

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 25 February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

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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 the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16;

Psalms 22.23-28;

2nd Reading: Romans 4.13-25;

Gospel Reading: Mark 8.31-38

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Praying for the World: Please pray for a renewed sense of hope in those speaking up across the world, for peace, justice and care of the planet. Pray that amidst the stark realism of the difficulties we face together, they might be encouraged and strengthened to work on! Pray that we too may play our part in the work of God's kingdom.

Praying for the Church: This week please pray especially for the healing of divisions within the Church of England - for a spirit of loving kindness even when there is profound disagreement. In addition, with

others across our diocese, please pray for all those who work and worship at Leicester Cathedral, and for the people and leaders of Holy Apostles - Leicester, Holy Trinity - Leicester, and St James the Greater - Leicester. Pray for a broad and inclusive vision and the power of the Spirit in blessing their mission.

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 – **Dovedale Road & Dovedale Court Flats.**

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

Spring Fayre

Following the very successful Spring Fayre last May we would like to repeat the event in 2024. We would very much appreciate your support in this venture. There will be a short meeting on Sunday 3rd March at 11:45 am in church, after the service, to make initial plans and you are warmly invited to attend! If you cannot be there but would like to be involved please let me know. Anne Hunt

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://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/>

**Date for your diary! Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):
Sunday 21st April at 12 noon**

Please come and support our annual meeting, at which the life of the church over the last year will be reviewed, and elections for Churchwardens and PCC members will take place.

If you would like to be nominated for any of these roles, or would like to find out more about what's involved, please speak to Lesley or one of the Churchwardens. As well as vacancies for 3 year terms of office, there are 2 PCC vacancies for 1 year terms, which would be ideal if you would like to 'test the water'.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

3 rd March	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
10 th March	AAW Mothering Sunday	Revd Adrian & Revd Cecilia
17 th March	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
24 th March	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer	Fiona Wingate
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	<u>https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk</u>
St Mary's	<u>https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk</u>

Lent and Holy Week at St Mary's and St Guthlac's

As Easter is early this year, so we start Lent much earlier than we are used to. As we move through the weeks leading up to the great celebration of the Resurrection there are a number of opportunities in the benefice to reflect on our faith and prepare:

Lent Study Group – every Wednesday morning, from 10.30am to 12 noon, in the 'Warm & Welcome Room' (the Cottage Room) at the Parish Centre, on the corner of Brinsmead Road and Church Lane. Rev'd Cecilia will be leading us in looking at '*A Letter for Lent*' – group discussions with a focus on St Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Meetings begin on **Wednesday 21st February up to and including 27th March**. Everyone welcome, even if you can't make every week. There'll also be tea, coffee and refreshments each week.

Palm Sunday this year is **24th March** – at St Mary's there will be a Sung Eucharist and at St Guthlac's Morning Prayer.

Wednesday of Holy Week, 27th March, will be marked with a service of Choral Evensong at St Guthlac's. at 7.30pm.

On **Maundy Thursday, 28th March**, we will remember the Last Supper of Jesus, and the events that followed that evening before his execution, in a special service at St Guthlac's. We will share Communion within a service of prayers, readings and music. Everyone welcome from both churches (or neither!).

Good Friday is 29th March, and begins with a service for All Ages at St Guthlac's, at 10.30am. In the afternoon, beginning at 2pm, there will be a service of Meditations at the Cross, at St Mary's, including hymns, readings, quietness and reflections on the crucifixion, leading up to the hour of Jesus's death at 3pm.

Easter Sunday, 31st March is celebrated at both churches with a Sung Eucharist at 10.30am.

Please note the dates now and join us when you can. *Adrian*

Bishops' LENT APPEAL CHARITY 2024

Baca is a charity based in Loughborough and Cambridge which provides accommodation and therapeutic care for young people seeking refuge in the UK, without families.

The vision for the charity came from a local church after child refugees, who were being housed in unsafe environments, started coming to its youth group. Since opening a house to provide secure accommodation for those young people, Baca's service has grown and developed so that it can provide young people seeking refuge with the holistic support they need to lead a happy and fulfilling life.

Baca now runs 11 homes in Loughborough, with capacity for 39 young people, and has two homes in Cambridge. The young people also receive specialised education and training, enabling them to develop their English language, Maths and ICT skills so they can then transition into mainstream colleges.

Baca also provides art, dance and drama therapy and weekly sports activities like football, cricket, swimming and volleyball. This support enables the young people to begin to recover from their traumatic experiences and improves their mental and physical wellbeing.

Each young person cared for by Baca also has a support worker who helps them to develop life skills like cooking, and to adjust to life in the UK, its laws and culture. Those who work at Baca say they are privileged to get to know such extraordinary young people and to see them begin to heal and thrive. Each young refugee Baca serves has lost the only life they know and has overcome all the odds to reach safety. Their courage is inspiring but without support they are at extreme risk of harm and exploitation, unsure who they can trust or where they belong. Baca exists because whatever their circumstances, Baca believes every young person should have a safe place to heal and the freedom to build a better future.

We hope that by choosing Baca as our Lent Appeal charity, we can send a message to the young people in their care that they are precious and beloved children of God.

Prayer points:

- For all those who are forced to flee their countries because of war, persecution and violence, and especially for those who have to leave their countries as children, without their families - that they can find safety, care and welcome in a new home.
- For all the child refugees to be given the opportunity be safe, to heal, to thrive and to find hope for their futures.
- That there would be more compassion in how refugees and asylum-seekers are viewed and treated in the UK, so they can feel safe and begin to heal.
- For the work of Baca – that they would have all the funding, resources and partnerships they need to continue to provide life-changing and holistic support.

Here is how your money can help:

- £5 could equip new arrivals at Baca College with education starter packs
- £13 could provide an hour of learning for all child refugees studying at Baca College
- £50 could cover the setup costs for a new arrival's room

You can find out more about Baca's work [here](#) and donate [here](#).

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

The next edition of the magazine will be published in March. Please consider making a contribution on any subject that might be of interest and relevance to our readers in our two parishes. Take the opportunity to give notice of any forthcoming events.

The March/April edition will not be issued before the third week in March. The closing date for copy will be Sunday 10 March 2024, but you can send your contributions at any time. Don't wait! Please send your contributions, preferably in Word, to the usual address, stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com

Thank you, Nigel Siesage (Editor)



The World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March

“I beg you, bear with one another in love.”

This service was written by a group of Palestinian Christian women before the current conflict and deals with their own personal experiences. Their hope was to encourage and inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in troubled times. As has often happened before, this years' service has been overtaken by a tragic set of events. We offer the service, believing that we are called to support the Christian women who created it and we invite all those taking part to listen prayerfully to their voices. We pray with world leaders, relief workers, medical teams and all those praying about the situation, for an end to the killing, and for the wisdom to build a lasting peace.

Local services will be held at 2pm at St James the Greater, London Road and at 7.30pm at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road.

We will be part of a great wave of prayer, celebrated in more than 146 countries around the world, starting at sunrise in Samoa and continuing around the world until sunset back in the Pacific. **Everyone is welcome to attend – not just women!**

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 27th February** when our friend, Léonie Nibona, will tell us about the work of the Mothers' Union in Burundi. We'll meet as usual in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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



Run The Wall 2024

Together with thousands of other participants worldwide, I'll be taking part in "Run The Wall" on the first weekend of March as an act of solidarity with the Palestinian people, as a call for Palestinian

rights, and to demand an end to the war on Gaza. Across the world, participants will run, walk or ride for a distance up to 55 km over the same weekend – for me this means a very modest run of 5km!

Human rights organisation Amos Trust started *Run The Wall* in 2021 with their Palestinian friends at *Right To Movement*, and its name refers to the Israeli Separation Wall that divides Palestinian people and hugely disrupts their daily lives. Each year now, Amos Trust invites people from around the world to run for Palestine on the same weekend as 10,000 people participate in the Palestine Marathon in Bethlehem.

This year 'Run the Wall' is hoping to raise £60,000 for Amos Trust's work in Palestine- £30,000 to rebuild a Palestinian home in the West Bank that was destroyed by the Israeli Authorities, and £30,000 for emergency relief in Gaza.

If you would like to support my run, and, more importantly, support the Palestinian people, by making a donation to '*Run the Wall*' then please bring a donation to church on Sunday 25th February, 3rd or 10th March – there will be a special box for your donation (cash only please). If you'd rather make an online donation, please visit <https://app.donorfy.com/donate/M1ZI3YVCZ8/amostrust>

If you then drop a note into the donations box to say what you've done, then I can total up the funds we have raised.

Thank you so much! *Revd Adrian*

Lone Working Policy

Following our last PCC meeting, 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.

Free Film Night

at St Guthlac's Church

Holbrook Rd
LE2 3LF



Part of our monthly Tea and Talk series of events. All welcome!



Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage Wars

(Cert 12, 110 mins)

Tues 12th March 7.00pm

After the death of her bullying husband, the not-so-aged and downtrodden housewife Thelma Caldicot (Pauline Collins) is shipped off to the Twilight Years Rest Home by her money grabbing son and manipulative daughter in law. Appalled by the conditions, Mrs Caldicot decides to take matters into her own hands...

Free refreshments and the chance to socialise