

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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

Then Jesus began to say to them,
“Beware that no one
leads you astray.”

Mark 13:5, NRSV



Sunday 17th November 2024
Second Sunday before Advent

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

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: 12.1-3

Psalm 16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18)19-25

Gospel Reading: Mark 13.1-8

Praying for the World: Please pray that, amid all the challenges that people across the world now face, and all the uncertainty about our future, there will be an enduring sense of hope, founded on trust in our faithful and loving God. Pray that Christians will be marked out as those who still have joy and peace even in these difficult days. Pray that we will be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to take our opportunities to talk about who Jesus was and is.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all our leaders in the church and especially Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell. Pray for a deep wisdom that flows from being close to the

love and compassion of God himself. Pray that all of us who are part of the church will act towards each other in kindness, humility and peacefulness.

On Safeguarding Sunday, please pray:

Dear God, Help us to be a church that:

Loves, welcomes, protects.

Listens, learns, serves.

Repents, restores, transforms.

Values, cares, believes.

God of justice and compassion,

hear our prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus name. Amen

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. David's Crescent.**

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

24 th November	Matins	David Hunt
1 st December	Eucharist	Revd Cecelia Adjadje
8 th December	AAW & Gift service	Revd Cecelia Adjadje
15 th December	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones

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 #

Donations for Open Hands: Nativity Gift Service 8th Dec

Food and toiletry donations will be very welcome again this year in the run up to Christmas. Your donations can be brought to the Nativity Gift Service on Sunday 8th Dec, or any time before then if you will not be attending the service. The most needed items are pictured below. Please note that we are not requesting Christmas Treats as this appeal ends on 22nd November, but if you would like to donate Christmas snacks, biscuits or sweets these can be dropped off at Asda Oadby, The Co-op London Rd or Sainsbury's Glen Rd. **Thank you**



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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>

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 7th. 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 1st Dec. **Thank you.**

EcoTip for November: Green your home. Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials. Additionally, place foil or radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be experiencing the cold this winter.

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.

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. 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

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

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*

Benefice Magazine

The advertised copy deadline for the November/December Magazine is 16 November. I can take contributions a few days later than this, but if you are thinking of sending something in, could you let me know so that I can plan for it? At the moment, it must be said, I'm very light on content.

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th November at 1.30 for a 2pm start in the Cottage Room of the Parish Centre. Please note change of venue. Our speaker is the Vicar and his theme will be Advent. LP

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>

The top half of the poster features a stylized illustration of three Christmas trees. The trees are composed of white and blue geometric shapes, with yellow stars at their peaks. They are decorated with red, green, and blue ornaments. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes. The bottom half of the poster has a dark blue background with yellow and white text.

**Knighton
Christmas Tree Festival**

Saturday 30th November 10am – 5pm
Sunday 1st December 12.30pm – 5pm

St Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road, Leicester LE2 3WD
Admission £2.50 - Children free. All proceeds going to
The Laura Centre and the Church Community Garden.

Light refreshments, raffle and children's activities.
Event supported by Knighton Ward Community Fund.

A small logo for Leicester Council is located in the bottom left corner, featuring a stylized flower or leaf design.A small logo for St. Guthlac's Church is located in the bottom right corner, featuring a stylized cross with a figure inside.

Virtual Fayre Catalogue – We are selling some of our more popular items prior to the Christmas Fayre on December 7th 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 if you wish to submit an on-line order. Last date for receipt of orders is 30th November 2024.

Christmas Fayre, Saturday 7th 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 longer 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 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

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**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**

**CHILDREN'S
KNITWEAR**

Free entry

Refreshments

Live Music

**Cash and Card payments
accepted**