

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 12th January 2025
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of Christ

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This Sunday there will be a 10.30am All Age Worship service entitled 'Origins and Meaning'. This will be led by Anne Hunt, Tina Jarvis & David Hunt.



The Collect and Readings for The Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 43.1-7;

Psalm 29

2nd Reading: Acts 8.14-17;

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15-17,21-22

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 – **Alexandra 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@stguthlacknighon.co.uk

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

19 th January	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
26 th January	Morning Prayer	Revd Adrian Jones
2 nd February	Eucharist	
9 th February	All Age Worship	

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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St Guthlac's	https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk
St Mary's	https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Every year Christians from all denominations are invited to pray together for the greater unity of the whole church - unity in action, outreach, worship, commitment and organisational structures. This year the week begins on 18th January and the theme is "Do you believe this?"

A joint service for the South Leicester Christian Partnership is being held at Christchurch on Clarendon Park Road on Sunday 19th, starting at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome. Details of the annual 'pilgrimage' visits to our SLCP churches are below, but I can confirm that the pilgrims 'stop' at St Mary's will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 21st January - everyone is welcome to this short and informal service of prayers with our friends from neighbouring churches. *Adrian*

Prayer Pilgrimage (half hour services)

Monday 20 January, 12 noon, St Thomas More

Tuesday 21 January, 12 noon, St Mary's

Wednesday 22 January, 12.30pm, Friends Meeting House

Thursday 23 January, 12 noon, Congregational

Friday 24 January, 12 noon, Stoneygate Baptist

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

A message from Bishop Christopher Boyle about the Malawi clinics: I am sending you a short report that I received recently from Dr John Chipolombwe. It is concise but I think it is very helpful. It shows the volume of patient numbers, the range of illnesses treated and some of the challenges. We do our best to send out visits every

month though it is the rainy season at present which can make visits impossible. I am in the process of seeking to raise enough funds for trips to begin again around April. For most of this year trips have cost £545 per trip. I am expecting it will rise when I get the next request for funds. Please give my warmest greetings to all at St Guthlac's and best wishes for Christmas and every blessing for 2025.



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OUTREACH CLINIC PROGRESS REPORT

JUNE – OCTOBER 2024

# of trips conducted	7 trips conducted (4 Mfula – 3 Chamalala)
Number of patients treated	Total number of patients treated on all trips - Trip 1 Mfula = 327 (15/6/24) - Trip 2 Mfula = 312 (29/6/24) - Trip 3 Mfula = 200 (27/7/24) - Trip 4 Chamalala = 132 (31/8/24) - Trip 5 Chamalala = 203 (14/9/24) - Trip 6 Mfula = 362 (28/9/24) - Trip 7 Chamalal = 360 (12/10/24)
Range of ailments seen and treated	Ailments treated are: Common cold, Otitis media, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Tonsillitis, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Malaria, Anemia, Malnutrition, Hypertension, Epilepsy, Conjunctivitis, Cataract, Dental decay, Scabies, Fungal infection, Dermatitis, Impetigo, Urticaria, Worms, Bilharzia, Abscess, Hernia, Peptic ulcers and STI's.
Challenges	- High patient volumes hence limited resources in screening, lab testing, data entry and dispensing - Lack of tables for screening and dispensing - Poor data entry because it is manually done – prone to human errors, time consuming, data inconsistency, difficult in data retrieving and quick analysis - Lack of pre-packing of common prescriptions/drugs - Some patients do not follow up with their referrals to the hospital
Suggested Solutions	Implement a triage system to identify patients who need immediate attention and those who can wait. This will ensure critical cases are addressed first and reduces overcrowding.