

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 24 March 2024
Palm Sunday

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will be leading a Service of the Word.

The Collect and Readings for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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

Liturgy of the Palms: John 12.12-16

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a;

Psalms 118.1-2,19-24;

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.5-11;

Gospel Reading: Mark 14.1-15.47

Praying for the World: Please pray for children and young people across the world, in our own country and city, and our own churches. Pray that they would be protected from the worst influences of our society and have hearts that will seek truth and goodness for themselves and for others. Pray for our schools and all the staff who work in them - that they will have positive vision and energy as they shape the next generations. Pray for parents, grandparents and all carers, that they will have the wisdom to help young people navigate the challenges of growing up today.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all those who support and nurture children and young people within our church congregations, and the neighbourhoods we serve. Pray for our own Sunday Club leaders - for their continued energy and enthusiasm - and remember all those who have shared in this important ministry over the years. Pray that church leaders and those God calls to this work, will have understanding of how to organise our events and groups in a way that is relevant and interesting to upcoming generations.

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 – **Francis Street.**

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@stguthlack-knighton.co.uk

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is for Holy Week prayers on Tuesday, 26th March. We will meet as usual in the lounge of the Parish Centre at 1.30 for a 2pm start. LP

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 PI@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/

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

**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'.

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete a form which can be found on the notice board at the back of church, or contact Jane Wright administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk. Completed forms must be returned to Jane by 2nd April if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. The 'Notice of Revision' posted on the internal church noticeboard gives details of eligibility. Thank you.

Seven Actions – a service of prayer and Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the day when we remember the Last Supper of Jesus and his friends, and his institution of Holy Communion – the sharing of bread and wine to recall the sacrifice Jesus was soon to make on the cross, by giving himself to death for our sakes. It is an important part of our personal and shared preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday and then the celebration of Easter Day.

This year our Maundy Thursday service is once again a joint benefice service, this time at St Guthlac's – and we will be using a form called 'Seven Actions', that includes reflections, readings, hymns, prayers and Communion.

Do join us at St Guthlac's on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm.

Adrian

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

31 st March	Easter Day Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Aphro McCullough
7 th April	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
14 th April	All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
21 st April	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Cecilia Adjadje
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 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 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*



Five Points
1. Stinking Peter (Gowen)
2. Simon of Cyrene (Gowen)
3. Veronica (Gowen)
4. St. Peter's (Gowen)
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14. St. Peter's (Gowen)
15. St. Peter's (Gowen)

The Diocese of Leicester is working in partnership with a variety of other churches in the organisation of a Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' this year. The Walk starts from Victoria Park at 9am and proceeds to Gallowtree Gate, stopping at various points to pray, and ends with a crucifixion drama by the Manna Theatre Company in Humberstone Gate West. Everyone is invited the walk the route and share in the story.

Knighton Wild



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Talk by Jack Riggall about Polecats and Urban Wildlife. Tuesday 2nd April 2024, 7.30pm, Knighton Parish Centre

Polecats are small and elusive carnivores that some may not have heard of, let alone seen. Jack Riggall is an associate tutor for the Field Studies Council, teaching courses on the ecology of polecats and their relatives, and will join Knighton Wild on 2nd April to introduce them as a species and (hopefully) to get people looking for them as part of the National Polecat Survey of 2024-25. If there is time, Jack will talk about other urban mammals.

Date: Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Location: Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane, LE2 3WG.

Entry: £3 at the door.

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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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Concerned about Minster Communities? Here's how you can learn more and help our PCC make wise decisions...

As we move towards a new framework for the mission and ministry of the Church of England in our city, centred on the formation of new “Minster Communities”, St Guthlac’s now needs people with questions and concerns!

The journey towards forming Minster Communities in the City of Leicester and its suburbs will take some time, and at each step we should be asking critical questions and voicing the concerns of ordinary church members. **This is where you can help.**

At the recent open meeting of the PCC, it was agreed that we should take part in the initial discussions about local Minster Communities, and so now we need two lay representatives to send to each of the various meetings. We are, therefore, drawing together a ‘pool’ of people who might be able to attend one or more meetings on our behalf – to listen, question and report back to the PCC. There is no commitment to attend more meetings than you are able, and no responsibility to carry, other than giving some feedback to the PCC - *all decisions remain in the hands of the PCC itself.*

Whilst we have a few volunteers already, we need more from the ‘concerned congregation’ so that we can share the load of meetings and also bring more wisdom and experience to bear on the big questions. The first *Information Event* is on the evening of 23rd April. If you can help with this important role then please do talk to the Church Wardens or to Adrian and Cecilia.

There is also an additional opportunity to hear about Minster Communities from someone who is already involved in the first up-and-running MC in the diocese: at the PCC meeting on 30th April we will be joined by our friend Hilary Painter from Gaulby, which is part of the Launde Minster Community, and she will share something of the experience so far. Do join us if you can at 7.30pm in church – when we move onto other business you’ll be welcome to return home!

For more information about Minster Communities and the process of formation, you can also take part in an online Question and Answer session with the diocesan staff team who are helping us through this time. There are three identical sessions to choose from:

29 May, 10-11am

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/98054154297?pwd=YzNIUlldb3Z2WGJRc25TbzNBdzd0dz09>

13 June, 7-8pm

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/93540153415?pwd=dIZJUUM1QXc1Y3ZzR09xUHlxVVJaUT09>

24 June, 7-8pm

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/92720265461?pwd=bDhHZmFuYWWRMK1YzN2Fmd1BtUFVHUT09>

Please do encourage the PCC as well, and support all of us in your prayers. Thank you!

Revd Adrian

Passiontide
Music Composed by Simon Mold

A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer

Holy Tuesday 26th 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 Arnacheilum
Jesus: Stephen Cooper
Organ: Philip Millward

Mark with us Holy Week, the most important period in the Christian calendar
All welcome, refreshments provided