

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 24th November 2024
Christ the King

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This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will lead a service of Matins.

The Collect and Readings for Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

Psalm 93

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8

Gospel Reading: John 18.33-37

Praying for the World: Please pray for the work of Christian Aid and their partners in many nations around the world. Pray for wisdom to use well the money that is raised this Christmas - understanding priorities and working effectively so that the most vulnerable are helped first. Pray for generosity amongst supporters too, so that Christian Aid will have the resources it needs for its work.

Praying for the Church: As the Church of England prepares for the Archbishop of Canterbury to step down, please pray for a spirit of unity and willing co-operation between all those involved in seeking a new leader. Pray that each would have the well-being of the whole church at heart, and be open to hear God's voice amidst the clamour of demands and expectations. Pray too that ++Justin will be able to end his term of service well - with thankfulness for all that he has done for the Kingdom of God, and an openness about misjudgements, that will

allow his successor to bring hope and reconciliation in our fractured church.

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 – **Stoughton 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%.



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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

1 st December	Eucharist	Revd Cecelia Adjadje
8 th December	AAW & Gift service	Revd Cecelia Adjadje
15 th December	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
22 nd December	Morning Prayer	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 <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

St Mary's <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk>

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.

Advent Read & Discussion Group

Read a good book- and grow in faith this Advent: As well as a time of preparation, Advent can be a time for our faith to grow. As a help this year we are suggesting you might like to read the book "Women of the Nativity" by renowned Christian writer Paula Gooder. The book consists of nine stories, 'reimagined' from the experiences of women who appear in the Bible account of the birth of Jesus (although not all by name). After Christmas we will organise a 'book club's discussion of the stories and our responses to them.

If you'd like a copy of the book yourself, please let Adrian know as soon as possible. Each costs £11 but payment can be later.

In the meantime, you might like to join an Advent discussion group, at St Mary's Parish Centre, on Wednesday mornings, from 10.30- noon, starting with tea/coffee. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 27th November, and each time we'll focus on one or two of the women, and how they might encourage our faith to grow. Everyone welcome! More details from Adrian.

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

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



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.



CHRISTMAS TREE MUSIC At the Knighton Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, in addition to about 70 trees, refreshments, children's activities, the craft stall and raffle, we can now announce the music programme –

Saturday 30th November

- 11.00am to 12.00pm – The Semper Singers
- 12.00pm to 2.00pm – St Mary's Tree-O (Our very own trio)
- 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Knighton String Quartet (Playing festive favourites)
- 4.00pm to 5.00pm – Mulled wine

Sunday 1st December

- 2.00pm to 4.00pm – The Titanic Boys (A local Jazz Band)
- 4.00pm to 5.00pm – Mulled wine
- 5.00pm – Carols around the trees for all

St Guthlac's Church:

Christmas Services and Events

Advent Reflections Group: “Women of the Nativity” Wednesdays from 27th Nov. 10.30am –12 noon

A reflective way into the season, as we give time to talk about the stories of the women who were part of the first Nativity – come any Wednesday you can. We meet at St Mary's Parish Centre on the corner of Brinsmead Road and Church Lane, and start with tea/coffee. (*“Women of the Nativity” is a new book by Paula Gooder*)

St Guthlac's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 7th Dec. 9.45am– 1pm

Come and join us for a seasonal community event, featuring refreshments, stalls, crafts, gifts and live music.

Christmas Gift Service: Sunday 8th December 10.30 am

An interactive, informal service, suitable for all ages, that will help us look ahead to the birth of Jesus. Gifts and toys will be collected for people in need in Leicester, working together with the Open Hands charity.

Traditional Carols and Readings:

Wednesday 18th Dec. 7.30 pm

A traditional service celebrating the birth of Jesus with Bible readings and poems, alongside Christmas carols and choral music, led by the St Guthlac's Church Choir and friends.

Crib Service:

Tuesday 24th December 4.00 pm

Join us for an informal service, particularly suited for children, where youngsters are encouraged to help tell the Christmas story by placing the nativity figures in the stable.

First Communion of Christmas:

Tuesday 24th December 8.00 pm

Together we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth with Holy Communion, carols, readings and prayers.

Christmas Morning Communion: 10.30 am

We join together to celebrate Christmas Day with a service of Holy Communion for everyone.

Please Note: On Sunday 29th December there will be no service at St Guthlac's.

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*

Help needed

We will be setting up for the fayre on Friday 6th December from 2.30pm in church. All help will be gratefully received. Thank you.

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!

Homemade cakes & preserves will also be gratefully received on the day. Thank you

Wanted- old CD/DVD's

We use old CD/DVDs 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 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

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**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**

**CHILDREN'S
KNITWEAR**

Free entry

Refreshments

Live Music

**Cash and Card payments
accepted**