

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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

The Collect and Readings for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Exodus 34.29-35;

Psalms 99

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2;

Gospel Reading: Luke 9.28-36(37-43)

Praying for each other this month: Please pray for other members of our church community especially, in March, those whose surnames begin with I, J, K and L. Pray for a strong sense of identity as followers of Jesus, with all the blessings and challenges that brings.

Praying for the World: On this Church Action on Poverty Sunday, and through the week, please pray for all people in our neighbourhood experiencing poverty and its corrosive effects. Pray too for our local organisations such as foodbanks and advice centres which help people in poverty.

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray for the people and ministers of Hope Hamilton (The Conventional

District of Hamilton, Leicester), and for our Cathedral Church of St Martin, especially its choir and musicians.

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 – **Dovedale Road & Dovedale Court flats.**

Sad news about Yolanda Courtney: I'm very sad to have to tell you that, after illness and a stay in hospital, our friend and member of St Guthlac's, Yolanda Courtney, has died. Yolanda was well known and liked across the benefice, for her generosity and kindness as well as her many years of organ playing and singing in our choirs. Although she had found the world an increasingly difficult and complex place to navigate in recent months, she retained her deep appreciation for friends and their care, and of course for St Guthlac's. We send our heartfelt condolences to her brother Anthony and her sister-in-law Jane - please pray for them in this time of grieving and loss. **Yolanda's funeral will be at St Guthlac's on Tuesday 18th March at noon.**
Adrian

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



The World Day of Prayer is always the first Friday in March. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women of the Cook Islands and will be used first on the international dateline in Samoa. As the earth rotates, the wave of prayer sweeps around the world, ending at sunset in American Samoa.

Our local services on 7th March are at 2pm at St. Mary's and 7.30pm at Stoneygate Baptist Church.

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.



<https://givealittle.co/c/b277f14e-1e30-43b5-ac10-c822f0a70286>

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

9 th March	All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
16 th March	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
23 rd March	Morning Prayer	
30 th March	Mothering Sunday	NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S
	Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's	

Every Thursday at 9.30am

Holy Communion

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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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FOR THE NEWSLETTER: Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by noon on 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>

St. Guthlac's Spring Fayre. Saturday 17th May 2025. 11:00am – 2:00pm

Spring will be soon be upon us, so our thoughts turn to our Spring Fayre. **Please put the date in your diaries.**

Nearer to the time we will be requesting donations of various items – details to follow.

We are hoping to have a format similar to last year and plants were particularly popular. If you are able to plant seeds, take cuttings or pot up surplus plants from your garden or your neighbours' that would be fantastic. We can provide plant pots if needed.

If you think you are able to help us on the day it would be great to hear from you!

Anne Hunt

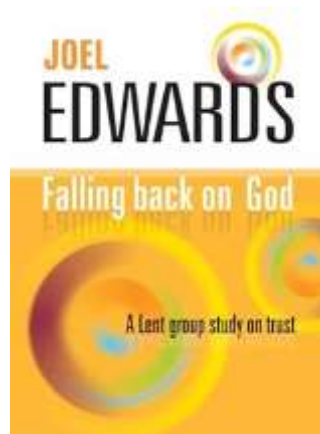
Getting the most out of Lent 2025

Lent is the traditional part of the Christian year that covers the weeks before Easter, and acts as a preparation for the sombre reflection of Good Friday and the joyful celebration of Easter Day. There are many ways in which you can make it a special time to nurture and grow your Christian faith, and I would encourage you to make the most of the season. Here are some ideas:

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, which is the 5th March this year. Every year we have a special benefice Communion service at 7.30pm – in 2025 the service is at St Guthlac's. Christians have often prepared for this rather serious service by skipping a meal or reducing what they eat on Ash Wednesday – meaning that we become much more aware of our physical needs and wants, at the same time as considering our spiritual weaknesses, in the light of God's deep understanding and forgiveness. Our service includes the opportunity for "ashing" – when, if you wish, the priest marks each forehead with a small cross of ash made from last year's Palm crosses, as a sign of our turning back to God in repentance.

In Lent 2025 there will also be weekly opportunities for you to join other members of our churches in a **Lent discussion group** that will encourage and build your faith.

You can join the **Wednesday morning group**, at 10.30am in the small Cottage Room in the St Mary's Parish Centre, beginning on 5th March. We will be looking at "Falling back on God" – a Lent study for groups, following the theme of 'trust' in the Psalms, and written by Joel Edwards. There's no need to buy the book, which is about £8, but if you would like to then please let Adrian know.



OR you might prefer the **Thursday afternoon group**, which will meet at the home of Janet Edwards at 2.30pm, beginning on 13th March. The group will be led by Tina Jarvis and discussion will centre on sections of the book "*Wild Bright Hope: reflections on faith.*" Please see the separate item for more details.

OR you might like to join the **Thursday evening group**, that will meet in the Narthex of St Mary's at 7.30pm, starting on 13th March, led by Revd Janet Gasper. This group will follow the Lent book "Healing Wounds" by Erik Varden.

Christians have traditionally used lent as a **time of discipline and training** – either by giving up something pleasurable so that more time can be given to prayer or Bible reading, or more money can be given away, *or* by taking on a task for the benefit of others. Perhaps this year you might consider reading a chapter a day (making 40 in all) of the Gospels of Mark and then Luke? Then you might also consider putting aside one tin or packet of food each day from Ash Wednesday onwards (not including Sundays) as a donation to our local foodbank? Let's pray that Lent will be a time that God speaks to us all, and that, as he helps us understand our weaknesses afresh, we might also find more loving understanding of each other. *Adrian*

An Invitation to all at St Guthlac's

As we start to get to know each other in the Minster Community process, the members of St Guthlac's are warmly invited to a
**joint Evensong at St Andrews, Aylestone,
on Sunday 2nd March 2025, at 4pm.**

While offering praise to God, the purpose of the service is also to bring our congregations together in worship and fellowship. We have invited all the churches in the "Teal" Minster Community group of churches, and some others who have expressed a wish to join our group. After the service we will provide light refreshments, nibbles and the time to talk and get to know more about each other.

Please RSVP.

There will be open ringing of the bells for any campanologists that would like to come an hour before the service (on the ropes at 3pm). Our Director of Music has offered to prepare the music and wishes to extend an invitation to members of your choir to join us on the evening if they wish to. Please contact him for further information:
Graham Lightburn

For further information about the service contact Glenn

Conserving Canterbury Cathedral



A lecture by

Jonathan 'Jo' Deeming

Surveyor to the Fabric of Canterbury Cathedral

Monday 17 March 2025 6.30pm

The University of Leicester

Sir Bob Burgess Learning and Teaching Centre, Freeman's Common

Admission free. Registration in advance required.

**For details and to register, visit the Leicester Lit&Phil website at
www.leicesterlitandphil.org.uk**

Lent Reflections Group: Wild Bright Hope

Thursdays 2.30 – 4.00

@

Janet Edward's Home



Wild Bright Hope gathers together a range of lively, up-and-coming writers who write passionately about what gives them hope, Chapters include 'Seeds of unity', 'A beautiful and messy awakening', 'Kingdom diplomacy across faiths', "A vision for hope in politics, 'Wild paths of peace' and 'Hope in suffering'.

Wild Bright Hope urges us not only to embrace a more hopeful perspective but also considers how we might play a part in bringing in the kingdom of God. The book costs about £10.

Meetings begin on Thursday 13th March up to and including 10th April.

Everyone welcome, even if you can't make every week.

If you are not sure where Janet lives, need help getting the book or if you have any other questions please contact Tina

churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Free Film Night

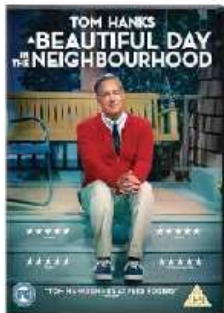
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All welcome!



A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood

(Cert PG, 104 mins)

Tues 11th March 7.00pm

The film is based on a true story. Fred Rogers (Tom Hanks) is an American young children's TV presenter and Presbyterian minister who meets journalist Tom Junod (Matthew Rhys), a jaded cynical magazine writer. Tom has been reluctantly assigned to write a profile of Fred Rogers.....

**Free refreshments and the
chance to socialise**