

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 15 October 2023
Celebrating Communion through Classical Art
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

sunday 15th October

This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will preside and preach at a service entitled Celebrating Communion through Classical Art.

The Collect & Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 32.1-14;

Psalms 106.1-6,19-23;

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.1-9;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.1-14

Reading for this Sunday's service: John 5.2-9

Praying for the World: Please pray for a quick peace and just settlement of grievances between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Pray for the safety and protection of all civilians caught up in the violence and the political manoeuvring - pray also that leaders will exercise restraint and sound judgement on behalf of all the people of the region.

"Give us Lord God, a vision of our world as your love would make it;
a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the benefits of civilised life are shared and everyone
can enjoy them;
a world where different races, nations and cultures live in mutual
respect;

a world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love; and give us the inspiration and courage to build it."

Trevor Williams, Corrymeela Community

Praying for the Church: In this Week of Prayer for World Peace, pray that in the Church of England we might embody reconciliation, good disagreement and healing care for each other. Pray for those who disagree so sharply on issues of sexuality and gender, and on ideas for the future growth of the Church - pray for a willingness to listen, understand and work together for God's Kingdom.

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 – **South Knighton 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@stguthlack-knighton.co.uk

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

22 nd October	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
29 th October	Benefice Eucharist at St. Guthlac's	
	Revd Adrian, Revd Cecilia & Fiona	
5 th November	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
12 th November	AAW Remembrance	Fiona Wingate
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 **£15000**, 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*

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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	<u>https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk</u>
St Mary's	<u>https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk</u>

HOLIDAYS: During the half term week Adrian, Alison and children will be taking a short break away, from 16-19th. Cecilia will also be taking 16th and 17th as holiday. Please contact other members of the Ministry Team in case of urgent need.

Your Benefice Magazine

I have a number of commitments in the first 3 months of 2024 and will find it difficult to produce the Magazine. If you think you might be interested in sharing the role during this period, or would at least like to know more, without commitment, please let me know. Please contact me on the email address below.

Meanwhile, the next (November/December) edition will be issued in early November and the closing date for copy for will be Tuesday 31 October. Don't miss this opportunity to advertise events in the Advent season. Please send your contributions, preferably in Word, to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com

Nigel Siesage

Garden tools and solid plastic storage crates looking for a home. Following a tidy up I have a Dutch hoe, spring rake and a pair of long handled edge cutters all looking for a home. They are in good condition. If anyone can use them or knows of someone or an organisation that could use them please let me know. Most charity shops won't take them and I would sooner not send them to the tip. I also have about half a dozen stacking, storage crates if any one can use them. Fiona W.

OCTOBER ECO TIP

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

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.

**THE BRITISH RED CROSS
MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

The British Red Cross thanks St Guthlac's for the generous donations of £67.50 collected on Sunday 17th & 24th September 2023. It was much appreciated.

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

St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre: A date for your diaries

St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre will take place on
Saturday 9th December! 9:45 am to 1:00pm.

Join us for refreshments, live music, good company and the chance
to buy lots of Christmas Goodies!

For those who would like to order in advance - and this does help our
stock control - we are offering our **Virtual On-line catalogue** show-
casing some of our more popular items.

You will have received your catalogue with this newsletter if you
receive your newsletter by email.
Hard copies will be available in church very soon.

*** Ordering in advance does not stop you joining us on the big
day ***

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

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, Baldock.
Wednesday 13th September 7pm	Student Recital: Saxophone and Voice Erica Lees-Smith and James Upton, young musicians and former Leicester Cathedral chorists.
Thursday 21st September 7.30pm	Brass Band Concert Hathers Band are a 30 member brass competition level band from the county.
Saturday 30th September 2pm	Tea and Cake with Banjo Des Entertainment from Derrick Pearce, renowned Leicester banjo player and George Forsyth fan.
Saturday 7th October 7.30pm	Cantamati Choir Concert Cantamati are a 30 member Leicestershire concert choir that has toured the UK and Europe, directed by David Nickles. Concert in memory of local composer Jack Griffin.
Saturday 14th October 3pm	Classical Indian Music Workshop Dancing and tabla with local musicians from String Beats.



Screen tickets can be bought for £42 to include admission to all concerts & recitals.
 Single concert tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance for £13-15 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-684471801147>

Entry to all concerts for under 16s 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 829454.

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Celebrating Communion through Classical Art

**Sunday 15th October
10.30**

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Road, LE2 3LF



Each part of the Eucharist will be illustrated by the work of a classical painting. Rev. Janet Gasper will explore the painters, the images, and their significance in the Eucharist.



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

The violence in Israel and Gaza this week –

Watching the terrible scenes of violence from Israel and Gaza this week, you may have wondered with great sadness how Christians in the UK can respond. The following is an extract from the response of 'Embrace', the charity that some of us have supported in the past, and which works across the Middle East:

"The Lord is near the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit."
Ps 34:18

Dear Friends - We have watched with horror and heartbreak the events unfolding in the Holy Land. We pray for restraint and an end to the violence and have been in touch with our partners on the ground.

In Israel our partners are still trying to come to terms with the shock of the attacks and with the ongoing kidnap situation. They ask us:

"Please do keep praying for Israel! Our nation is bleeding. We are very grateful that you are thinking and praying about us! Israel will never be the same after this war."

Across Gaza there is huge devastation and fear. People have fled to churches and schools in the hope of safety. Our partner Al Ahli Hospital is providing emergency healthcare. But the air strikes, lack of electricity and water have meant all our projects in Gaza have had to pause and staff are seeking shelter where they can. Several have lost their homes in the bombing and one of our partner's training centres has been badly damaged.

They told us: *"Amidst this horrible situation and the unprecedented damage, we turn our faces to you to hold the people of Gaza in your prayers."*

As soon as they are able to work safely again, Embrace will be there to support our sisters and brothers as they respond to the fallout of the war and serve with expertise and compassion. If you would like to give a donation to help the ongoing work of Embrace's partners in the Holy Land, to add a prayer to the prayer board, and to find out more about the situation, do visit the website <https://embraceme.org/>

Adrian



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0116 2705369



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