

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

### **The Collect and Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 43.16-21;

**Psalm 126;**

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3.4b-14;

**Gospel Reading:** John 12.1-8

**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** - Please pray for all those suffering after the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand. Pray that relief supplies and help will reach all areas and that armed conflict will stop while homes and lives are rebuilt. Pray for all those across the world affected by 'natural disasters' and that we would learn how to respond well, in a spirit of co-operation.

**Praying for the Church** - As we remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer (German martyr, 1945) on Wednesday, pray for all those who are part of the persecuted church, and those who courageously speak out against oppression and injustice wherever it is found. Pray for the safety and protection, but also for the clarity and conviction of their message. Pray that God will show us all where we too need to speak out.

In our own Diocese, please pray this week for the people and leaders of the churches in the Melton Mowbray benefice, the Upper Wreake benefice and the Ironstone Villages.

**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 **June Parry, 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 – **Freemantle 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](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) or Jane [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)*

## **JUNE PARRY**

Sadly, our dear sister in Christ, June Parry passed away at Graysford Hall care home on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. She will be remembered fondly for her deep faith and commitment to Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with Russell and Jenny Parry, her nieces and wider family.

*Tina Jarvis*

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 15<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.30am – all friends welcome. *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 16<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by **APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>** at the very latest, in order for names to be included on the new Roll, which will take effect on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

|                        |                              |                      |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Palm Sunday                  | Tina Jarvis          |
|                        | All Age Worship              |                      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Sunday Eucharist      | Revd Cecelia Adjadje |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> April | Morning Prayer & Church Club | Fiona Wingate        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> May    | Eucharist                    |                      |

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 3<sup>rd</sup> / 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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**Revd Aphro McCullough**  
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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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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.

**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](mailto: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>

### **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](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.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.



**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.

OpenHands   
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!

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## 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

**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.cityofleestersingers.co.uk](http://www.cityofleestersingers.co.uk)**

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



**10.30 am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**