

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**Advent Sunday**

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

### **The Collect and Readings for Advent Sunday**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 33.14-16

**Psalms 25.1-9**

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21.25-36

**Prayers for the World:** Tuesday is the International Day of People with Disability - thank God that are all people who are made in his image and likeness. Pray that across our societies there may be a broad recognition that each of us brings unique gifts to share, that reflect the beauty of our creator and enrich our life together. Give thanks for God's holy presence among us and in each of us, and pray for an end to all discrimination and prejudice.

**Prayers for the Church:** With others across our Diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Glenfield & Newtown Linford, and Anstey & Thurstaston with Cropston - including our former

curate, Matthew Gough. Pray for their encouragement and a deep sense of Advent hope that runs right through 2025. Also, please pray for discernment and wisdom as all our local PCCs try to sense the best way to form new Minster Communities.

**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 – **Toller 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](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

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| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | AAW & Gift service                 | Revd Cecelia Adjadge |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | Eucharist                          | Revd Adrian Jones    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> December | Morning Prayer                     | Revd Adrian Jones    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> December | <b>NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S</b> |                      |

### **OR ST. MARY'S**

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| Every Thursday at 9.30am           | Holy Communion |
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## **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 #

## Donations for Open Hands: Nativity Gift Service 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](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"><u>https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk</u></a> |
| St Mary's    | <a href="https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk"><u>https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk</u></a>       |

**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.



**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

**Make your Christmas Greetings go further.** As in previous years, members of the congregation may like to make a donation to Bishop Christopher's Malawi charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another. A large card for everyone to sign is in the welcome area together with a box for donations. Thank you.

### **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.**

**Thanks:** I would like to say many thanks to everyone who supported my charity dinner for the Leicester Samaritans, which was held at Leicester College in November 2024. The amount raised was £563 and to thank those who kindly donated. The evening went well and was a success and I was so happy. Molly

### **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)

## **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 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 or St. Mary's.*

**Help needed**

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

**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!

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



**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**