

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 23 July 2023
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

sunday 23rd July

This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will lead a service of Morning Prayer.

The Collect & Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24

2nd Reading: Romans 8.12-25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

PRAYERS

Praying for the World: This week please pray for all those across the world who are involved in medical research and the development of new treatments and therapies. Pray that God will raise up and equip women and men who will be dedicated to the relief of suffering through better healthcare and that Governments and pharmaceutical corporations will be prepared to fund their work and share the results fairly so that everyone benefits.

Praying for the Church: Please join with others across our Diocese in praying for the people and leaders of our link partners in the Church of South India, the Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore, and more locally in the parishes of St Mary in Charnwood (Nanpantan), and the South Croxton Benefice and the Burrough Hill Benefice.

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 – **London 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

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

30th July Benefice service at St. Mary's
NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S

6 th August	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
13 th August	Morning Prayer	Revd Aphro McCullough
20 th August	Eucharist	Revd Alison Roche & Revd Cecilia Adjadje

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 #

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.



Saying farewell to Sybil Rutland: Later this month our longtime church member and friend, Sybil, will be moving house to Norfolk, to be much closer to her family. As most of you will know, Sybil, with her husband Bob who died last year, has been an important part of our church life for a long time - providing support and encouragement to so many others, even as they met difficult challenges of their own. Personally, I'm very grateful for that encouragement, and for their stirring work as Parish Clerks at St Mary's before I arrived, when they organised and updated all our churchyard records.

Sybil will be much missed, and we send her on her way with sincere thanks and prayers, affection and all our best wishes for the future. *Adrian*

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.

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 25th July – the feast day of St James the Greater. We'll meet as usual in the Lounge of the Parish Centre at 1.30pm for a 2pm start to hear about St James and his shrine at Santiago de Compostela and other places that bear his name. As always non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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>

**Adrian and family will be on holiday over the next two weeks.
In case of urgent pastoral need please contact Revd Janet or
Revd Aphro.**

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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>

Calling and Celebration: It was with great joy that we shared in Cecilia's ordination service on Sunday 2nd, 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.

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

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



The Parish of St Guthlac, Knighton



11th June 2023

Dear Friends,

‘A BRIGHTER BUILDING’ - a new appeal.

Will you help fund the repair and re-decoration of St Guthlac's?

Over the last year we have all had to bear the consequences of the “cost-of-living-crisis” - everyone’s budget has been squeezed, and some very tightly indeed.

Firstly therefore, I want to pass on the grateful thanks of the St Guthlac’s Church Council and myself, for your continuing financial support through your giving to the Church. Your donations and fundraising are essential – they enable the Church to maintain and expand our Christian life together, and to keep our focus on outreach and support in the local community and beyond.

Given the challenging times in which we live, it is more important than ever that everyone can find a welcoming space where we can worship God together and grow in the faith that gives us hope and security – and for many of us, that place is the local church.

This is why I am writing to you now. We want to ensure that St Guthlac’s is once again ‘A Brighter Building’ for meeting together and worship - and so today we are launching a new appeal for the funds needed for essential repairs and re-decoration.

The interior of the church was last painted many years ago, and after the installation of the new heating system the intention was always to completely redecorate and make good. Now that some considerable time has gone by, we are also concerned that the building will

deteriorate if we don't act soon; we know that spending money now will save higher costs in the future and want to nip any problems in the bud. The other building issue is that two areas of flooring have become weak and potentially unsafe – you may have seen the 'hazard' tape in the chancel area but there is also an area in the vestry that needs attention. Both areas will need to be taken up before repair, and more, unforeseen, problems may then become apparent.

We are now launching our '**A Brighter Building**' Appeal for **£20,000**, so that we can carry out these essential works.

Raising this amount will certainly be a challenge for us, but I am confident that

"God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4.19)

The Bible reminds us many times about God's incredible generosity towards us, and exhorts us all to reflect that generosity in our own giving:

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.... for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9.6 & 7)

So, can I urge you to consider how *you* can contribute to our appeal to create '**A Brighter Building**'? Our Appeal Donation Pack gives you all the information you need to make either a one-off gift or a regular contribution.

Thank you for supporting St Guthlac's, and enabling us, together, to provide a **Brighter Building** for the future of our special church.

Very best wishes,

Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar)

'A Brighter Building' Finance Forms

Printed Pledge, Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available at St Guthlacs or ask Tina to send you the form you want either by email or through the post. churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

A BRIGHTER BUILDING - DONATION INFORMATION

There are several alternative methods to give money to complete our fund-raising and allow the internal decoration to commence. You may choose the method that is most appealing to you. What is important with whichever method you choose is that you “Gift Aid” your donation if you are a tax payer, if you do that we can recover 25% of your donation from His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs at no cost to you. See the note below on Gift Aid for further details.

1. DONATION

We welcome any donation at any time for any amount. The donation can be put in one of our blue envelopes that can be found at the back of Church or one of your own envelopes; or alternatively, you may send or give the donation to me. If the donation is in an envelope, please make it clear by writing on the envelope that it is for the “Decorating Fund”. If you wish to keep your donation anonymous, just tell David, then only you and he will know. If you wish David to claim Gift Aid on your donation, see details in Section 7 below.

2. STANDING ORDER

A regular donation can be made to the Decorating Fund by means of a Standing Order. But you can choose the best method for doing this.

- If you don’t have a Standing Order set up, complete the Standing Order Request form to instruct your bank to set up your donation.
- If you already have a Standing Order set up with your bank, you can complete the Standing Order Request form to instruct your bank to increase your donation.

In each case, both halves of the standing order request form should be completed; send the top half to your bank and give the lower half to me.

In addition, please make sure you also complete the relevant section in Appendix A and return it to David. If you wish David to claim Gift Aid on your donation, see details in Section 7 below.

3. I WANT TO DONATE BY BANK TRANSFER

This can be done using our bank details; Sort Code: 20-49-08, Account Number: 53861341, Account Name: St Guthlacs PCC, Reference: Decorating. If you wish David to claim Gift Aid on your donation, see details in Section 7 below.

4. I WANT TO DONATE BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

This can be done from our website <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>. In the grey area on the left hand side of the home page you will see “A Brighter Building”, click on the link for instructions. Alternatively, you can use your mobile phone and scan the QR code at the end of this document.

5. PLEDGE

This method does not involve any payment until we know we have enough money to start decorating. You can pledge any amount and once we know we have enough money and pledged money we will ask you for the money you have pledged within 4 weeks.

Please complete the enclosed pledge form and return it to David.

6. I WANT TO DONATE SOMETHING BUT THIS IS TOO COMPLICATED

If you find forms and choices too much but really want to help us begin decorating, or if you have any questions about donating, talk to David after a service, or email: treasurer@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk;

or alternatively, invite him for a cup of tea and a chat; all conversations will be strictly confidential and there will be no pressure on you to do anything you don't want to do. David will help you through the paperwork and leave you to decide if this is what you want to do.

7. GIFT AID

If you are a UK Tax Payer, "Gift Aiding" any donation you make to the Church is extremely valuable to us. We can claim from HMRC 25% of everything you donate and if everyone who is a tax payer does this, the benefits to us soon mount up; and it costs you nothing more than the donation you give to us. There is a fundamental rule that applies to the amount of Gift Aid we can claim. Charities can only claim Gift Aid up to the amount of income or capital gains tax you pay in a financial year. What does this mean? You need to consider all donations you make to any charity that you have agreed can be Gift Aided; as long as 25% of ALL those donations does not exceed the amount of income or capital gains tax you have paid in that financial year, all is well. If it is likely to exceed it, you could split the amount of donation with your spouse, or divide the donations over two financial years. If you have any doubts or concerns, talk to David. The important thing to remember is that he needs your address and signature indicating you wish to Gift Aid your donation and the easiest way to do that is to complete the Gift Aid Declaration form.

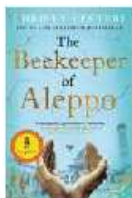
We are very grateful for all the donations we get from our congregation and friends, everyone is very supportive. Hopefully we will soon be able to begin to decorate the interior of our church and create

"A Brighter Building" for the future.

David Hunt

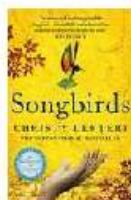
PCC Treasurer





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.