

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 5 May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

sunday 5th May

This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion. This service will be held in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 10.44-48;

Psalm 98;

2nd Reading: 1 John 5.1-6;

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

Praying for the World: Please pray for continued efforts to negotiate a ceasefire, and ultimately an end, to the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Pray for success for all the efforts to bring in much-needed aid, and for the release of all hostages.

Praying for the Church: During this week of Rogation days, please pray for Christians and church congregations in our rural areas - that they find encouragement and hope in the face of deep challenges. Pray especially for the people and leaders of the churches of the Launde Deanery and Minster Community

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 – **Guilford 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

Funeral: The funeral of Doreen Macafee is now confirmed as 11.30am on Friday 10th May at St Mary's.

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

12 th May	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis
19 th May	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
26 th May	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
2 nd June	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough

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 #

Ascension Day: Thursday 9th May is Ascension Day, when Christians remember how the risen Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work and then ascended to heaven - leaving them with the promise of the Holy Spirit to come. This year we will mark the day at our morning Eucharist at St Guthlac's at 9.30am - do join us.

Adrian

(Please note this service will be held in the Holbrook Hall kitchen area, see access details on p6.)

Holbrook Oasis

see page 6 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

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 5th May – 17th May



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. Access will be from the side door. Unfortunately, there is no wheelchair access to this area.

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

Wednesday 15th May 1.30 Holbrook Oasis will be in the kitchen area of Holbrook Hall.

Thursday 16th May 9.30 Communion will be in the kitchen area of Holbrook Hall.

What are the Rogation Days?

This week is marked by three 'Rogation Days' ... but what are they?



In the old tradition of the Churches the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension are called Rogation Days (from the Latin *rogare*, 'to ask'). These days of fasting and abstinence are preparation for the feast of the Ascension, and days upon which special prayers for fruitful seasons and a good harvest are made to God.

The origin of these Rogation Days seems to be an order by Mamertus, the Bishop of Vienne in about AD 470. After an earthquake he instructed that special litanies be offered for God's care and protection, and his heavenly provision of a good harvest to come. The custom spread through Gaul, to England and to Rome.

The Rogation Days survived the Reformation in England, and in 1559 Queen Elizabeth I required that priest and people should undertake a walk of the parish boundaries and fields to pray for a good harvest. This was later developed into prayers that could be said in church instead – but the custom of '*beating the bounds*' remains in various parts of the country. For many years it was an important event that helped the community remember where its ancient boundaries lay. To ensure that the memory was passed onto the next generation, young boys were taken along and whipped or beaten at each boundary post!

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 Holbrook Hall during Sunday services.

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.

St. Mary's Coffee Morning: Saturday 8th June 2024, 10am-12 noon, in church. Stalls to include plants, cakes, books, jigsaws, gifts & raffle. Everyone welcome.

The City of Leicester Singers



Charity Number
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**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	<u>https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk</u>
St Mary's	<u>https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk</u>

Please support Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May



'People forgot I was human' Aline Nibogora, Burundi

In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, putting them on the edge of survival. Coming back from the edge isn't easy when food can be scarce, disease prevalent, and jobs hard to come by. Aline, pushed to the brink, was abused, homeless and hungry. But Aline pushed back. She found a lifeline through Christian Aid funded small business training and she set up as a grocery wholesaler. This meant Aline achieved what had seemed impossible, a vital income for her and her children.

You can help ensure more people in Burundi get the skills and knowledge they need to fulfil their hopes and ambitions.

Donate and help someone push back against poverty this Christian Aid Week.

Please join us this Christian Aid Week by donating in one of these ways:

- Through a donation in a Christian Aid envelope which is delivered to your home, or one available in church
- By donating on-line through our St Guthlac's e-envelope. This is easy to do by using the following link

[St Guthlac's Church Knighton - Christian Aid Fundraise](#)

or by using the QR code below



THANK YOU!

Help needed to deliver Christian Aid envelopes!

This year we will be doing another 'Delivery only' Christian Aid Week collection in several local streets. Please help by taking and delivering a bundle of envelopes. These should be delivered as early as possible in Christian Aid Week (12th-18th May) please. Bundles will be available in church on Sunday 12th May. **Many thanks, Lesley Meakin (Christian Aid Week co-ordinator).**

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:

29May, 10-11am

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/98054154297?pwd=YzNIUIIDb3Z2WGJRc25TbzNBd zd0dz09>

13 June, 7-8pm

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/93540153415?pwd=d lZJUUM1QXc1Y3ZzR09xUHlxVVJaUT09>

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

Tea and Talk meeting for June...

My 25 Years at the BBC

Dave Andrews

Tuesday 11th June at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF

Dave will talk about his 21 years at BBC Radio Leicester. He presented almost every programme on the Station and reported and commentated on many notable events including the Richard III story and the late Queen's visits.



Dave is a local resident of Knighton. He began his teaching career in Leicestershire before joining the BBC in 2000. He chaired the long running and record-breaking gardening programme 'Down to Earth' for many years and spearheaded the Station's 40th birthday Ruby Rainbow Appeal which raised over £600 000 for Rainbows Children's Hospice. He was made a Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire in 2015.

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!