

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 26 November 2023
Christ the King

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will be leading a service of Morning Prayer.

The Collect and Readings for Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24;

Psalm 95.1-7a;

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.31-46

Praying for the World: Please pray for the safety and protection of refugees and migrants, wherever they are, across the world. Pray that those of us who live in peace and security would know how best to support and help those who experience fear, trauma and hardship.

Praying for the Church: The decisions of the recent General Synod have prompted hard discussion and some disagreement in the Church of England. Please pray for those who look forward to using "Prayers of Love and Faith" with same-sex couples, and also those who feel this is a wrong move - pray for continuing grace, understanding, listening and Christian concern for each other that goes beyond disagreement.

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 – **Sycamore Close.**

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

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
17 th 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>

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 on Wednesday evenings 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.

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

Come and join us at
St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December 9:45 am – 1:00 pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd, Knighton LE2 3LF

CAKES

PRESERVES

JEWELLERY

TOMBOLA

GIFTS

WREATHS

**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**

**CHILDREN'S
KNITWEAR**

Free entry

Refreshments

Live Music

**Cash and Card payments
accepted**

St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

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.

Please request an on-line order form from David Hunt or
Collect a hard copy from the back of church.

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

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 – Apple Jelly Medium Jar

Item 7 - Bramble Jelly Medium Jar

Item 7 – Bramble Jelly Small Jar

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.**

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 28th November** in the Parish Centre Lounge, at 1.30 pm for a 2pm start. Our speaker is PCSO Rachael Thomas who is a member of our Knighton Police team. As always, non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk**

www.parkinsons.co.uk

Tickets available from Margaret Bonney



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 amostrust.org/gaza-appeal

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

**AMOS
TRUST.
ORG**



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.



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



JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

We pray without ceasing,
for justice, reconciliation, peace,
and an end to hatred and war.

We also pray for God to change the hearts
of all leaders and decision-makers in our
countries and around the world.

For we are in dire need of hearts that love,
show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others,
hearts that respect human dignity
and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers.
Amen.

Prayer by Archbishop Hosam Naoum,
The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.





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.

Open Hands donations: Nativity Gift Service on 10th Dec

10.30am. This year we would again very much welcome your donations for Open Hands, who are continuing to provide much needed support for people in need here in Leicester. Please see below for the items which are being requested. Please note that the date of our collection means that we would not meet Open Hands' deadline for receiving Christmas foods and treats, so we are not asking for these to be brought this year. Our donations of more basic items will be very welcome to keep supplies available to clients of Open Hands in the New Year. Your donations can be brought before 10th Dec if this suits you better. Thank you.

Food



Urgent



Fully Stocked



Tinned Fruit



Dry Pasta



Jar Sauce



Vegetarian Meal



Meat Meal



Cereal



Tinned Tomatoes



Tinned Vegetables



Tinned Pulse Beans



Dried Pulse Beans



Tinned Fish



UHT Milk



Jams/Spreads



Biscuits



Rice



Squash



Tinned Soup



Flour



Pasta/Noodle Pot



Instant Coffee



Bread
Delivery Only



Fridge/Freezer
Items Delivery Only



Sugar



Small box of
tea bags

Toiletries



URGENT



Fully stocked



Face Cloth



Shampoo



Conditioner



Mens Shower Gel



Ladies Shower Gel



2-in-1 Shampoo
and Conditioner



Shaving Products



Men's Deodorant



Baby wash/
shampoo



Nappy Bags &
Wipes



Bar Soap



Pump action soap



Ladies Deodorant



Sanitary Towels



Adult Toothpaste



Knighton Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 2nd December 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 3rd December 12.30 pm – 5 pm

St Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WD
Admission £2 - Children free. All profit going to
Wishes 4 Kids and the church community garden.



Light refreshments, raffle and children's activities.
Event supported by Knighton Ward Community Fund.



CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year, Christian Aid are making their Christmas Appeal on-line, rather than through the traditional envelopes in pews. Please do follow-up the article below by visiting the website and donating as you can:

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal?gclid=CjwKCAiAx_GqBhBQEiwAIDNAZiqKSjeCmRdW3lg3g7ClcsoN-iyI8sFtTMqFrzrps1juNDjDq1B6cRoCr8kQAvD_BwE

Every woman deserves the chance to break out of poverty...

And in Bangladesh, young women have become a guiding light in their community - leading the way out.

Kurigram, in Northern Bangladesh, is one of the country's poorest and most disaster-prone regions. Life, here, is challenging. And for women, opportunities are even more limited.

Looking back, 21-year-old Kakoli Khatun, who lives in Kurigram, remembers, 'I didn't have any dreams a few years ago... To do something, I had to ask for money from my brothers and father.'

But now, Kakoli splits her time running a successful business, while studying for a college degree.

Kakoli has found community in an extraordinary group of gifted women – artisans and entrepreneurs – who've set up a business to sell their beautiful craftwork online. These women have become a powerful force change in their communities.

Your gift could enable someone like Kakoli to shape their future.

This Christmas, will you help young women shine?

Grow in your faith this Advent: During the busy-ness of Christmas preparations, it's easy to lose sight of what the season is all about. We can keep our focus and grow in our faith if we take some time together to look at the themes of Advent, however.

This year we are running a short, four week Advent group, to give us exactly this opportunity. We will meet on Wednesday mornings, from 10.30 - noon, in the 'Warm and Welcome' room (the Cottage Room) of the Parish Centre. Each week we'll start with tea/coffee and biscuits before discussing one of the traditional themes of the season: Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love.

Please do join us whenever you can - we start on 29th November, and will be led by Revd Janet.

Advent Read

The Promise and the Light by Katy Morgan



Advent reading helps us to bring our attention and reverence to the Bible story of Jesus' Nativity and the true meaning of the Christmas season. Some people study daily readings and commentaries or academic books about significant themes. If you don't have time to do this, why not read '*The Promise and the Light*' by Katy Morgan.

'*The Promise and the Light*' is written as a series of vivid and dramatic first-person accounts. It tells the stories of Mary, Joseph and Zechariah as they experience the events of the first Christmas. Written in a lively and engaging style it is suitable for all the family.

You can either borrow the book or buy a good quality secondhand copy. See Tina or Jean if you want a copy. We also have a variety of other Advent books you can borrow. If you have a good Advent or Christmas book that you do not need this year and you are happy to lend it to others, please bring it along to St Guthlac's.

What sort of book did you find helpful?

There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss this book and others you've read during Advent & Christmas on **Tuesday 9th January at 7.00pm** (with tea & cakes).