

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 31 March 2024
Easter Day
&
Sunday 7 April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 31st March

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

The Collect and Readings for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen

1st Reading: Acts 10.34-43;

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24;

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11;

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 4.32-35;

Psalm 133;

2nd Reading: 1 John 1.1 - 2.2;

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-31

Praying for the World: At this time of resurrection celebration, please pray for all those who feel very far from celebrating. Pray for those whose lives have been deeply scarred by tragedy and conflict- for their healing and the gentle dawn of a new life.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for Christian's around the world who are persecuted for their faith - either imprisoned, subject to violence or hatred, or simply marginalised and invisible. Pray that God's sustaining Spirit will be their gift this Easter.

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 – **Freemantle Road & Gartree 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 or Jane administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

"I am the Resurrection..." Today we celebrate the greatest festival of the Christian calendar as we remember the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. My prayer for all of us is that we'll know both the joy of his new life and the hope that we too will share in his resurrection. Alison and I, Skye and Derry, wish you all a very happy Easter. Best wishes - *Adrian*

The First Week of Easter - please note there will be no midweek Communion services in the week after Easter (Tuesday at St Mary's and Thursday at St Guthlac's).

Bishops' Easter Message

In their Easter message for 2024, Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju reflect on Jesus' words "Peace be with you" and what that means in times of conflict in the Holy Land, which we know has had an impact in our own communities.

Bishop Martyn says, "We are praying for an immediate ceasefire to the violence Israel and Gaza, we are praying for the release of all hostages, we're praying for humanitarian aid, particularly with the news that many are facing famine"

"And for our own city and county," says Bishop Saju, "we pray that whatever our religious or political beliefs, our cultural or ethnic backgrounds, we might be a beacon of hope, showing that it is possible for people to live well together across difference, and for our diversity to be a blessing to our community."

"As Christians, we believe that God created a world which is gloriously diverse – with millions of different species of plants and animals, and varied landscapes – rainforests and rolling hills, oceans and deserts. And by God's Holy Spirit, God makes harmony in and through diversity."

You can watch the whole Easter message here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/bishops-easter-message-3806.php>

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
28 th April	Matins	David Hunt

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's Holy Communion

NB. Please note there are **no midweek Communion services** in the week after Easter at either church.

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 #

St. Guthlac's Church May Fayre

Saturday 18th May

11:00am-2:00pm

Holbrook Road

LE2 3LF



Summer Bedding Plants

Vegetable and Herbs

Annuals and Perennials



Coffee, tea and refreshments

Ploughmans Lunches and Hot Dogs

Popcorn Soft drinks

Cakes and Preserves



Jumpers and knitted goods

Games Jewellery Tombola

Free Admission

A date for your diaries! – Saturday 18th May

We are beginning to collect the followings items for our Spring Fayre.
Boxes for donations are at the back of church.

Jigsaw puzzles – complete please!

For our tombola:

Bottles of alcoholic/soft drinks
Soaps/shower gel/washing products
Jars and tins
Unwanted gifts

For our plant stall

Now is an excellent time to divide plants, take cuttings or sow crops of annuals, bedding plants, vegetables and herbs.

For our Cakes and Preserves stall

Home-made jams and pickles
Cakes – nearer to the event

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.

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

**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.

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/

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%.



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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**](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:

29May, 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

Sixtieth Anniversary of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust

Thursday 11 April, 5.30pm-7.30pm – St Margaret’s Church, St Margaret’s Street, Leicester, LE1 3EB

The celebrations continue for the 60th Anniversary of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust will give a presentation about its work, followed by questions and discussion, and a conducted tour of the church will also be available.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

If you would like to attend,

contact stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com or Janet Arthur on chairman@LHCT.org.uk – 07840 543288

Limited parking is available on the south side of the church – please park with care.



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