

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

<https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>



Sunday 21 April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 4.5-12;

Psalm 23;

2nd Reading: 1 John 3. 16-24;

Gospel Reading: John 10.11-18

Praying for the World: please pray for peace, justice and security across the Middle East. Pray that leaders will have sound and compassionate judgement of what is required for lasting solutions that respect all peoples.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the first meeting of church representatives discussing the formation of Minster Communities within the City and suburbs of Leicester, which takes place on Tuesday. Pray for good relationships between all churches and an openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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 – **Goldhill Gardens.**

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%.



St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

28th April Matins David Hunt

NO CHURCH CLUB THIS MONTH

5th May Eucharist

12th May All Age Worship

19th May Eucharist

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 #

Holbrook Oasis

see pages 6 & 7 for location

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

THIS SUNDAY

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'.

Thursday 9.30am Communion Service

Please note this service will be held in the Holbrook Hall kitchen area on **25th April and 9th May**, whilst the church is being decorated. There will be no service on May 2nd as Holbrook Hall is being used for the local elections.

Eco Tip for April

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/](http://arochoa.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent/)

A BRIGHTER BUILDING



The Painters are Coming

Starting 22nd April

A VERY big thank-you to everyone who has pledged and donated to our decorating project. Our target is £20000 and so far, including Gift Aid, we have reached over £15000. The PCC has decided we have enough to start the work. The painters are due to start on Monday 22nd April. Thank you to everyone who helped to clear the church of ornaments, books and candelabra last Sunday.

GETTING READY

Sun 21st April We will be clearing the church of big items such as chairs, tables etc after the service and AGM.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

DURING PAINTING Church Services and most activities will be in Holbrook Hall. Further details are in the newsletters.

A BRIGHTER BUILDING: DURING PAINTING

Arrangements from Monday 22nd April



Wednesday 24th April: No Holbrook Oasis.

Thursday 25th April 9.30 Communion will be in the kitchen area of Holbrook Hall. Please access the room from the side door. Refreshments will be available after the service as usual. Sadly, there is no wheelchair access. Please contact churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk if you would like communion at home.

Sunday 28th April 10.30 Matins Service will be in Holbrook Hall. There will be no Church Club.

Sunday 28th April 5.30 Sunday Talk & Discussion: Rev Matthew Gough: 'Prayers of Love & Faith. Where are We?' will be in Holbrook Hall.

Tuesday 30th April 7.30 Talk & PCC will be in the upper room of Holbrook Hall. Hilary Painter has kindly agreed to talk to the PCC about her church's experience of participating in a pilot Minster Community. Other members of the congregation are invited to attend for this beginning part of the evening. Access is via the main door of Holbrook Hall. Then up the stairs facing the front door.

Wednesday 1st May 1.30 Holbrook Oasis will be in the kitchen area of Holbrook Hall. Access will be from the side door. Unfortunately, there is no wheelchair access to this area.

Thursday 2nd May: No 9.30 Communion (The hall is being used as a Polling Station)

Sunday 5th May 10.30 Communion in Holbrook Hall

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

Prayers of Love & Faith. Where are We?

Talk & Discussion led by Rev Matthew Gough

Holbrook Hall

Sunday 28th April 5.30-6.30

Matthew will talk about how we can support same-sex couples, trans individuals etc. in the Church of England as well as consider members of our congregations who might hold different views. This issue is increasingly important as we have greater contact with priests and congregations with different views through the Minster Communities.

Matthew is ideally placed to lead a discussion as he is a 'Living in Love & Faith Chaplain' and knows St Guthlac's well.

There will be opportunity for discussion with tea and cake provided.

**St James the Greater Church
London Road, Leicester
Saturday May 11th 2024
7.00 p.m.**

**A Celebration of
Modern
British Composers.**

Lloyd Webber

Jenkins

Rutter

Conductor - Richard Archer

Accompanist - John Pye

**Tickets £12 under 16s free,
from choir members, at the door or
www.cityofleistersingers.co.uk**

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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	https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk
St Mary's	https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk



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=YzNIUIIDb3Z2WGJRc25TbzNBdzd0dz09>

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

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd April, St George's Day, when Valerie Thomson will tell us about her Canal Adventure. We will meet, as usual, in the Parish Centre lounge at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Non-members are welcome to join us. LP

SOLID PINE KITCHEN TABLE

Looking for a good home

The church no longer needs this table: 182cm long x 88cm wide x 74cm high (72 inches long x 35 inches wide x 29 inches high).

If you would like it, please contact
churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk





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