

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 28th May 2023
Pentecost

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This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will lead a service of Matins.
There is **no Church Club** this week as it is half term.

The Collect & Readings for Pentecost

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21;

Psalm 104.22-36, 37b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13;

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-23

PRAYERS

Praying for the World - Please pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of all people who are resistant to accepting God's love. Pray especially for those who think they aren't worthy or acceptable, then for those so damaged by circumstances and other people's actions that they have built walls against any love at all. Pray too for those who are so powerful, comfortable or fearful that they dare not take the risk of responding to God. Pray for the Spirit's deep and gentle work in all their lives.

Praying for the Church- Please do pray for the ministry of our Diocesan Retreat Centre, Launde Abbey, this Pentecost season. Pray for the ministry team (Alison, Chris and Alan), the staff, volunteers and trustees. Pray that the Spirit would be at work in every individual and group that visits Launde. Pray for our Quiet Days and the upcoming retreat programme, that God would touch people's lives.

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 – **Holbrook Road.**

3 Key Questions Prayer 1 - Deepening Disciples

[Our first key question as a Diocese is: *How are you growing, and enabling others to grow in the depth of their discipleship?*]

God of all heights and depths,
who knows us better than we know ourselves,
help us to see clearly where you have gifted us
and the opportunities we have to use those gifts to bless others.
Help us to hear your call;
and to have the strength and courage to follow it.
Give us, we pray, the wisdom, patience and compassion
to support others as you have supported us,
and help us to point unfailingly to your love and grace
in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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

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%.



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.

There are pilot Minster Communities in the Diocesan. A Minster Community is a designated group of parishes, fresh expressions of church, and schools brought together for mission. Minster Communities aim to honour our current parish system and fit us for mission in the 21st century.

Bishop Saju suggests that churches take stock where and who we are as a church and what we could offer to a future Minster Community as well as what benefits us from joining in partnership with other worshipping communities.

Adrian will explain about "Shape by God" and an informal discussion will follow the morning service on 4th June during coffee time. The aim is to inform the congregation about planned changes and their potential impact as well as give an opportunity for giving feedback.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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 Holy Communion

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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 #

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

Thank you to everyone who helped at the May Fayre - and to everyone who came along, chatted, enjoyed the company and the sun, and spent some money! It was a tremendous effort from everyone and a great example of what St Guthlac's does so well for the community. *Adrian*

ST. GUTHLAC'S MAY FAYRE Many thanks to everyone who supported this event; we have raised over **£900** for church funds and an additional £33.50 for Malawi.

Eco Tip for MAY

Say no to the mow. 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.

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Newsletters on Line

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

St Mary's <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk>

**You are invited to come along to our Tea and
Talk evening for June...**

**Place-names of England,
Leicestershire, Leicester and Knighton**

A fascinating guided tour round the origins of all sorts of
names found both nationally and locally

Tuesday 13th June at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



Simon Mold will explore how the names of towns, villages, natural features, rivers etc. relate to the different ways our country was settled and colonised over the last 2000 years.

Simon is a widely talented man with an interest in English Place-Names from his University days. He has written for various periodicals and magazines, and his book *Poetry of the Peak* was published in 2019. Several CDs of Simon's music have been released in recent years, as he is also a composer of vocal and choral music. He is currently a member of Leicester Cathedral Choir.

Free event and refreshments: Do join us!