

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 9 July 2023
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will lead a service of Matins.

The Collect & Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45.10-17

2nd Reading: Romans 7.15-25a

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those suffering during the drought in East Africa (Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan and Kenya).

At least 20 million children are facing severe drought conditions, and four failed rainy seasons in a row have driven over 7 million people from their homes in search of food. Please pray for good rain in the right seasons and for international help in the meantime to keep people alive and well.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our brothers and sisters in our partner Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) who are also suffering in the drought - pray that they will be wise about how to respond as Christians. Across our own Diocese we are also praying this week for the people and leaders of the parishes in the Barrow and Wolds Group, Castle Donington & Lockington cum Hemington, and the Benefice of Belton, Diseworth, Hathern, Kegworth, Long Whatton and Osgathorpe.

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 – **Knighton Rise.**

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

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.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

16 th July	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Fiona Wingate
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23 rd July	Morning Prayer	Cecilia Adjadje
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30 th July	Benefice service at St. Mary's	
	NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S	

6 th August	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
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Every Thursday at 9.30am	Holy Communion
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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 #

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.



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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>

Calling and Celebration: It was with great joy that we shared in Cecilia's ordination service on Sunday last, at All Saints in Loughborough. Along with four others, Cecilia was ordained as a deacon by Bishop Saju in a service that combined reflection on their calling to serve, with celebration and thanks giving for all that God has already done, and promises to do in our parishes through them. Please do continue to pray for Cecilia, her husband Peter, and their children Esther, David and Daniel, as they adjust to this new way of life and as they move house in the near future.

In this year as a deacon, Cecilia will assist on Sunday mornings and start her training in all the pastoral duties of parish clergy. Over the summer I have planned a gentle introduction for her, with time for refreshment and rest as well. This time next year she'll be ordained as a priest, and so will be able to lead and preside at services of the Eucharist as well.

I'll 'introduce' Cecilia to you all 'officially' as our new Curate in church very soon! Adrian





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

EcoTip for July: Lending a helping hand in hot weather. Help hedgehogs in hot weather. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dog food, can help in sustained warm weather. If you have a garden pond, ensure there's always a way for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.

Benefice Magazine - an update

The next Benefice Magazine will be published in late July. Please consider making a contribution. As I have other commitments at the beginning of the month, the closing date for contributions has been put back to Saturday 8 July. Copy should be sent to me at stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com

SAMARITANS

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Molly Clarke is organizing a Charity Evening Dinner to raise money for the Leicester Samaritans.

This will be held at Leicester College on **Wednesday 8th November.**

Tickets are £28 each.

More details to come. Molly

Summer Read



We hope you will join us in reading one or more books by Christy Lefteri

The Bee Keeper of Aleppo and / or The Songbirds

Bee Keeper of Aleppo

Nuri is a beekeeper, his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape through Asia and Europe. This is a beautifully written story of a couple's flight from war-torn Aleppo to the UK. It is gripping, sad and thought-provoking.

The Songbirds

A story based on real events. Nisha has left Sri Lanka to go to Cyprus to support her mother and young daughter. She goes to work for Petra. For Petra, it is only natural to hire a domestic worker to keep her house clean and her family fed. Their lives have nothing in common, except the love they feel for their daughters. Then one day, Nisha vanishes. No one cares about the disappearance of a foreign domestic worker, except Petra and Nisha's secret lover, Yiannis.

Copies of the books will be available to borrow from St Guthlac's church and Holbrook Oasis café which meets every Wednesday between 1.30 – 3.30.

There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss the books on Tuesday 12th September at 7.00 (with tea & cakes) or at Holbrook Oasis at St Guthlac's on Wednesday 13th September at 1.30.

Taking the
next step
on your

Journey in Faith



What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory session - Saturday 23 September 10.00-12.30 at SMH

Course venues

The course will take place a different venues around the diocese - register your interest to find out more.

Who can join?

It is open to anyone — there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

Is there a cost?

£40 per term to cover venue hire and materials but speak to us if this is a barrier.

How do I join a course?

For more information or to register contact Liz Rawlings
(liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org).

What does a previous participant say?

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JIF is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."