

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 15th December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

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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 Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-20

Psalm: Isaiah 12.2-6

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.7-18

Praying for the world: Please pray for the people of Syria this week - that they would find ways to work together now, that will bring lasting peace and stability to their country. Pray that God will raise up leaders who have a vision for reconciliation, healing and partnership across divides. Pray for Christians - that they would be beacons of hope.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for the very many carol services and special events around the country and in Leicester, that attract large numbers of people who don't go to church frequently. Pray for joy and inspiration at these times, and new friendships that will nurture growing faith and bring encouragement.

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 – **Woodland Avenue.**

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

22nd December Morning Prayer Revd Adrian Jones

29th December **NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S
OR ST. MARY'S**

5th January Eucharist Revd Janet Gasper

12th January All Age Worship

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 #

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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 Greetings from Tollerton!! Sending my very best wishes to you all for a happy festive season, with lots of lovely music and uplifting sermons!! Not to mention my hopes for a peaceful and healthy year ahead to you all, whatever the year brings us.

Margaret Bonney

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.

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.

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)

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols: Wednesday 18th Dec. 7.30pm

A traditional service celebrating the birth of Jesus with Bible readings, 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: 10.30am

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.*

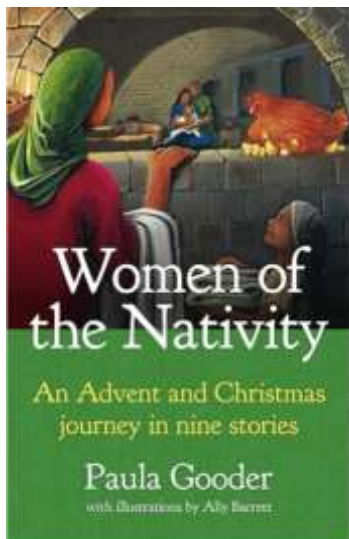
Benefice Magazine

The January/February edition of the magazine will be issued in *mid-January*. The closing date for copy will therefore be **Monday 6 January 2025, but you can send your contributions at any time** to the usual address, stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com.

Women of the Nativity by Paula Gooder

Discussion Group Thursday 2nd January 2025 10.30am

@ St Guthlac's Church



Have you read the book "Women of the Nativity" by 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.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the stories on Thursday 2nd January at 10.30. You might like to come to the Communion Service at 9.30 beforehand.

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 FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre. We raised over **£2,200** for church funds and in addition, **£279** for the mobile health clinic in Malawi, a wonderful result. There are still a few things left for sale in the welcome area.