

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday 24 September 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

sunday 24th September

This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will be leading a Service of the Word.

Creationtide Readings: Creation care is not the reserve of Christians

Genesis 1: 1 - 25

Genesis 1:26 - 2:2

The Collect & Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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: Exodus 16.2-15; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 1.21-30;
Psalms 105.1-6,37-45; **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 20.1-16

Climate Change Collect

Holy God,
forests, land, wilderness and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.
Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit,
with wisdom in present controversies
and vision for the future to which you call us,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying for the World:

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:
You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.
Your works declare glory and splendour, and you call us to praise and reverence.

Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.
Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.

Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray for the Bishop's Leadership Team and all those leading us through the transition to Minster Communities. Pray also for the people and leaders of the churches of St. Peter's, Bardon Hill, and Hugglescote with Donington, Ellistown & Snibston.

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 – **Shirley Avenue.**

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

1 st October	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
8 th October	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis & Jean Gabbar
15 th October	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
22 nd October	Morning Prayer & Church Club	

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.



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

"A Brighter Building" fundraising Update.

A VERY big thank-you to everyone who has pledged and donated to our decorating project. Our target is £20000 and so far, including Gift Aid, we have reached just over £12000, an incredible result in only just 2 months. Keep the donations coming and before long we will be able to start to Brighten our Building. *David Hunt, Treasurer*

Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting: Sunday 24th September after the morning service.

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 26th September (not the date in our programme!). Our speaker is Margaret Rouse, a former Diocesan President, who will talk about Slavery in our Time. We will meet as usual in the Parish Centre Lounge at 1.30 for a 2pm start. As always, non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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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**](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>

SEPTEMBER ECO TIP

Green your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bill by testing how draughty or leaky your home is. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, gaps around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials: (there are lots of handy tutorials on how to do this online). Now is also a very good time to prepare for winter by sticking tinfoil or radiator panels between the wall and radiator, as these will help reflect heat back into your room during the colder months.

WANTED! Curtains and saucepans for Open Hands! If you have surplus of either and want them to go to a good home, Open Hands would love to receive them. Many of the people they are helping to rehome are going into flats/houses without anything and would really value our help. Please leave them at church, marked for me, and I will deliver them to a friend who volunteers for this charity.

Thank you so much. Margaret Bonney

Jam jars needed asap for the Christmas Fayre: Please remove all labels if possible. Thank you.

Charity Evening Dinner to raise money for the Leicester Samaritans. This will be held at Leicester College Taste Restaurant on **Wednesday 8th November, 6.30pm for 7pm**. Tickets are £28 each for a 4-course dinner. Music by Michael Relph and a raffle. Menu and sign-up sheet for tickets are at the back of church. A deposit of £10 is required by October 13th and can be given to Molly Clarke or Jane Wright. Further details available from Molly.



A Taste of *Faith*

A great introduction to a world faith tradition from a faith practitioner, with religious artefacts and food associated with religious festivals or places.



Sikhism

20 September



Hinduism

4 October



Judaism

22 November

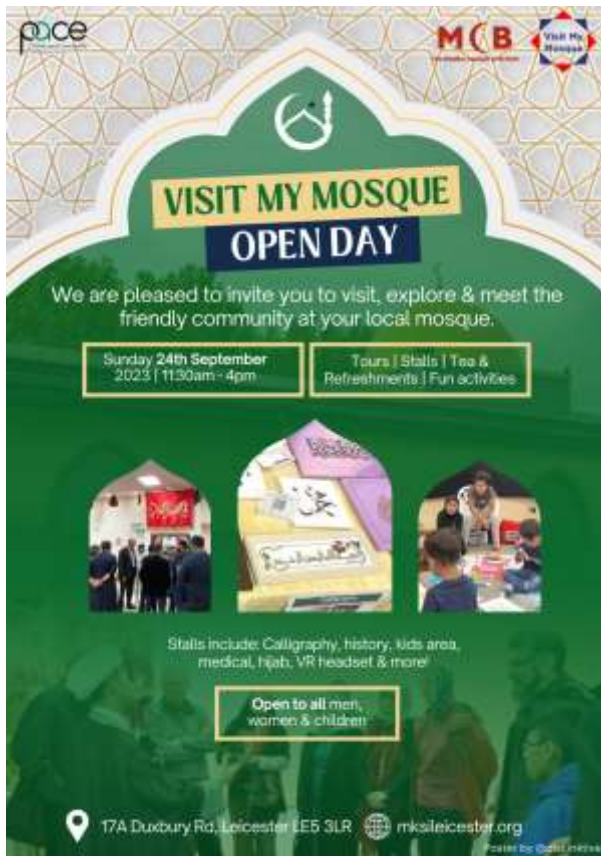
7.30pm - 9pm

At: Christchurch

105a Clarendon Park Road, Leicester, LE2 3AH

0116 2705369





MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Food, water and medical assistance are desperately needed to aid the people in Morocco.

Red Cross, the world's emergency responders, are asking for donations.

We shall have a bucket collection for the Red Cross at St Mary's & St Guthlac's

on

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER.

Volunteer Recruitment Open Day

Leicester Cathedral reopens
on 26 November 2023!

At this exciting time,
we need volunteers for:

Visitor welcome & hospitality	Bell ringing
Guided tours	Helping at services
Flower arranging	Caretaking
Choir chaperones	Chaplaincy
School visits	

For further information email:
Rebecca.Hale@LeicesterCofE.org
or visit leicestercathedral.org



Sat 23 Sept
10am–4pm

St Martins House
7 Peacock Lane
LE1 5PZ



Part of the furniture! Now that Cecilia, our curate, Peter and the family are settled into their new home, they are on the hunt for some extra furniture. If you could help them with a wardrobe, chest of drawers, desk or base for a single bed then please do let them know, or pass on a message via Adrian. We can probably arrange collection if that helps. Contact details in this newsletter. Thank you!

The Western Park Green Fair 2023



The Western Park Green Fair, Saturday September 30th, 11-3pm, with short informal Harvest Festival to close. The focus is on inspiring, informing and enabling the local community to live more sustainably. There will a wide range of stands and activities for all ages in the hall and the church. These include: Biffa recycling, a clothes-swap (bring your unwanted clothes and accessories to swap - if you don't have anything to swap, that's fine come and see if you can find something you can love for free), LCC sustainable travel, LCC energy-saving team, apple-press, preserves, lots of recipes for jam making, pickles, cordials and gins, Furoshiki wrapping tutorials, the Conservation Volunteers will be offering seed-bomb making, children's crafts and trail, Food Bank drop-off point, Leicestershire & Rutland Ornithological Society, The Wildlife Trust, home-made and up-cycled stall, home-made refreshments including soup, cake and cordials, reflective space and Harvest displays in the church. **All welcome!**



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

**St Denys
Church
Evington**

**2023 Music
Festival
LE5 6FA**

Saturday 9th September 7pm	Organ Recital Dr Simon Ainge, organist at St. John the Baptist Church, Billesdon.
Wednesday 13th September 7pm	Student Recital: Saxophone and Voice Erica Lees-Smith and James Upton, young musicians and former Leicester Cathedral choristers.
Thursday 21st September 7.30pm	Brass Band Concert Hathern Band are a 30 member brass competition level band from the county.
Saturday 30th September 3pm	Tea and Cake with Banjo Dez Entertainment from Derrick Pearce, renowned Leicester banjo player and George Formby fan.
Saturday 7th October 7.30pm	Cantamici Choir Concert Cantamici are a 30 member Leicestershire concert choir that has toured the UK and Europe, directed by David Necklen. Concert in memory of local composer Jack Griffin.
Saturday 14th October 3pm	Classical Indian Music Workshop Sarangi and tabla with local musicians from String Beats.



Season tickets can be bought for £40 to include admission to all concerts & recitals. Single concert tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance for £10 (£5 for students). Alternatively, scan the QR code (on the left) or use Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-denys-2023-music-festival-tickets-692421801247>

Entry to all concerts for under 18s is FREE.

Refreshments available, donations for the work of St. Denys very welcome.

The opportunity to buy raffle tickets will be available across all concerts. The draw will be made at the end of the final concert on Saturday 14th October 2023.

For more information contact office@stdenys.org.uk or 07803 828454.

SENBAZURU

an installation of origami cranes at Stoneygate Baptist Church

To mark the International Day of Peace,
we aim to fill the church
with a thousand origami cranes,
known in Japan as senbazuru
and symbolising a wish for recovery

You will be invited to add your own crane,
and spend time reflecting
on the things that make for peace

The installation will be open for five sessions,
with an event planned to run alongside each

Thursday 21 September
Opening Night 6-9pm

Friday 22 September
Messy Church 3:30pm

Saturday 23 September
Cream Tea 2-5pm*

Sunday 24 September
Peace Service 10:30am

Monday 25 September
Wellbeing Cafe 10am-12noon

* Suggested donation of £5 in aid of our charity of the year,
the Wolf Hirschhorn Syndrome Trust



stoneygatebaptist.org.uk



Free Film Night

at St Guthlac's Church

Holbrook Rd
LE2 3LF



Part of our monthly Tea and Talk series of events. All welcome!



The Duke

(Cert 12, 95 mins)

Tues 10th October 7.00pm

A light-hearted uplifting true story with Jim Broadbent & Helen Mirren. In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting if the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend.

**Free refreshments and the
chance to socialise**