

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 10 March 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will be leading a service of All Age Worship.

The Collect and Readings for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 2.1-10;

Psalm 34.11-20;

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7;

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

1st Reading: Numbers 21.4-9;

Psalm 107.1-3,17-22;

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.1-10;

Gospel Reading: John 3.14-21

Praying for the World: On this Mothering Sunday, please:

- Rejoice with those for whom today, Mothering Sunday, is a day of great delight;
- Grieve with those for whom today brings heighten pain, isolation, estrangement and those who feel as if their hearts have been pierced also;
- Pray for those all over the world turning to faith in Christ and especially in countries where the message of Christ is opposed.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of St Mary de Castro in the City, St Peter's Braunstone Park, the Conventional District of Hamilton ('Hope Hamilton Church') and our Cathedral of St Martin. Pray too, for Bishop Martin as he carries significant national responsibilities.

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 – **Elmsleigh Avenue & Llewellyn 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%.

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation towards the work of St. Guthlac's Church. Thank you.



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

Eco Tip for MARCH

Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with our Lent resources at arochoa.org.uk/ connect-with-gods-creation-over- 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.

BENEFACTICE 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)

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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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>



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

FAREWELL TO THE LAND OF MY CHILDHOOD

Emigration from Britain in the Victorian period



Why did people migrate from Britain in the Victorian period? Where did they go? How did they fare in their new lands and how did some of them maintain their links with their 'Mother Country'? These questions form the basis of a talk by Cynthia Brown, a popular local historian with a special interest in oral history.

*This sculpture of an emigrant family, titled *Legacy*, was created by Mark DeGraffenried and presented to the people of Liverpool in 2001 by the Mormon Church.*

Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30pm

Venue: Oadby Granville Tennis Club,
Leicester Road, Oadby LE2 4AB

Refreshments from 7pm and CD/book stall
Free to members, non-members a small donation (£3) is appreciated
Any queries to leicester@lrfhs.org.uk

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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



Run The Wall 2024

THANK YOU so much to everyone who has supported my participation in Run the Wall 2024. I'm pleased to say that I completed my 5km run last weekend as planned (avoiding rain and the worst of the cold!) and your generosity means that so far I've raised just under £300 for the work of the Amos Trust, helping the Palestinian people in both the West Bank and in Gaza - which is fantastic! If you'd like to contribute this weekend then my box is still at the back of the church, or you can donate online by visiting the Amos Trust website (which also makes Gift Aid easy). If you do donate directly then please let me know so that your contribution can be included in the grand total from Knighton. Once again, thank you so much. *Adrian*

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