

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 4 February 2024
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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31;

Psalms 104.26-37;

2nd Reading: Colossians 1.15-20;

Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Praying for the world: Please pray for peacemakers across the world - those who are seeking to bring nations and peoples together, as well as those seeking to draw together opposing sides in politics and religion. Pray that we will all learn to follow the compassionate way of Jesus and leave behind vengeance and violence.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Stocking Farm and Beaumont Leys, St Aidan- New Parks, Wygggestons Hospital, and St Anne, St Paul & St Augustine - Leicester. Pray for their vision and energy in building the Kingdom of God.

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 – **Beresford 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

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

EcoTip for February: Go green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self- reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, eco- friendly living? Explore some of these changes at <https://arochoa.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/>

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.

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
3 rd March	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
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 last PCC Meeting 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

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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>

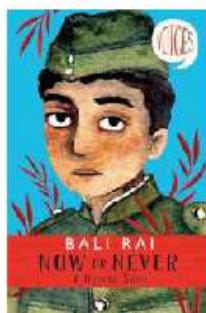
**You are invited to come along to our Tea and
Talk evening for February...**

Local Author: Bali Rai

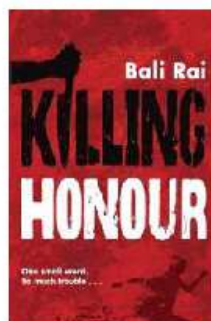


Tuesday 13th February at 7pm

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!