

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 28 January 2024
Candlemas
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will be leading a service of Matins.

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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: Deuteronomy 18.15-20;

Psalm 111;

2nd Reading: Revelation 12.1-5a;

Gospel Reading: Mark 1.21-28

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Praying for the World: On World Leprosy Day please use the Leprosy Mission Prayer.

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health,
look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy.
Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them
as Jesus did during his earthly life.
Grant wisdom and insight
to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease;
give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients;

reunite the separated with their families and friends;
and inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy
Mission,
that it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its
healing work,
in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name.
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please
pray this week for the people and leaders of All Saints Belgrave, St
Thodore's Thurmaston, and St Stephen North Evington. Pray that
they will be outward looking, worshipful and encouraged.

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 – **Barrington Road.**

*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*

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.

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.

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.



St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

4 th February	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
11 th February	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis & Jean Gabbar
18 th February	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
25 th February	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
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 #

A Brighter Building

At our PCC Meeting last week we gave the go-ahead to decorate the church, we are going to have “A Brighter Building”! The amazing donations we have received have given us sufficient funds to decorate the main church; but, if we could find a further £3000 we could also tidy up the Welcome Area, kitchen and toilet. Plaster shrinkage in this new part of the building has caused cracks in the paintwork to show, so if that could be tidied up now, it will look smarter when we walk into the church. I know it’s a big ask after such a fantastic fund raising effort, but I’m sure it will be worth it.

As with all our fund raising, we are happy to receive your donation by whatever way is convenient to yourself. That could be cash or cheque in an envelope (or one of our blue envelopes) with “Decorating” written on it; or you could do a Bank Transfer directly into our bank (if you don’t have the details, please ask me). In addition, if you are a tax payer, please consider a “Gift Aid” with your donation; if you’re not sure how to do this, please ask me.

It will be a few weeks before the first paint is applied, we have to ensure that we don’t fall foul of the Faculty process and we would like to carry out a couple of repairs first. But you will know when it starts as we will be having our services in the Hall while the work is carried out.

Thank you for all you have given so far and I’m sorry we are asking for just a little more, but the opportunity to tidy up the Welcome Area at the same time is too good to pass by.

David Hunt
Churchwarden & Treasurer

Lent Lunch: You are invited to a Lent Lunch on Saturday 17th February from 12noon to 2pm, in the Lounge Room at the Parish Centre. Tickets £5 available from Beryl Bonfield to include soup, bread roll cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee.

Warm and Welcome: Every Monday and Thursday afternoon, 2pm - 4.30pm we open up the Warm and Welcome Room at the Parish Centre for anyone who'd like a warm space, a hot drink and a chat... and now we're adding puzzles and other activities too. All Welcome

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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>

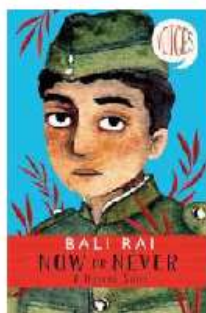
**You are invited to come along to our Tea and
Talk evening for February...**

Local Author: Bali Rai

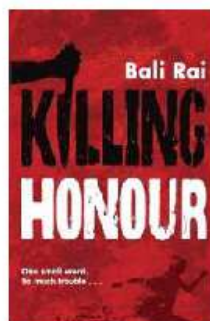


Tuesday 13th February at 7pm

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!