

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 5 November 2023
All Saints Day
Fourth Sunday before Advent

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect & Readings for All Saints Day

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

First Reading: Revelation 7.9-17;

Psalm 34.1-10;

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-3;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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: Micah 3.5-12;

Psalm 43;

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.1-14

Praying for the World: Pray that across the world we would not lose sight of the critical problems that face us all - the climate emergency, the migration crisis and widespread injustice. Pray for leaders who will tackle these issues in their nations with integrity, wisdom, and compassion, seeking the common good and the welfare of the most vulnerable.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Enderby with Lubbesthorpe & Thurlaston, the Avon Swift group, and Lutterworth with Cotesbach and Bitteswell. Pray for an outward-looking vision and God-ward looking hearts.

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 – **Stoughton 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@stguthlacknighton.co.uk

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

12 th November	AAW Remembrance	Fiona Wingate
19 th November	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
26 th November	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
3 rd December	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

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>

Gardening Party: Sunday 5th November 2:00pm. We're getting the garden ready for winter and doing some tidying up work for Remembrance Sunday. Please come along and lend a hand. Everyone is welcome. - EcoTeam

Choir for the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

If you would like to join us to sing at our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols on Wednesday 20th December, please speak to Janet Edwards or join us at the first rehearsal on Wednesday **November 15th** at 7.30pm. Thank you. Please note there is **NO** rehearsal on Nov 8th.

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.

stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com

Nigel Siesage

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.

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 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

Christmas Hamper. As usual there will be a Christmas Hamper raffle to raise money for Malawi. Please see the sheet in the Welcome Area to indicate what you would like to contribute. The last date for donations will be Sunday 3rd Dec.

Christmas Fayre Items that have sold out

(Before ordering, check the items you require are not in the list below)

Item 6 – Chutney, Damson Small Jar

Item 6 – Chutney, Spicy Plum & Apple Small Jar

Item 7 - Bramble Jelly Medium Jar

Ride and stride. £112.50 has been raised for St. Guthlac's Knighton, this being our half share from Ride and Stride 2023. The organisers wish to pass on their thanks to all the participants from our church, be they riders, striders or recorders.

The half share retained by the Trust will be distributed by the trustees at their spring and autumn meetings. Enquiries about grants to chairman@lhct.org.uk

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. 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*

OPEN MEETING WOMEN & FAITH



Come and listen to our amazing speakers.

Natalie Steel (Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, UK)

Dr Akshaya Rajangam (former Vice President of the national Hindu Students Forum, UK)

Michele Benn (Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation)

Vibhooti Acharya (First female President of the Shree Sanatan Mandir, Leicester)

Vegan and vegetarian food will be served.

16TH NOVEMBER | 7:00 PM

RSVP: WhatsApp

07512 893613

info@leicestercouncil

offaiths.org.uk

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church,
Rushey Mead, Leicester, LE4 7ZB.**

Inter Faith
Week



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



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

Pray for Peace

The crisis in Gaza and Israel is escalating and has already devastated thousands of lives. You can use this prayer guide to call out to God, trusting that he hears our prayers, and **‘With God, all things are possible’** (Matthew 19:26)

What to pray...

Pray for peace

- Pray for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the violence.
- Pray for world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace.

Pray for safety

- Pray for all civilians – that God would protect them from harm, particularly the most vulnerable, including children, older people, and people with disabilities.
- Pray for humanitarian workers – for protection for those who are working to provide humanitarian assistance and medical supplies.

Pray for strength

- Pray for Christian communities and faith leaders across the region – for unity, connection and mutual understanding so that they can help bring people together and show kindness.
- Pray for humanitarian workers – that God would strengthen their resolve and ability to keep providing relief and humanitarian assistance.

Pray for hope

- Pray for those who are terrified, mourning and suffering in Israel and Gaza. Ask God to save them from despair – for the trauma and violence they’ve experienced not to overshadow hope.
- Pray that people in Gaza and Israel and those in the wider region wouldn’t lose hope that peace is possible.

Pray for healing

- Pray for people who have been traumatised or injured; ask God to heal their physical and emotional wounds and bring them deep comfort.
- Pray for hospitals and medical workers who are struggling with limited resources and overwhelming needs. Ask God to provide all the resources and equipment they need to treat the sick and injured.

Prayer for Gaza and Israel

O God,

We cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too.

We ask that you would stretch out your mighty hand to bring an end to this war.

We cry out for people who have been injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Please provide everything they need and be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge.

We pray for your peace to reign. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world.

Amen.

(from Tearfund)



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





Christian Aid Gaza Emergency Appeal

Christian Aid has been working with the poorest and most vulnerable people in the Middle East since the early 1950s, when we provided humanitarian relief to Palestinian refugees.

In Gaza, our medical partner is providing mobile medical and psychological care. This is a local response where there is limited access, and will allow patients who've been discharged early from severely overcrowded hospitals to be treated at home. The mobile health clinic will provide people with access to a doctor, nurse, social worker or physiotherapist. The mobile dressing team will reach people who require wound dressings to be changed, reducing the risk of infection.

In southern Gaza, our partner is responding to those most recently displaced to southern Gaza as a result of the war. They're providing:

- Mattresses
- Medicines (e.g. for people with chronic illnesses)
- Emergency food from a community kitchen for approximately 200 displaced people.

Moving forward, they'll be reaching more than 300 households who are most affected, with a cash grant to support them to meet their needs.

We're actively exploring ways in which we might also support Israeli civilians who've been directly impacted by the violence.

Your donations can make a huge difference to the current conditions of those affected

Please donate what you can today by visiting .

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal>



AUTUMN FAIR

Christians Aware
53B Jarrom Street
Leicester LE2 6DH

Saturday 4th NOVEMBER 2023 10.30am - 3.00pm



CHRISTMAS CARDS
MUNGUSHI COFFEE
FAIRTRADE
CHRISTIANS AWARE BOOKS



MORNING COFFEE
HOMEMADE CAKES
LUNCHES



Email: Eliam@Christiansaware.org.uk

**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**

Tubilate

A short programme of music
with more than a hint of Christmas
by upper voices quartet Tesserae
followed by refreshments and festive stalls

Donations to the Wolf Hirschhorn Syndrome Trust
supporting families affected by this rare genetic disorder

Saturday 25 November | 3pm
Stoneygate Baptist Church
315 London Road | Leicester | LE2 3ND



Tesserae are Clare Robertson-Hughes,
Liz Blades, Caroline Summers and Kate Hill

"The singing was brilliant" - Launde Abbey



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Welford Road Cemetery and Commemorations of Conflict



Amongst the 213,000 people buried in Welford Road Cemetery lie the combatants from many of the conflicts of the past 250 years. The talk will take us to the battlefields of Europe, the British Empire and the US, connecting Leicester to some of the bloodiest and decisive battles in history through their stories. The speaker is Chris Powis, who is Library Director at the University of Northampton and has been involved with The Friends of Welford Road Cemetery since 2005.

Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Venue: Oadby Granville Tennis Club,
Leicester Road, Oadby LE2 4AB

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall
Free to members, non-members a small donation (£3) is appreciated
Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 518870

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!

Holbrook Hall Commemorative Stone



Thanks to the generosity of local people, money was raised to clean and refurbish the memorial stone at Holbrook Hall. It remembers those from Knighton and the neighbourhood who died in the Great War.

To mark the event you are invited to unveiling at **3pm on Sunday 12th November**. There will be light refreshments in the hall to follow.

