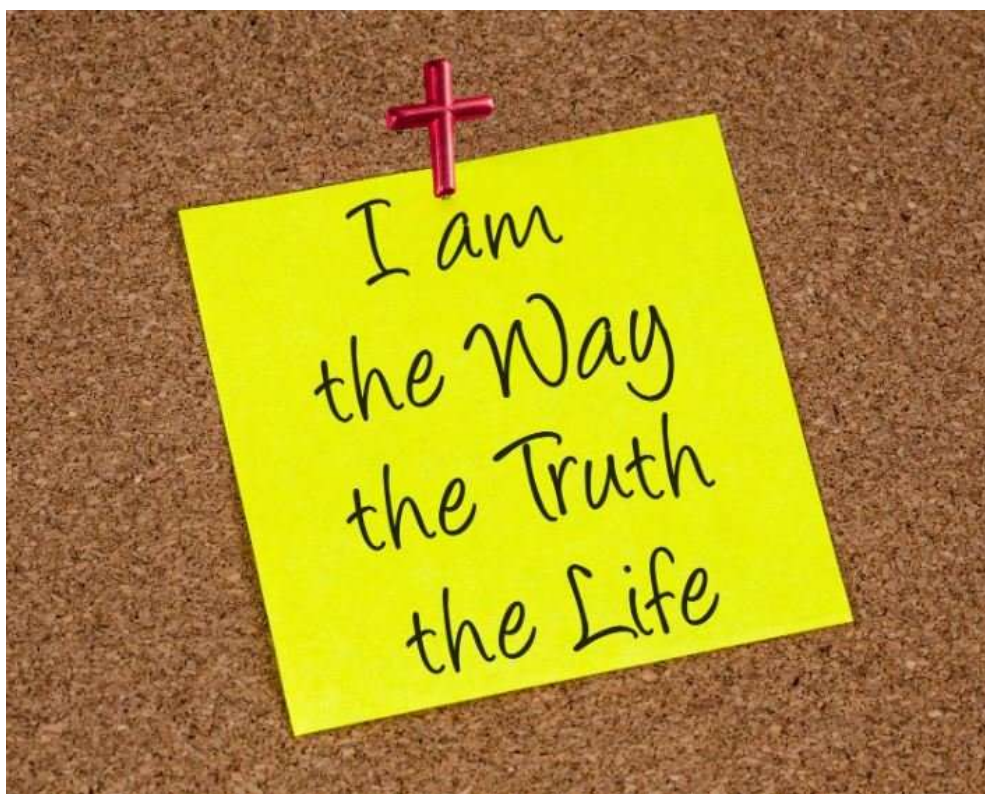


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

<https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>



Sunday 7th May 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

The Collect & Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen

First Reading: Acts 7.55-60; **Psalm 31.1-5,15-16**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2. 2-10

Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray for renewed effort to bring peace between Ukraine and Russia. Pray that those with power and authority will be moved to bring an end to suffering, and pray for good mediators to pave a pathway to end the war.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our own Bishops in the Diocese of Leicester. Pray that Bishop Martyn will be renewed and refreshed by his sabbatical, and that he would return with wisdom and insight about the challenges that face us. Pray that Bishop Saju will have the energy, support, and understanding that he needs over this time- as both our pastor and our overseer.

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 – **Grenfell 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

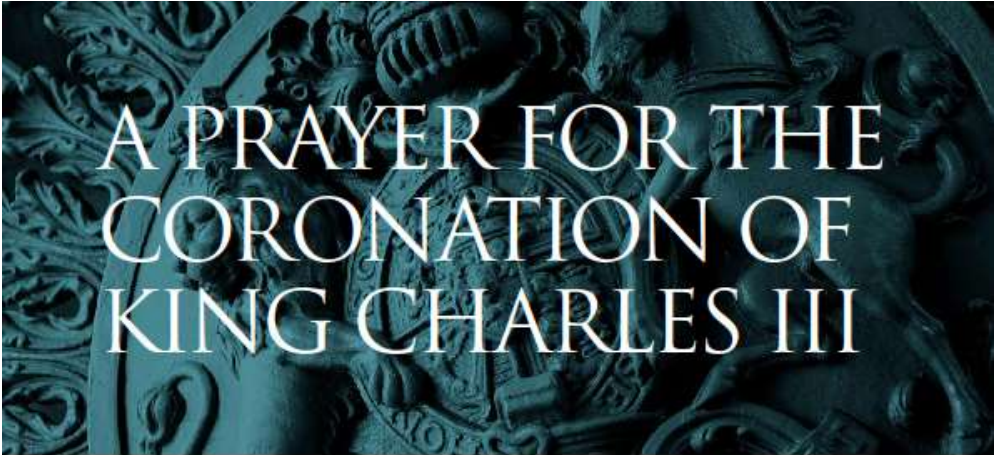
PLANNED GIVING SCHEME Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day to day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from David Hunt, 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%.

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



Ascension Day, 18th May

There will be an Ascension Day Sung Eucharist at St Mary's at 7.30pm. The Thursday 9.30am Communion at St Guthlac's will take place as usual.



A PRAYER FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Our Father in heaven,

We pray today for our new King Charles III.

Grant him your peace as he commits himself again to
your service.

Give him strength and perseverance as he promises to serve
us all as King.

May he know you are walking with him day by day.

Help him to fulfil his vows and promises.

May he follow the example of Jesus – the ultimate
King of Kings.

God bless the King.

Amen.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

14th May All Age Worship

21st May Eucharist

28th May Morning Prayer
 & Church Club

4th June Eucharist

11th June All Age Worship

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.

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

Coronation Volunteer Day - Gardening Party & Litter Pick: 8th May 10:00 - 12:00. We're having a gardening party at St Guthlac's and a litter pick in the local area as part of the volunteer day on the 8th May. Do join us to get the garden ready for the summer and / or help with litter picking in some of the local parts of our parish. Bring tools, bring friends and family. Litter pickers can be provided. Look forward to seeing you there.

Eco Tip for MAY

Say no to the mower. Mowing your lawn less, and letting parts of it grow long, saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact for wildlife, don't mow your lawn or a section of it all until August to help even more animals.

St Guthlac's May Fayre Sat 20th May 11am

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.

Your Benefice Magazine

I shall start compiling the next magazine in the first week of May, with a view to publishing in mid-May. 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. 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

Nigel Siesage

Your PCC: At the recent Annual Parochial Church meeting David Hunt and Tina Jarvis were elected as churchwardens for a term of 1 year. Jane Wright and Chris Bullough were re-elected to the PCC and Jean Cox was elected for the first time, all for a term of 3 years. Adrian Jones (vicar) is the chairman of the PCC and Fiona Wingate (as lay reader) is also a member. Other elected members are Anne Hunt, Ann Swanson, Lesley Meakin, Yolanda Courtney and Alison Welsted. We are very grateful to all of them for serving the church in this way. The new PCC has already had its first meeting and will keep you informed about current issues and plans.

Please support Christian Aid Week 14th -20th May



Soaring costs are affecting people here and around the world.

Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

The impact of the recent Cyclone Freddy in Malawi has been devastating. Floods have washed away crops, over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives. Christian Aid Week is at its most powerful when a disaster happens. Through you, we will be there long after the flood waters recede, helping families build back. Your gifts this May will continue to support the pigeon pea project and other vital work around the world.

This Christian Aid Week, help farmers like Jen plant better seeds and build happier futures for their children. Please join us this Christian Aid Week by donating in one of these ways:

- Through a donation in a Christian Aid envelope which is delivered to your home, or one available in church
- By donating on-line through our St Guthlac's e-envelope. This is easy to do by using the following link

[St Guthlac's Church Knighton - Christian Aid Envelope](#)

or by using the QR code below



THANK YOU!



CELEBRATE THE CORONATION!



Discover the Christian roots and significance of our Royal Coronation service:

"The Crown Uncovered" is a podcast for those interested in the religious significance and history of the English Coronation Service, the only remaining anointing ritual of a Christian monarch. The ceremonies which attend the crowning of English Kings date from before the Norman Conquest, and despite huge changes in society, the state and the Church, they persist. The Archbishop of Canterbury presides over an event of particular holiness.

Two Anglican clergy, Dr Anders Bergquist and William Gulliford, will host interviews with specialists in the fields of Biblical Studies and Liturgy, as well as friends from other faith traditions, to explore the significance of this rite in the past and for the present.

You can find all episodes of **"The Crown Uncovered"** at <https://thecrownuncovered.buzzsprout.com/>

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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>

Tea and Talk evening for May ...

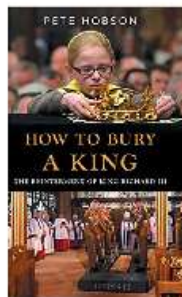
How to Bury a King The Reinterment of King Richard III

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