

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 8th December 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecelia Adjadje will lead the All Age Worship & Gift service.

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9

Benedictus

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

Praying for the world: In Church this week we remember the prophets - please pray for all those who speak up today for truth and righteousness, and are not afraid to share the word and the purposes of God with the world. Pray for their encouragement in times of hardship and rejection, and pray that many people will receive God's personal message humbly and be changed.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Desford & Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East & St Crispin Braunstone Town with Thorpe Astley, and in the new benefice of Markfield, Thornton,

Bagworth, Stanton under Bardon & Copt Oak. Pray for hopefulness and trust in God's future this Advent season.

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 – **Westminster 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

15 th December	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
22 nd December	Morning Prayer	Revd Adrian Jones
29 th December	NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S	

OR ST. MARY'S

5 th January	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
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 will be **NO Compline on Wednesday 18th December or Christmas Day 25th December.** There will be virtual Compline services on all other Wednesdays in December and January at 8.00 pm including Wednesday 1st January 2025.

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**

Open Hands  *donation list*

Food

 URGENT  Fully Stocked

					
Tinned Soup	Tinned Fruit	Jar Sauce	Vegetarian Meat	Meat Meal	Rice
					
Tinned Carrots	Tinned Sweetcorn	Tinned Beans	Dried Pulse Beans	Tinned Pulse Beans	UHT Milk
					
Jams/Spreads	Sugar	Tinned Tomatoes	Squash	Flour	Tinned Fish
					
Cooking Oil	Small Tea or Coffee	Cereal	Rice Pudding	Spices	Used or new Bags for Life

Open Hands  *donation list*

Toiletries

 URGENT  Fully Stocked

				
Face Cloth	Shampoo	Conditioner	Pump Action Soap	Shower Gel
				
2-in-1 Shampoo and Conditioner	Shaving Products	Men's Deodorant	Baby Wash/ Shampoo	Bar Soap
				
Wash Taps (for washing)	Adult toothbrushes	Ladies Deodorant	Sanitary Towels	Adult Toothpaste

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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**](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>

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 10.30am

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. 7.30pm

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: 10.30am

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.

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.

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.

Homemade cakes & preserves will be gratefully received on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Thank you

Mothers' Union Fellowship A reminder that our next meeting will be our Bring and Share lunch on Tuesday, 10th December starting at 1.30 in the Cottage Room. LP

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

There will be ***NO Oasis on Christmas Day 25th December***. Oasis will meet on all other Wednesday afternoons in December and January including 1st January 2025.

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**