

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



JOHN 15:1-8

Sunday 28 April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

sunday 28th April

This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will be leading a service of Matins. This service will be held in Holbrook Hall. There is no Church Club.

The Collect and Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 8.26-40;

Psalm 22.25-31;

2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-21;

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

Praying for the World: The UK will, at some point this year, go to the polls in arguably one of the most hotly contested elections in living memory. Pray that God will help us to encourage our friends and families to register, to have the right voter ID, and, when the day comes, to go and vote - with love and compassion for others at the forefront of our voting.

Praying for the Church: To help reach the goal of doubling the number of children and young people in our churches, Bishop Martyn chairs a national project board which aims to see 30,000 more children's and youth ministers in the Church of England. Please pray for more people to hear God's calling to walk alongside children and young people in their journey, both locally and nationally.

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 – **Grenfell 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

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

5 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
12 th May	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis
19 th May	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
26 th May	Morning Prayer	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 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

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/

A BRIGHTER BUILDING: DURING PAINTING

Arrangements 28th April – 12th May



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

Wednesday 8th May 1.30 Holbrook Oasis will be in the kitchen area of Holbrook Hall.

Thursday 9th May 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 12th May 10.30 All Age Worship will be in Holbrook Hall

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has done so much over this last two weeks to ensure that St Guthlac's continues to run smoothly and with a smile on our face! We really appreciate all those who have emptied the church building for redecoration, and those who planned and co-ordinated the Annual Church Meeting. Together, and with God's help, we achieve so much! *Revd Adrian*

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. 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

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

The next edition of the magazine will be published in mid-May. Please consider making a contribution on any subject that might be of interest and relevance to our readers in our two parishes.

The deadline for copy, is **5 May 2024**. Please send your copy to stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com . Thank you.

The City of Leicester Singers



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Rutter**

Conductor - Richard Archer

Accompanist - John Pye

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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. 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



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