

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 21 January 2024
Third Sunday of Epiphany

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Aphro McCullough will be presiding and Fiona Wingate will be preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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: Genesis 14.17-20;

Psalm 128;

2nd Reading: Revelation 19.6-10;

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Praying for the World: Praying for the World: Next Saturday, 27th January, is Holocaust Memorial Day. As we look back and remember the terrible atrocities of the twentieth century, please also look ahead and pray:

- For a world free from genocide; where no one's life is threatened because of who they are, what they look like, or what they believe.
- For our country and our churches to be safe and welcoming for those seeking asylum and refugees.
- That any attempts to divide our communities and demonise others do not succeed; and there is a growing appreciation and respect for the value of each and every person.

Praying for the Church: In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, please pray for our sister churches in this area, gathered together as the South Leicester Christian Partnership. Please also pray for unity within the Church of England - for charity of heart and kindness towards those who hold differing views.

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 – **Bankart 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@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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%.



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

JANUARY ECOTIP

Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching, to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or veg or visiting an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK - be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this year.

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 23rd January** when our speaker will be our friend the Revd. Cecilia Adjadje. The title of Cecilia's talk is "HE is there for me". We'll meet as usual in the Parish Centre Lounge at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. As always, non – members are very welcome to join us. LP

Message from Exeter Jill and Derek Atkinson would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and would like to be remembered to all who knew them.

Lone Working Policy

Following our PCC meeting this week, it was agreed that the congregation should be reminded of the Lone Working Policy, which should be followed if you are in the church or hall on your own for any reason. The full policy is displayed at the back of church, but the most important point to note is to notify someone that you are in church and let them know when you leave. Thank you.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

28 th January	Matins	David Hunt
4 th February	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
11 th February	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis & Jean Gabbar
18 th February	Eucharist	

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's Holy Communion

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.

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline service 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 #

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

Go and do likewise



United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Clarendon Park Congregational Church, London Rd, LE2 3BB

on Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm

Lunchtime Pilgrimage (22nd – 26th January)

Day 1	Mon 22nd	Noon	Christchurch 105A Clarendon Park Rd, LE2 3AH
Day 2	Tue 23rd	Noon	St Thomas More Church 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN
Day 3	Wed 24th	12:30pm	Leicester Quakers 16 Queens Road Leicester, LE2 1WP
Day 4	Thur 25th	12.30pm	St John the Baptist Church 4a Clarendon Park Rd, LE2 3AD
Day 5	Fri 26th	Noon	Stoneygate Baptist Church 315 London Road, LE2 3ND

Churches Together South Leicester - <https://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southleicester>

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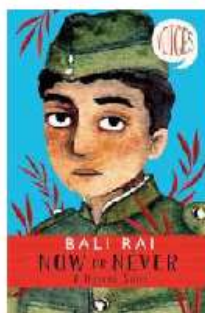
**You are invited to come along to our Tea and
Talk evening for February...**

Local Author: Bali Rai

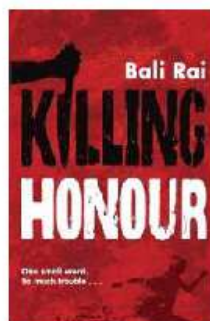


Tuesday 13th February at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



Bali Rai will talk about his career, getting into writing, how Leicester has inspired his writing and the themes that he tends to write about. He was born in Leicester dreaming of playing football for Liverpool FC, being Bob Marley or becoming a writer. He writes the books he would have enjoyed as a teenager. His novel *Killing Honour* won the North East Teenage Book Award and was described as utterly compelling by The Bookseller; and *Now or Never* was shortlisted for the Little Rebels Prize in 2020.



Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!