

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday before Advent**  
**All Saints Day**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

### **The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday before Advent**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love  
in the hearts of the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and power of love,  
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;  
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:** Deuteronomy 6.1-9

**Psalm 119.1-8**

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 9.11-14

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 12.28-34

### **The Collect and Readings for All Saints Day**

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
Amen

**1st Reading:** Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9

**Psalm 24.1-6**

**2nd Reading:** Revelation 21.1-6

**Gospel Reading:** John 11.32-44

**Prayers for the World:** In the week of the US Presidential election, pray for wisdom for all those voting. Pray for peaceful responses across all communities, whatever the results. Pray that all powerful nations might use their influence for the good of all peoples, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

**Prayers for the Church:** Today, 3rd November, is the International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians. Please pray that as they share in Christ's sufferings, they would be able to rejoice in the hope God offers them. Pray too, that they would have opportunities to gather, and that God would supply their needs for a community. Ask God what our church communities can do to welcome, support and strengthen our persecuted brothers and sisters.

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

## **St. Guthlac's Services**

Sunday at 10.30am

|                           |                 |                      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November | Remembrance AAW | Fiona Wingate        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November | Eucharist       | Revd Janet Gasper    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November | Matins          | David Hunt           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | Eucharist       | Revd Cecelia 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 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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**Revd Aphro McCullough**

**Revd Janet Gasper**

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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.

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| St Guthlac's | <a href="https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk">https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk</a> |
| St Mary's    | <a href="https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk">https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk</a>       |

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

As in previous years there will be a Christmas Hamper raffle in aid of the health clinic project in Malawi which we support. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. A list of suggested donations for the hamper is in the welcome area and will be very gratefully received. The last date for bringing items for the hamper will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. **Thank you.**

**Minster Community update:** At the end of September our parish representatives joined others from Anglican churches across the city, at a special day to learn more about the proposed Minster Communities - groupings of churches working together and sharing people and resources. Over the summer, our PCC had worked hard, prayed deeply and talked long about which other local churches might form a good partnership with us and where God might be calling us to explore closer relationships. The proposals made by the Diocesan Transition Team didn't line up particularly well with our own discernment, however, and so we still have much to do in the next two months! We will give you a further update soon. In the meantime, please do take one of the special Minster Community Prayer Cards from the back of the church, and use the prayer regularly, asking God to help us as we shape the future form of our local churches. Adrian, on behalf of the PCC.

**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>

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## New Christmas Card for 2024



These lovely cards, **Minstrel Angel** (after William Morris) are designed by our own Sue Sansome.

They are being sold in aid of the Knighton Christmas Tree Festival's two causes this year - the Laura Centre and the St Mary's Place of Peace Garden.

The message reads

With best wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year

Size of card A6 (approx 4 x 6  
ins)

They can be ordered now for  
**£4 for a pack of six** (envelopes  
included).

Please place your order on the form in St Mary's or email the Christmas Tree Festival Team at [knightonctf24@gmail.com](mailto:knightonctf24@gmail.com). Please head your email *Christmas Card* and specify the number of packs you would like.

Payment is by credit card or cash on collection (no cheques please). They can be collected after the 9am and 10.30 services on 27 October at St Mary's, and subsequently.

Please indicate if collection in person is difficult and we will see if alternative arrangements can be made

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**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)

**SAMARITANS DINNER**

Arrangements have now been made for the Leicester Samaritans Charity Evening Dinner at the Leicester College on **Wednesday 13th November**. Arrival time is 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. There will be a menu of 4 courses and it will cost £30 per person. Menu coming soon. Thank you to everyone for their support last year. Raffle donations needed please. Molly Clarke

**Searching for information about relatives in Knighton:** We have recently received two requests for any information about relatives who once lived in Knighton and had connections with our two churches. The first is from Sue Batchelor, who lived with her parents who lived with her parents Anthony and Margaret Kent-Frances, on Highbury Road in the early 1960's. Sue's younger brother, Peter, sadly died when just aged 3. Does anyone remember them and know where Anthony and Margaret were married (1959)? The second is from Nick Wicker, asking if anyone remembers his mother, Diana Ingham, born 1937, who attended church at St Guthlac's in the 1950's and used to teach in the Sunday School. Please let me know if you've got any information. Thank you! *Adrian*

**Virtual Fayre Catalogue** – We are selling some of our more popular items prior to the Christmas Fayre on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2024, via our Fayre catalogue. Copies of the catalogue are available in the Welcome Area at St. Guthlac's or contact David to obtain an on-line order form on: [fayre@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:fayre@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk) if you wish to submit an on-line order.

### **Christmas Fayre, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 09:45 – 13:00**

We are collecting items for the Fayre. A box is at the back of church for donations: -

- Jigsaw Puzzles. Please ensure they are complete with no missing pieces!
- Gifts. New or Good as New, suitable to be bought as presents
- Tombola Items. Bottles, jars, chocolates, small items of good quality bric-a-brac
- Clean Jam Jars please!

We will also be running a Raffle with a Christmas Hamper prize in aid of the Mobile Clinics in Malawi. A list of wanted items will be available soon.

### **Wanted- old CD/DVD's**

We use old CD/DVD's as a base for our mini Christmas cakes. We are about 30 short this year so if you have any you no long listen to please can you give them to Ann Swanson or leave them at the back of church (just the cd not the case). Many thanks

Come along to our Tea and Talk evening for November

# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



AN ORGAN RECITAL INCLUDING  
FILM & SEASONAL PIECES

BY

GEOFFREY HAMES DIPL.CM



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**



**St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF**

**Free event and refreshments: Do join us!**



**Come and join us at**  
**St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 7th December 9:45 am – 1:00 pm**

**St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd, Knighton LE2 3LF**

**CAKES**

**PRESERVES**

**JEWELLERY**

**TOMBOLA**

**GIFTS**

**WREATHS**

**CHRISTMAS  
STALLS**

**CHILDREN'S  
KNITWEAR**

**Free entry**

**Refreshments**

**Live Music**

**Cash and Card payments  
accepted**