

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 3 March 2024
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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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: Exodus 20.1-17;

Psalms 19;

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25;

Gospel Reading: John 2.13-22

Praying for the World: Friday 8th March, is International Women's Day, marked globally every year since 1911. Its purpose is to celebrate women's achievements, whilst encouraging positive change towards the equality of women through education and the raising of awareness. The theme for this year is; 'Inspire Inclusion'.

Pray for the women of the world, that they will be released to be the inspiration that they have been called to be.

Pray for their protection and thank God for the sacrifices that they make to be those who inspire others in spite of persecution.

Pray that God will show us all how to be both inspiring and inclusive in our walk with Him and in our dealings with others.

Praying for the Church: This week, with others across the diocese, we are asked to pray for the people and leaders of some very local churches: St John the Baptist in Clarendon Park, the Church of the Nativity in Aylestone Park and ourselves! Pray for both the churches in our benefice here in Knighton, especially as the Minster Community process moves forward.

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 – **Elms Road & Elms Court.**

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

Gardening party - St Guthlac's: Sunday 2nd March, 2:00 - 4:00pm. We are going to be doing a little bit of tidying up of the garden ready for Spring, Mothering Sunday and Easter. Please do join us for a little bit of fresh air. If you have small hand tools (for weeding, light pruning etc) please do bring them. We'll have a cuppa at the end. Look forward to seeing you there. Fiona

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'.

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

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.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
31 st March	Easter Day Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Aphro McCullough
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 #

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*

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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>



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*



Minster Communities – the next step.

Over the past eighteen months or so, a new framework for the mission and ministry of the Church of England in our diocese has been emerging, centred on the formation of new “Minster Communities”.

Each Minster Community is a group of local churches who commit to working together much more closely, to sharing clergy, staff and resources and to growing in understanding, appreciation and support of each other. Minster Communities offer the opportunity to maintain parish worship in the face of reducing budgets and congregations, but at the same time look outwards, particularly to young people, with new forms of outreach, service and discipleship.

The process towards forming Minster Communities in the City of Leicester and its suburbs is now beginning. Both St Mary's and St Guthlac's have been invited to join the series of meetings and discussions, perhaps taking up to 18 months, with other local churches (over 40!) with a view to the formation of 6-8 Minster Communities.

Each Church is asked to send two lay representatives, nominated by the PCC, to the meetings - but critically, *all decisions remain in the hands of the PCC itself*, and it is hoped that the whole congregation will keep informed and take part in parish conversations about the process. No church will be forced to join a Minster Community if they don't feel this is the right way ahead for them.

So, what happens now?

The PCC will be holding a **special meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm** in the Welcome Area of the Church, to formally agree (or not) to our taking part in these discernment conversations and first discussions, and to propose representatives. As this is such an important step in our life together, *everyone* who feels themselves to be part of the life of St Guthlac's is welcome to come to the PCC, to hear all about it and to ask your questions.

The first Information Event provided by the Diocesan Parish Transition Team, who are supporting churches in the process, is on 23rd April. We will then report back to the whole church on the pattern of meetings to come, and we will begin seeking everyone's views on each step of the process – there will be plenty of opportunity for you to voice your opinions!

We will also make plenty of opportunities to pray about the future as well – this is a hugely significant step for every church in our diocese and we need to be certain that God is guiding us as we head into the future. Please do encourage the PCC and support all of us in your prayers.

Revd Adrian

BENEFACTE 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)

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