

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 22 October 2023
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

sunday 22nd October

This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will lead a service of Matins. Church Club will take place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect & Readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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 33.12-23;

Psalms 99;

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.15-22

Praying for the World: please pray for peace in the hearts and minds of all those caught up in the conflict between Israel and Gaza, especially those who feel violence is the solution. Pray for the protection and safety of all civilians, especially children and the most vulnerable. Pray for leaders who can find just outcomes for all.

Praying for the church: please pray for peace in the hearts and minds of all those moved so deeply and sincerely by current debates and arguments over the church's approach to same sex relationships, prayers of blessing and other linked issues. Pray for those who are most vulnerable to being hurt by these debates, and for bishops and all leaders who can find just outcomes for all.

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 – **Stoneygate 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@stguthlack-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

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
19 th November	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
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.



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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>

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.

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** showcasing 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 ***

Wanted for Christmas Fayre. Bottles for tombola stall. These can be alcoholic/non-alcoholic/shampoos and smellies/sauces etc. Pop an extra item in your shopping each week! Gift stall – any unwanted or surplus to need items that would make nice presents. Boxes will be in the Welcome area for donations. Thank you

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.

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*

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th October at 1.30 for a 2pm start as usual in the Lounge of the Parish Centre. Our speaker is Helen Long who will talk about visiting Christian sites in Syria. Non-members are welcome to join us. LP

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE



A blown out building in Gaza, May 2021.

O God the creator of all life

We bring before you all the people who call Israel and Palestine home. We particularly remember those living in Jerusalem and Gaza whose lives are marred by restrictions to their freedom, the threat of eviction from their homes and the constant fear of armed conflict.

We ask your forgiveness for the anger, hatred and violence that all of us have the potential to carry within us.

We beseech you to soften hearts and open minds so that the sanctity of life is always protected, the right to freedom of worship upheld and the security of a safe home defended.

We pray that justice will flow like rivers. That human dignity will be respected and, that each of us may strive to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

Amen

<https://embraceme.org/our-prayers/a-prayer-for-peace>



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 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



**St James the Greater Church
London Road, Leicester**

Saturday November 11th 2023

7.00 p.m.

Vivaldi

Gloria

Haydn

Te Deum

Puccini

Gloria

Bach

Double Concerto

With
4tissimo String Quartet
and John Pye

Conductor - Richard Archer

**Tickets £12 under 16s free,
From choir members, at the door or
www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk**

Tea and Talk meeting for November...

Christmas through the Ages

Tuesday 14th November at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF

A talk about the origins, traditions and myths connected to celebrating Christmas from Roman through to Victorian times by Eddie Smallwood



Eddie is a retired Leicestershire Police Officer who then became a tour guide at Bosworth Battlefield. During his time as a guide, he developed a series of history talks where he delves into some of the more obscure facts and stories. He does costumed talks and walking tours to some historical sites connected with Romans and the battle of Bosworth.

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!