

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 16 June 2024
Third Sunday after Trinity

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

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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: 1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13;

Psalms 20;

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 (11-13) 14-17;

Gospel Reading: Mark 4.26-34

Praying for the World: Sunday 17th marks the start of Learning Disability Week, and this year is 'Do you see me?' At its heart is ensuring that people with learning disabilities are seen, heard and valued. Pray that across cultures and societies, and especially within churches, those with learning disabilities may be recognised, listened to and given their rightful place within our communities.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray this week for the people and leaders of St Cuthbert's in Great Glen, St Peter's Oadby, St Paul's Oadby, and Glen Magna cum Stretton Magna, Carton Curlieu & Burton Overy. Pray for wisdom and

openness in the Minster Community process and conversations, and that the priority may remain the worship and mission of God.

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 – **Knighton Drive.**

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%.



<https://givealittle.co/c/b277f14e-1e30-43b5-ac10-c822f0a70286>

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

23 rd June	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
30 th June	JOINT SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S	
7 th July	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje & Fiona Wingate
14 th July	Morning Prayer	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 #

On the move!

As many of you will know, our friend Margaret Bonney has, this week, moved to Nottinghamshire, to be nearer to her family. Her email address remains unchanged.

Margaret says 'I will miss you all - and St Guthlac's - but I'm looking forward to the next stage of life'.

I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing Margaret all the very best for the future. *Jane W*

Benefice Magazine

The closing date for copy for the July/August issue of the Magazine is Monday 1 July. Please take advantage of the opportunity to tell your fellow readers about interesting things that have happened in our community in the last couple of months; or to provide advance notice of interesting things that are coming up. Copy should be sent to me at stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. (which includes St Guthlac's, despite the address!).

Thank you. Nigel Siesage.

Eco Tip for June:

Join #30DaysWild. One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. The Wildlife Trusts' 30 Days Wild challenge is a great opportunity to engage with nature as an individual, household, or with your church community throughout June. Find some wild ideas at wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild

Cecilia's Ordination once again!

Many of you will know that in the Church of England ordination takes place in two stages. Last summer our curate Cecilia was ordained as a Deacon by Bishop Saju, in a splendid and moving service at All Saints, Loughborough. This year, on **Saturday 29th June at 4pm in Leicester Cathedral**, she will be ordained as a Priest by Bishop Martyn – this means she will be able to lead and preside at the full range of our services, including the Eucharist (or Holy Communion). Everyone is welcome to join this special service and I hope you'll share Cecilia's special day if you can – the Cathedral doors open at 3.15pm.

The following day, **Sunday 30th June**, Cecilia will preside at the Eucharist for the first time during our special joint benefice service at St Mary's, when the preacher will be the Revd Mrytle Cook, who has been Cecilia's mentor and supporter during her vocational journey. Again, I do hope that you'll be able to come and support Cecilia and her family as she passes this milestone in her curacy with us.

As a special Nigerian expression of hospitality and friendship, Cecilia would also like to share food for us all to take home at the end of the service – so please don't be shy in accepting your gift!

We also want to show our appreciation and support for Cecilia's ministry, with our own special gift to her... If you'd like to make a contribution, please place it in a marked envelope and add it to the Collection plate (cash only please, as cheques are expensive to process).

Many thanks! *Revd Adrian*

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

The life of the clinic continues. 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.

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

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 costs £545, equating to 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

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

General Election 2024: "Pray your part!"

Ahead of the General Election on 4th July there are some important actions that we should all be taking...

- make sure you are registered to vote - the deadline is 11.59pm on 18th June
- make sure you know what photo ID is needed to vote and get it ready
- inform yourself about the candidates standing and pray for wisdom in deciding how to vote!

The Church of England has launched an election campaign of it's own called **"Pray your part!"** - an invitation from the bishops to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. A key part of the campaign is encouraging us all to use a special booklet that takes us on a 21-day journey of prayer and reflection in the run-up to the Election itself. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life. Copies of the booklet will be available in church here as soon as they are published, for a donation of £1, but you can also access a free digital copy by visiting churchofengland.org/PrayYourPart

Adrian

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.

Save the Date – Samaritans Dinner 2024

After the success of last year's evening dinner for the Leicester Samaritans, I have now booked and am arranging another evening on **Wednesday 13th November** at Leicester College. Details to follow later. Thank you to everyone for their support last year.

Molly Clarke

Christian Aid Week

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Christian Aid Week. The amounts raised were: Envelope drop off £218, donations in church £70 and e-envelope £500. If you have not yet made a donation but would like to, the e-envelope is still open and can be found at

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/st-guthlacs-church-knighton>.

Lesley Meakin (Christian Aid Week Co-ordinator)

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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>

OPEN HANDS APPEAL



Open Hands are running a 'Bare Necessities' appeal for new socks and pants! They are collecting these essentials for all ages, sizes and genders! You can either bring these to church or drop off your socks/pants at one of the local supermarket collection points e.g. London Rd Co-op. **Thank you!**

Minster Communities: Upcoming Open Zoom Q&A Sessions

The diocese will be running some open Q&A sessions over Zoom. These are open to anyone who is part of the church community and will be an opportunity for central diocesan staff to respond to your questions. Please find the time and zoom link below:

24 June, 7-8pm

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/92720265461?pwd=bDhHZmFuYWWRMK1YzN2Fmd1BtUFVHUT09>