

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 19 May 2024
Pentecost

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion. This service will be held in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for Pentecost

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-21;

Psalms 104.22-36, 37b;

2nd Reading: 8.22-27;

Gospel Reading: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Prayers for the world: please pray this week for all those who find themselves alone or lonely, when they would like friendship and company. Pray too for those who find themselves so busy and caught up in life that they have no time to be still and quiet with just themselves and God. Pray for balance, self-care and love for others in all of us.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the church representatives attending meetings about Minster Communities in Leicester. Pray that they will understand clearly and report back to PCCs accurately and thoughtfully.

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 – **Holbrook 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

26 th May	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
2 nd June	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
9 th June	All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
16 th June	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
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 #

A BRIGHTER BUILDING: DURING PAINTING

Arrangements 19th May – 26th May



Sunday 19th May 10.30 Communion will be in Holbrook Hall

Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd 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 26th May 10.30 Morning Prayer will be in Holbrook Hall. There will be no Church Club.

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

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

We will be setting up the church for the Fayre from 8.30am on Saturday 18th May. The Fayre starts at 11am so anyone who can help in any way would be very welcome from 8.30am onwards. Thank you

Donations needed for the Fayre

We are collecting 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 – on Saturday 18th from 8,30am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 11 September

Josh Smalley of Great British Bake Off fame and Leicester University's Chemistry Department will give a talk on baking and his many other interests.

7pm in St Mary's. This is a fundraising event organised by the Christmas Tree Festival team and will support the Place of Peace project at St Mary's and the Wishes for Kids charity.

Look out for details of ticket prices and how to book, to be announced soon.

Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival 2024

St Mary's. Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm. Sunday 12:30pm-5:00pm. Admission £2.50 (children free).

This year's local external charity is the Laura Centre.

Eco Tip for May:

Say no to the mower. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals. Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space - sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs/.

Malawi- an extract from a letter from Bishop Christopher to Fiona Wingate.

The life of the clinic continues. Recently, Dr John Chipolombwe sent me his most recent budget MK22, 711.740 which I will attach.

They have 16 trips planned for the rest of this year plus the purchase of a number of diagnostic machines to enhance their work.

Trips will also include likuni phala, the protein and iron enriched flour for porridge, to help fight malnutrition in infants and pregnant women.

I will be sending the clinic a little over £10,000 which I have told them will empty the fund completely.

Aware of this they asked if I would still send them the funds. I've agreed.

I also pointed out several times to DNM that our donor base is small and elderly. Moreover, our continuance in these last few years has been sustained by two modest legacies and a number of significant donations, which I have shepherded well.

Depending on what we receive from now and over the next 12 months will determine whether we have funds for any trips next year.

I attended a coffee morning just over a week ago which raised £205 from St Andrew's Prestworld and soon £300 will come from Coleshill Church in the Diocese of Birmingham.

Malawi has suffered two massive devaluations of the Malawi Kwacha in November 2022 and May 2023. This has impacted significantly on our running costs.

Each trip cost £545. This covers the following:

- £268 - Drugs and medical supplies - given without charge to the patients

- £124 - Allowances for 2 clinicians, 3 nurses and 1 driver
- £ 33 - Likuni Phala for the undernourished - pregnant women and under 5s
- £120 - Fuel for the trip

Even so it still only costs around £2.73 per patient depending on the numbers attending an individual clinic.

Many thanks again for all you and St Guthlac's are doing.

Kindest regards

+Christopher

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

To give an idea of the costs of the clinic, their budget for 2024 (referred to above), includes about £1500 for new equipment and 16 visits at about £545 per visit; assuming their currency doesn't devalue further. Making their total budget for the year about £10500.

Over the years we have always supported this cause very generously. I currently have just over £500 in our fund to send to Malawi, but it would be good to get that a bit higher so we can boost their funds. Here are several ways you can donate. By Bank Transfer to our account, Account Name: St Guthlacs PCC, Account Number: 53861341, Sort Code: 20-49-08, Reference: Malawi. Or by cash or cheque using our "Blue" envelopes, marked on the outside of the envelope "MALAWI". Or you can put your donation in a plain envelope. Envelopes can be left on the collection plate in church. If you can Gift Aid your donation, I will need your name, address and a signature or complete the Gift Aid declaration on the "Blue" envelope.

Thank you for your generosity,

David

PCC Treasurer

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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!

Holbrook Oasis

see page 5 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

Concerned about Minster Communities? Here's how you can learn more ...



For more information about Minster Communities and the process of formation, you can 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>



COFFEE MORNING

ON SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

10 AM – 12 NOON

ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH

BRINSMEAD ROAD, KNIGHTON

STALLS TO INCLUDE

PLANTS, CAKES, BOOKS,

JIGSAWS, GIFTS

RAFFLE

JUST COME ALONG

EVERYONE WELCOME

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!