

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 17 March 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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:** Jeremiah 31.31-34;

**Psalms 51.1-13;**

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 5.5-10;

**Gospel Reading:** John 12.20-33

**Praying for the world:** Please pray for peace and justice in the continuing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Pray for the imagination and commitment of leaders on both sides, that they would grasp the possibility of a peaceful future and that an end to the war might come soon. Pray for the Leicester Ukrainian Club, 'Kalyna', and for all those here who are anxious for those back home.

**Praying for the Church:** Pray for the national House of Bishops meeting this week, and for the wisdom of both our Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod that meet this week. With others across our diocese please also pray for the people and leaders of all the churches in the Framland Deanery, and for the 'Roots' Intercultural Worshipping Community in Leicester.

**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 – **Farley 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](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) or Jane [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://arochoa.org.uk/) connect-with-gods-creation-over- lent/

**Date for your diary! Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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



# MAY FESTIVAL

Mass with procession in honour of Our Lady.

## Celebrant and Preacher:

The Most Revd Rowan Williams,  
former Archbishop of Canterbury

**13th  
MAY  
7pm**

**St Andrew's Church,  
Jarrom Street,  
Leicester, LE2 7DH.**

followed by refreshments

Free parking at St Andrew's

[standrewsjarromstreet.org](http://standrewsjarromstreet.org)

## **St. Guthlac's Services**

Sunday at 10.30am

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March             | Palm Sunday Morning Prayer | Fiona Wingate                                |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March             | Easter Day Eucharist       | Revd Janet Gasper &<br>Revd Aphro McCullough |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April              | Eucharist                  | Revd Adrian Jones                            |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April             | All Age Worship            | 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 3<sup>rd</sup> / offertory hymn or at a suitable point in non-Eucharist services.

## **Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings**

There will be **no Compline** on Wednesday 27th March because of the Evensong at St Guthlac's on that evening.

There will be virtual Compline services on all other Wednesdays in March and April at 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 21<sup>st</sup> February up to and including 27<sup>th</sup> 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 **24<sup>th</sup> March** – at St Mary's there will be a Sung Eucharist and at St Guthlac's Morning Prayer.

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

On **Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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>



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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” this year, 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. My run raised nearly £400 for the work of the Christian human rights organisation the *Amos Trust*. Thousands of people took part across the world, enabling *Amos Trust* to exceed the £60,000 target they had set, for rebuilding Palestinian homes in the West Bank and for emergency relief in Gaza. Truly inspiring! Thank you. *Adrian*

# Passiontide

Music Composed by Simon Mold

**A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer**

**Holy Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**7.30 pm**

**St Denys Church, Evington, Leicester LE5 6FA**

**Sung by members of choirs from across the city and county**

*Mary: Erica Lees-Smith*

*Narrator: Revd Anthony Lees-Smith*

*Pilate: Qyan Arnachellum*

*Jesus: Stephen Cooper*

*Organ: Philip Millward*

Mark with us Holy Week, the most important period in the Christian calendar

All welcome, refreshments provided