

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 30th March 2025
Mothering Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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This Sunday at 10.30am, there will be **no service at St. Guthlac's**. There is a Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's at 10.30am for Mothering Sunday.

The Collect and Readings for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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: Exodus 2.1-10;

Psalms 34.11-20;

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7;

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9-12;

Psalms 32;

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21;

Gospel Reading: Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

Praying for each other: As we move into a new month, please pray for other members of our church community, and especially those whose surnames begin with M, N, O and P. Pray that we would all grow in faith, hope and love – in our hearts and minds but also in the actions of our lives.

Praying for the World: We've just passed the International Day of Zero Waste – a reminder of the urgent need for all of us, individuals and nations, to reduce our negative impact on the planet. Please pray for creativity in ideas about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle waste wisely. Pray for the impact of the Global Plastics Treaty (November 2024) and that governments will act quickly to make changes to policy.

Praying for the Church: With others across the diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in the South Croxton Benefice, the Burrough Hill Benefice, the Benefice of South Framland and the High Framland Parishes. Pray that all of us will have renewed hope in God's goodness and his purposes for the church in these times.

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, 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 **Tony Butterfield** and **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 – **Francis Street.**

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*

We now know that Rosemary's funeral will be at St. Mary's on Tuesday 15th April, at 11.30am – all welcome. *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

EcoTip for April: Spend time in nature.

Spending time appreciating God's creation can be an act of worship. Nature can be experienced when we notice an insect, hear a bird sing, feel the earth beneath our hands or even when we watch a documentary. There is strong evidence that nature is also good for our mental health. Try to immerse yourself in nature every day, even for just a few minutes and give thanks to God for His good creation.

Mothering Sunday 2025

Mothering Sunday has come a long way from its origins, when people used to return to the 'mother church' where they were baptised, but it remains an important time to foster closeness and relationships - we share flowers and gifts with loved ones and remember all those who have shown us mothering care. So, once again, in Church, on 30th March, we will have a special service, reflect on God's love shown to us, and express our thanks and appreciation for mothers. This year our joint benefice service is at St Mary's.

All of this is good but there is another perspective too. Today we are very much more aware of the great variety of mother-child relationships in our society, and that our experiences are not always positive. Remembering Mum's who have died, whether recently or some years ago, is also sad and poignant on this day. Mothering Sunday can be a painful day for many people.

We also know that it is not only birth mothers, and indeed not only women, who can demonstrate the loving care that we think of as "mothering", towards others. Mothering Sunday, therefore, is becoming much more than a traditional celebration – rather, it is a day to remember and celebrate the loving relationships between



generations, alongside reflection on the pain and distance that can also be a feature of these relationships - and a day to seek God's healing for our fractured society.

Having said all of that, there will still be much in

our service that we will all recognise, and a real sense of gratitude to all mothers and carers. Sunday Club for the children will run as usual, but they'll also enjoy their time with the adults in church. Do please stay for refreshments after the service!

Adrian

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

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St. Guthlac’s Services		
Sunday at 10.30am		
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
27 th April	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Fiona Wingate
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 #

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

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Revd Janet Gasper

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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>

Craft Workshops

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival Team plan to run a series of Craft Workshops during the year. These will take place once a month on Tuesdays from 10.30-12.30 in St. Mary's Church, Knighton.

The first workshop will be held on Tuesday 8 April.

The following workshops are planned for:

- Tuesday 13th May
- Tuesday 3rd June
- Tues 15th July

No craft workshop in August. September, October and November dates to be confirmed.

We hope to provide a warm welcome, a variety of craft activities, tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to attend. No previous skills or knowledge required - just a willingness to have a go!

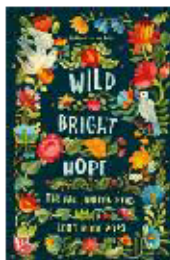
We plan to sell the items made at the next Festival, but if you would like to take your creations home you are welcome to, for a small donation.

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.



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