

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 22nd December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

& Sunday 29th December 2024
First Sunday of Christmas

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Morning Prayer.

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a; **Magnificat**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10; **Gospel Reading:** Luke 1.39-55

The Collect and Readings for Christmas Eve

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16; **Psalm 89.2,20-27**

2nd Reading: Acts 13.16-26; **Gospel Reading:** Luke 1.67-79

The Collect and Readings for Christmas Day

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your
one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

1st Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10; **Psalm 98**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1.1-12; **Gospel Reading:** John 1.1-14

The Collect and Readings for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share
the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; **Psalm 148**

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-17; **Gospel Reading:** Luke 2.41-52

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 all roads in the parish.

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@stquthlac-knighton.co.uk

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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

5th January Eucharist Revd Janet Gasper

12th January All Age Worship

19th January Eucharist Revd Cecilia Adjadje

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 on Thursday 2nd January 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>

St Guthlac's Church: Christmas Services and Events

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.*

Christmas Greetings from the Vicarage: We would like to wish everyone in our extended church family, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year...with God's hope and peace throughout 2025. Love from us all - Adrian, Alison, Skye & Derry

Services after Christmas - do please note that there are no services on Thursday 26th December (St Guthlac's), Sunday 29th (both churches), and Tuesday 31st (St Mary's). **There will be a service on Thursday 2nd January at St Guthlac's.** Sunday services resume in both churches on Sunday 5th January 2025.

Christmas break: As usual, the clergy will be taking some time to rest in the days following Christmas. Please bear with us if we aren't very quick to respond to calls or emails! In urgent need please text me, as I'll check these messages regularly. Adrian

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. **£50 has been raised so far.** Thank you.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the Christmas Fayre. We raised over **£2,300** 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.

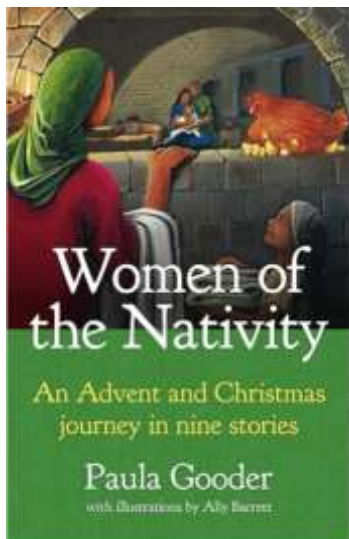


*HAPPY
CHRISTMAS*

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 10.30am. You might like to come to the service at 9.30am beforehand.

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.