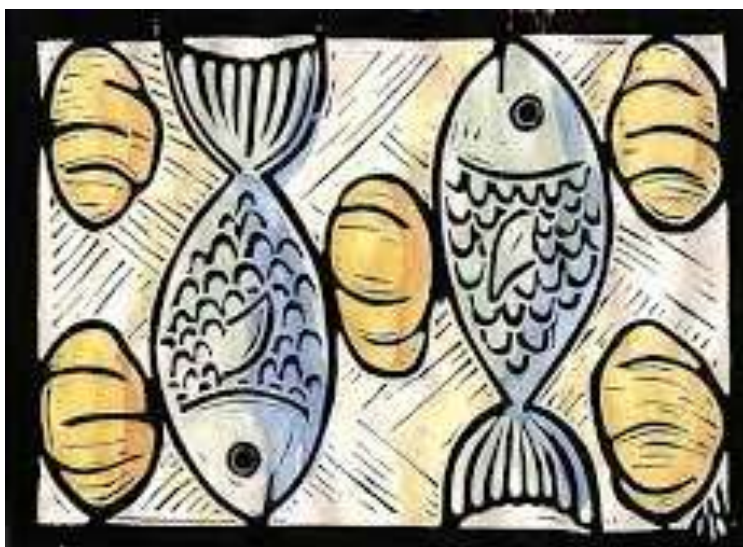


# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will lead a service of Morning Prayer.

### **The Collect and Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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:** 2 Samuel 11.1-15;

**Psalm 14;**

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3.14-21;

**Gospel Reading:** John 6.1-21

**Praying for the World:** As the school summer holidays approach, please pray for a good, relaxing and restorative few weeks for everyone, and especially all those who work in our schools. Pray for safe and happy holidays - but pray too for those who can't afford the holiday break that they'd love, and for those whose illness or disability, or caring duties, will keep them at home.

**Praying for the Church:** This week please pray for our partner Diocese of Wyoming in the United States. Pray for missional leadership development for lay and ordained ministers through the 'By Whose Authority' training programme, and for the Diocesan strategic plan – a consultation process across the diocese to develop a strategy for the flourishing of churches and communities. Pray too for 'Soul

Shop' – a suicide prevention programme running throughout September. In our won diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Queniborough, Thrussington, Ratcliffe & Rearsby, Birstall & Wanlip, and the Deanery of Akeley East (Loughborough).

**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 – **Powys Avenue.**

*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](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) or Jane [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

|                         |                |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> August  | Eucharist      | Revd Adrian Jones    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> August | Morning Prayer | David Hunt           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> August | Eucharist      | Revd Cecilia Adjadje |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> August | Matins         | David Hunt           |

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 3<sup>rd</sup> / 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 #

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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](mailto: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>

## **Minster Communities - Update & Conversation**

**Sunday 18th August 12.00 @ St Guthlac's**

As part of the process of creating Minster Communities, our church has been asked to consider 9 aspects of our church-life. These aspects include thinking about our approach to everyday faith; our attitudes to creating new ways of worshipping; and how we engage with others outside the church. The PCC has looked at these and scored each element 0-7.

Come along and chat about progress in deciding the Minster Communities. Look at the church-life aspects and have a go at scoring them yourselves. We will add your scores to those of the PCC.

**Clergy Summer holidays:** Over the next few weeks, as we go into the school holidays both Adrian and family, and Cecilia and family, will be away at various points - as this newsletter goes online, it's probably best for home security if we don't put out the exact dates here. Please bear with us when we are away, if your calls or emails don't get a quick response. If you have an urgent pastoral need then do please contact another member of the Ministry Team, or the Church Wardens who can contact us in an emergency. Thank you! Adrian

### **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](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)

## **Celebrating Cecilia's ordination as a priest in the Church of England**

Many thanks to everyone who shared in the special service at which Cecilia was ordained a priest, and to all those who helped to make our own celebration back in Knighton the following day, such a wonderful occasion. A very special mention must go to everyone who catered and provided such wonderful Nigerian food and hospitality for us all! We are blessed to have Cecila and her family with us in our benefice.  
*Adrian*

### **Thank you**

After a long walk and discernment, the time came for me to receive the blessings of God in a very special way. When I began my discernment process few years ago, I had many doubts and fears; however, God has been the one who accompanied me and dispelled any doubts that I had. Now, it will be time to place the gifts that the Lord has given me at the service of God and his Church. It has not been easy, but the journey has been full of blessings from God. So, I hope that all those who feel the call to ordained life are not afraid to follow Christ more closely. He never abandons us or forsakes us on this path. I have witnessed that in my own journey. We just need to trust Him.

I have always remained thankful to God for giving me a church that I have come to call home. Let me take this wonderful opportunity to salute every one of you for coming out to celebrate with me during my ordination. I was in tears when I saw familiar faces smiling to me and just whispered a word of prayer to thank God for showing mercies to me. To all those who managed to attend may our good Lord bless you abundantly and keep you in perfect health. There is no Benefice like ours, Knighton Benefice. I will keep up with the same spirit of love and service. Thank you for loving me into service. God bless you all and above all fill you with overwhelming heavenly blessings. Indeed, you have showed that you are a church whose foundation is love. You are a wonderful family. Every blessing. *Cecilia*

# Summer Read



**We hope you will join us in reading one or more books by Sally Page**

**The Book of Beginnings**

**and / or**

**The Keeper of Stories**

## **The Book of Beginnings**

*Jo Sorsby is hiding from her past when she agrees to run her uncle's beloved stationery shop. When she meets Ruth, a vicar running from a secret, and Malcolm, a septuagenarian still finding himself, she suddenly realizes she isn't alone.*

## **The Keeper of Stories**

*When Janice starts cleaning for Mrs B - a shrewd and tricky woman in her nineties - she meets someone who wants to hear her story. But Janice is clear: she is the keeper of stories, she doesn't have a story to tell. At least, not one she can share. Mrs B is no fool and knows there is more to Janice than meets the eye. What is she hiding? After all, doesn't everyone have a story to tell?*

Copies of the books will be available to borrow from St Guthlac's church and Holbrook Oasis café which meets every Wednesday between 1.30 – 3.30.

There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss the books on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 (with tea & cakes) or at Holbrook Oasis at St Guthlac's on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30.