

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 19th January 2025
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known 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 62.1-5;

Psalms 36.5-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11;

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

Praying for the World: As the effects of the Global Climate Emergency and rising temperatures are felt in more parts of the world, please pray first for all those affected, especially those who have a limited capacity to recover and rebuild. Pray too, for all those who have the ability to make the important decisions that will determine the extent of future changes to our world's weather - pray for their wisdom, compassion and care for all the world's people and environments.

Praying for the Church: In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let's pray for our sisters and brothers in the faith, who worship at all the other local churches. Pray that in our relationships and our working & worshipping together, we may demonstrate to the world the unity that we already share because Jesus binds us all together.

Praying for each other this month:

Please pray for others in our churches and congregations - this month of January, for all those whose surnames begin with A, B, C and D. Pray especially this week for a growing faith and deepening trust in God and his good purposes in this new year.

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 – **Allandale Road.**

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>

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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

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 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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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>

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.