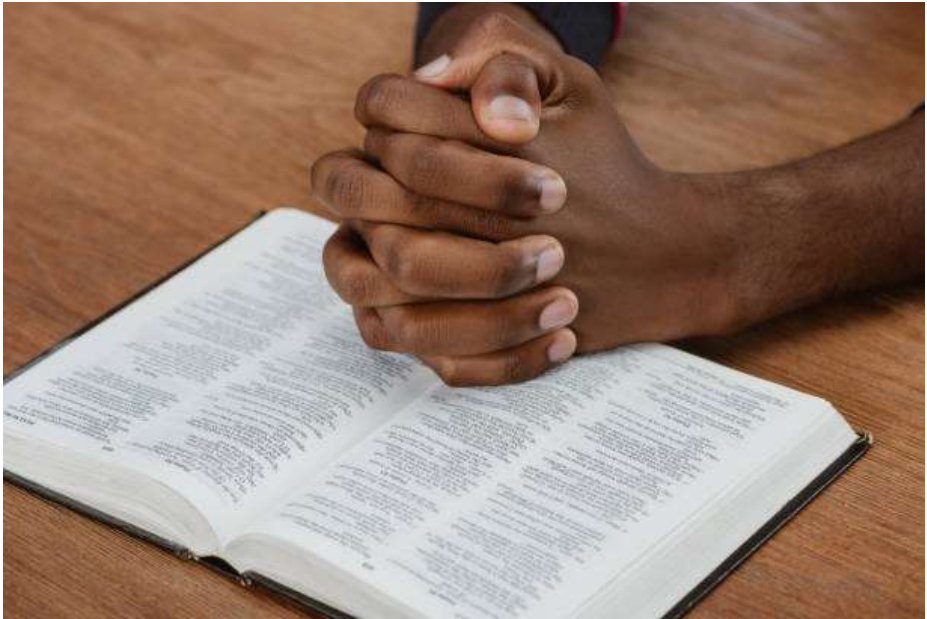


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 21st May 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Aphro McCullough will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14; **Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11;

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Pray for Christian Aid and for all those who will work and donate to support this world-wide development agency during Christian Aid Week which ends today. Pray for our own response: that each heart will be moved with compassion and that we will 'dig deep' to help the poorest and most vulnerable communities of the world.

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray this week for the parishes of Welham, Glooston and Cranhoe and Stonton Wyville, and also of Six Saints circa Holt. Please pray too for Bishop Saju's visit to the Framland Deanery - for encouragement, learning and a fresh vision of the Kingdom of God made real in these places.

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 – **Hendon Grange.**

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

Sad news from the family of Helen Nicholls: We have heard this week that a former member of the congregations at St Mary's and St Guthlac's, Helen Nicholls, has died, peacefully in hospital in Maidstone on 28th April. Several years ago Helen moved from Balmoral Close to live in the Lavender Care Home, West Mallings in Kent, which was much nearer to her family. After a Cremation in Kent, it is hoped that her ashes will be placed in St Mary's Garden of Remembrance, alongside those of her husband Allan, who died in 2015. Our condolences and prayers go to Helen's family and friends.
Adrian



The United Christian Aid Service is at Christchurch, 105a Clarendon Park Road at **6.30pm on Sunday 21st May**. Martin Gage, who has worked for Christian Aid for many years, will speak and Michael Relph of St Mary's will be at the organ. Everyone welcome.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

28 th May	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
4 th June	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
11 th June	All Age Worship	Revd Janet Gasper
18 th June	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
25 th June	Morning Prayer	Revd Janet Gasper

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.

Three Key Questions: As a Diocese, we are looking to work together and grow the Kingdom of God by taking a focus on the depth of our discipleship, the number of disciples of Jesus in our churches, and our loving service of the world.

To help us all see and think about the Kingdom in these respects, every church is challenged with these three key questions:

- How are you growing, and enabling others to grow in the depth of their discipleship?
- How are you enabling growth in the numbers of disciples of Jesus?
- How are you serving your community, and enabling others to love and serve those around them?

You might like to take a little time this week to think about how these questions might be answered for our church, and for yourself as a follower of Jesus.

Adrian

Special Memorial Service for John Fidoe

Many of you will remember our former church member and friend, John Fidoe, who died in November last year at his care home in Sheffield, aged 96. Next Tuesday, May 23rd, at 11am, there will be a special memorial service for John at St Mary's, where he was for many years a loyal and regular member of the choir. Both John's children, Michael and Elspeth, will be there, and our short service will be followed by the interment of John's ashes in our Garden of Remembrance with those of his wife Kath, who died in January 2017.

If you knew John, please consider coming to this time to remember and give thanks for his life, and to support the family. Adrian

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.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE ST GUTHLAC'S MAY FAYRE THIS SATURDAY 20th MAY 11am. If you have any donations for the plant and cake stalls please bring them to the fayre on Saturday morning. 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

Collecting Stamps for the Leprosy Mission: as you will remember, we heard from the Leprosy Mission at the end of 2022 to say that they were closing the stamps and collectibles department as from 31 March 2023. I sent off our last contribution in February and we've just received a thank you letter from the charity for all St Guthlac's has done over the years to support this effort. They say 'together, you have transformed lives'. *Margaret Bonney*

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 23rd May** when Sue Clark will tell us about the Growbaby Project which helps struggling families in Leicester by providing good quality baby clothes and equipment. You may remember that Sue had to cancel her planned visit to us in January because of family illness so we are very pleased that she has agreed to come now. We will gather as usual in the Parish Centre Lounge from 1.30 for a 2pm start. Non-members are welcome to join us. LP

St. Mary's Coffee Morning Saturday 17th June 10am-12noon in the church. Stalls to include Gifts, Cakes, Plants, Books and a Raffle. Just come along, everyone welcome.

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

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Both St Guthlac's and St Mary's current and backdated newsletters are available online.

St Guthlac's <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

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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