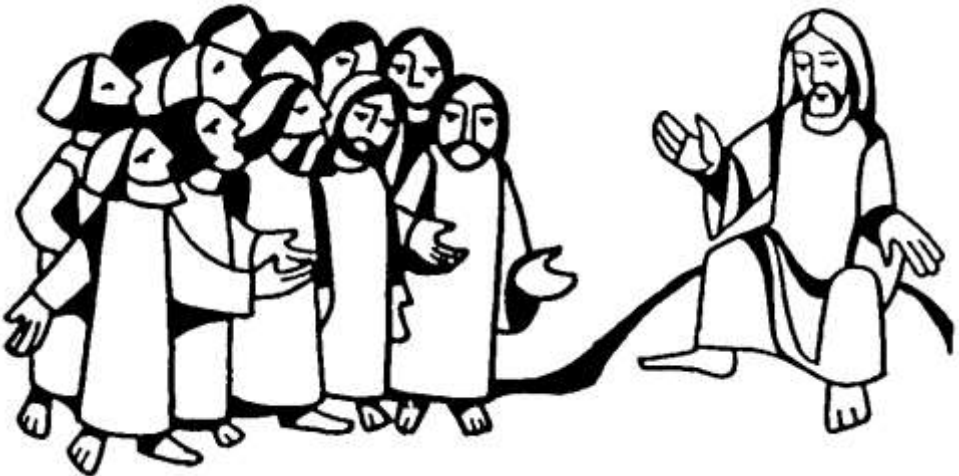


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 19 November 2023
Second Sunday before Advent

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will be presiding & preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18;

Psalms 90.1-8(9-11)12;

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

Praying for the World: Today is Safeguarding Sunday. Although much has been done to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults, there is still much to do and many lessons still to be learnt. Please pray:

For those who are abused and those who abuse;
for those who are care-less about others
and those who are care-full;
for those who offer guidance through the dark
and those who endeavour to safeguard the vulnerable.
Good Lord, give hope to the hurt
and a sense of your love and rightness.

May we all be led into safe and sound living.
Give us your strength for today,
your hope for tomorrow
and the light of your love
to guide us in all things.
Amen.

(Methodist Church)

Praying for the Church: With others across the Diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Barwell cum Stapleton and Potters Marston, Burbage with Aston Flamville, Earl Shilton cum Elmesthorpe, and Hinckley St Mary. Pray for enthusiasm, support for each other and good community links.

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 – **St. Andrew's Drive.**

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

Thanks: I would like to thank all my friends for their cards, good wishes and prayers of support. It means so much. I am making slow but steady progress.

With love,
June Ardley

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

19 th November	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
26 th November	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
3 rd December	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
10 th December	AAW Nativity Gift service	Tina Jarvis & 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.



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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>

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.

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*

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

The City of Leicester Singers



Charity Number
518215

**St James the Greater Church
London Road, Leicester
Saturday December 16th 2023
7.00 p.m.**

Conductor - Richard Archer

Accompanist - John Pye

**Featuring
Leicester Recorder Players**

Joy to the World



Supporting Parkinsons UK

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

www.jan-map.com

Tickets available from Margaret Bonney

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



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 conflict between Hamas and Israel – a statement from the Archbishops

“We are grieved and deeply concerned at the violence in Israel and Gaza, and we unequivocally condemn the attacks by Hamas. We pray for those who are mourning, those who are injured, and all those fearing for their safety. We pray for restraint on all sides, and renewed efforts towards a just peace for all. The way forward must be for both sides to build confidence in a secure future through which Israel and its people can live in security within its internationally recognised borders, and Palestinians have their own state and live in their lands in security, and with peace and justice.”

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY & ARCHBISHOP STEPHEN COTTRELL

Prayer for Peace:

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Israel and Gaza.

We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Winchester Cathedral)

A Taste of Faith: Judaism Wednesday 22nd November at Christchurch, 7.30pm-9pm. A great introduction to a world faith tradition from a faith practitioner, with religious artefacts and food associated with religious festivals or places.



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>

St Guthlac's Church:

Advent & Christmas Services and Events

Advent Reflections Group – week one: Wednesday 29th November 10.30am –12 noon A reflective start to the season, as we give time to listen and then discuss the themes of Advent. The first of four special times to pause and be with God. – come any Wednesday you can. We meet in the Welcome Room at St Mary's Parish Centre on the corner of Brinsmead Road and Church Lane. Refreshments every week.

Advent Reflections Group – week two: Wednesday 6th December 10.30am –12 noon We meet in the Welcome Room at St Mary's Parish Centre on the corner of Brinsmead Road and Church Lane (see above).

Christmas Gift Service: Sunday 10th December 10.30 am An interactive, informal service, suitable for all ages, that will help us look ahead to the birth of Jesus. Gifts and toys will be collected for people in need in Leicester, working together with the Open Hands charity.

Advent Reflections Group – week three: Wednesday 13th Dec. 10.30am –12 noon (see above).

Advent Reflections Group – week four: Wednesday 20th Dec. 10.30am –12 noon (see above).

Traditional Carols and Readings: Wednesday 20th Dec. 7.30 pm A traditional service celebrating the birth of Jesus with Bible readings and poems, alongside Christmas carols and choral music, led by the St Guthlac's Church Choir.

Crib Service: Sunday 24th December 4.00 pm

Join us for an informal service, particularly suited for children, where youngsters are encouraged to help tell the Christmas story by placing the nativity figures in the stable.

First Communion of Christmas: Sunday 24th December 8.00 pm Together we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth with Holy Communion, carols, readings and prayers.

Christmas Morning Communion: 10.30 am

We join together to celebrate Christmas Day with a service of Holy Communion for All.

Please Note: On Sunday 31st December there will be no service at St Guthlac's or St Mary's. A service of Sung Eucharist will be held, as usual, at the Cathedral, at 10.30am.



PLACES OF PEACE A CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR GAZA

OADBY, TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
MONDAY 4th DECEMBER, 19:00

AMOS TRUST'S Christmas tour stops off at TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, HARBOROUGH ROAD, OADBY, in December, featuring local performers, poetry, music and special guests from Palestine. **PLEASE JOIN US.**

Proceeds from the event will go towards Amos Trust's Christmas appeal supporting partners in the West Bank and Gaza. For details, please visit amotrusted.org/gaza-appeal

To register, please visit our web site —
amotrusted.org/christmas-2023

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If you are unable to join us, we are also having an online event on Monday 11th December at 6pm. Details for registering will be added to the Amos Trust diary page, but save the date for now.