

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 23rd March 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Alison Roche will lead a service of Morning Prayer. Church Club will take place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 55.1-9;

Psalms 63.1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13;

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.1-9

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: Please pray for all children and young people across the world, and all those who nurture, support and teach them. Pray that they will have a strong, positive vision for a world that is more equal and more just. Pray that they will be inspired to treasure all that is good and to change all that holds back people and nations everywhere.

Praying for the Church: Pray for a new generation of children's and youth workers across our churches. Pray that God will renew the church through the faith and energy of young people.

With others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in the East Vale of Belvoir parishes (Barkestone-le-Vale, Bottesford, Muston, Plungar, and Redmile), the West Vale of Belvoir parishes (Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Nether Broughton, Old Dalby & Stathern), and for the parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Grimston, Holwell, and Saxelby with Shoby, Six Hills & Wartnaby.

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.

In particular please pray this week for **Sam, Rachel, Caroline and family, Tony Butterfield, Dale McCullough and John Orme.**

Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who have found God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently, especially **Rosemary Herbert** 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 – **Farley Road.**

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

Dear Friends,

Sadly, our dear sister in Christ, Rosemary Herbert has passed away suddenly at South Lodge care home on Wednesday 19th March. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sister-in-law Felicity; step children Mary and David; and her wider family. *Sian Howard*

Mothering Sunday: This year Mothering Sunday falls on 30th March, the fifth Sunday of the month. As it's a fifth Sunday we will be having our usual shared benefice service, and this time it is the turn of St Mary's to act as host. The service will be a Eucharist (so, including Holy Communion) but will also be shaped so that all of us, whatever age we are, can feel part of the worship. There will be the traditional posies (and summer bulbs) to take away as tokens of appreciation for all those who care for others. I do hope you'll want to join us - 10.30am on Sunday 30th - for this happy and uplifting service. Adrian

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

Mothers' Union Fellowship There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, 25th March. We'll be back to normal on our usual fourth Tuesday in April (22nd). LP

Electoral Roll Every six years we are required to compile a completely new Electoral Roll and 2025 is one of those years. This means that everyone who wishes to be included on the Roll, whether they are on the current Roll or not, needs to make an application. Forms will be available from March 16th and must be returned by **APRIL 20th** at the very latest, in order for names to be included on the new Roll, which will take effect on April 27th.

It would be wonderful if all those eligible would join the roll, as the number on the roll directly impacts on the number of PCC members we are allowed to appoint. Thank you.

Jane Wright, Electoral Roll Officer

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

30 th March	Mothering Sunday NO SERVICE AT ST GUTHLAC'S Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's	
6 th April	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
13 th April	Palm Sunday	Tina Jarvis
	All Age Worship	
20 th April	Easter Sunday Eucharist	Revd Cecelia 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 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

Lent Discussion Groups

In Lent 2025 there will 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.

Lent Reflections Group: Wild Bright Hope

Thursdays 2.30 – 4.00

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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.

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. Discussion will focus on different chapters.

20th March	Chapter 4. Wild Paths of Peace
27th March	Chapter 6. A vision for hope in politics
3rd April	Chapter 8. A beautify and messy awakening
10th April	Chapter 11. A journey through a supper table

If you are not sure where Janet lives, want a lift getting there, need help getting the book or if you have any other questions please contact Tina: churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Generosity in Lent: This year as part of our Lenten discipline at St Guthlac's we are asking people to make a small weekly donation to Open Hands to support our needy neighbours. Instead of food we are asking people to focus on Toiletries and Household essentials as shown in the figures below. Good quality second hand household essentials are welcomed so if you're spring cleaning your kitchen cupboards and are getting rid of any of the items listed please donate them. There will be box at the back of church for your donations and we'll deliver the donations after Easter. Thank you in advance.

Open Hands 
donation list

Toiletries

 URGENT
 Fully stocked



Face Cloth



Shampoo



Conditioner



Pump Action Soap



Shower Gel



2-in-1 Shampoo and Conditioner



Shaving Products



Men's Deodorant



Baby Wash/ Shampoo



Bar Soap



Adult Toothpaste



Adult toothbrushes



Ladies Deodorant



Sanitary Towels



Wash Tabs - we're fully stocked thank you!

Open Hands 
donation list

Household Essentials

 URGENT
 Fully stocked



Mug



Drinking Glasses (no stems)



Cutlery



Tin Opener



Oven Dish



Cereal Bowls



Mixing Bowl



Serving Utensils



Hair Dryer



Frying Pan



Saucepan



Kettle



Toaster



Plates



Vacuum Cleaner



Slow cooker/Hot plate

Bedding and Towels



Blanket/ Throw



Pillows



Sleeping Bag



Single/Double/King Bed Sheet
Single/Double/King Duvet
Single/Double/King Duvet Cover and Pillow Case/s



Airbed and pump



Bath Towels

All linen must be clean and in good condition with no rips/tears or stains.

Second Hand Goods Accepted

Rediscovering Mary Linwood

Creative Activities Day

Saturday 29th March 11am-3pm
St Margaret's Church, Leicester

Find out more about the embroidery artist Mary Linwood at this free event hosted by textile artist Ruth Singer.

- Activities: colourful cord making & wool embroidery
- Talks about Mary Linwood
- See Ruth Singer's new artwork in progress
- Demonstrations of needle painting embroidery
- See images and information about Mary Linwood's work
- Contribute to artworks for the exhibition
- Visit the Mary Linwood memorial and burial marker

Entry to the historic church and all activities FREE
St Margaret's Way Leicester Leicester, LE1 3EB

Mary Linwood was a celebrity embroidery artist from Leicester in the early 1800s. This project celebrates her life and work. There will be an exhibition at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery in September 2025. The exhibition will include many works by Mary Linwood and new textile artworks by Leicestershire artist Ruth Singer.



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MaryLinwood.co.uk

The City of Leicester Singers



at

St James the Greater Church
London Road, Leicester
Saturday April 5th 2025
7.00 p.m.

Mozart

Requiem

Caroline Essex - Soprano

Lindsey Ashwin - Alto

Tom Stanyard - Tenor

Andrew Ashwin - Bass

Conductor - Richard Archer

Organist - John Pye

Tickets £12 under 16s free,
From choir members, at the door or
www.cityofleistersingers.co.uk

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH
HOLBROOK ROAD LE2 3LF**



10.30 am Friday 18th April 2025

**The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the
Cross
By Joseph Haydn**

**With a sequence of poems on the Seven Last Words
by Richard Gill**

**University of Leicester
String Quartet**

ALL WELCOME