

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 5th January 2025
Epiphany

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This Sunday there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am.

The Collect and Readings for Epiphany

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 60.1-6;

Psalms 72. (1-9) 10-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

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 – **Aber Road**

Praying for each other in 2025

The writers of the New Testament were very keen that we should pray for each other, and gave us good models of how we should do it:

- *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”* (Ephesians 6.18)
- *“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.”* (Colossians 1.9)
- *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”* (James 5.16)
- *“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* (Matthew 5.44)
- *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”* (Romans 8.26)

And there is much more wisdom about prayer for us, if we look! This year, 2025, I would like to invite you to join with me in giving a little more attention to prayer ... starting with a commitment to pray for others within our church family.

Each month I'll be praying regularly for a specific group of our congregation and church friends, hoping to ensure that across the year everyone is named, remembered and placed in God's loving care.

This means you will be prayed for! But it also means that you have the opportunity to bring blessing to others in our church by joining in with these prayers.

In **January**, I'll be praying for all those whose surnames begin with **A, B, C and D** – as drawn from our Electoral Roll, contact list and other connections. In February, I'll move on to E, F, G and H, and so on through the year. Every month I'll remind you about who we're praying for, so do please join me in this special way of supporting and helping each other within our Christian family! *Adrian*

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:

through your Son you have redeemed us;

in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for all who are part of our Church family:

make our hearts respond to your love;

make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world:

make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal;

make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth;

Lord, receive our praise and hear our prayer.

Amen.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people." (1 Timothy 2.1)

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

Happy New Year! Adrian and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts this Christmas, and to wish all of our Church family a very happy and peaceful New Year, 2025.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

12th January All Age Worship

19th January Eucharist

Revd Cecilia Adjadje

26th January Morning Prayer

Revd Adrian Jones

2nd February Eucharist

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's

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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 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 #

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<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>

Make your Christmas Greetings go further. £98 has been raised for Malawi. 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 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 jars left for sale in the welcome area.

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

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%.

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation towards the work of St. Guthlac's Church. Thank you.



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