

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Tina Jarvis will lead a service of All Age Worship.

The Collect and Readings for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 50.4-9a;

Psalms 31.9-16;

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.5-11;

Gospel Reading: Luke 22.14-23.56

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: As we approach Good Friday and Easter Day, please pray for all who are suffering around the world - through warfare & conflict, famine & disease, poverty & abuse, and because of 'natural' disasters made worse by human climate change. Pray for our collective human response to the needs of others, and that compassion and the common good would motivate us and push us, out of apathy and selfishness.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all those suffering because of their Christian faith, and those who are forced to hide their faith because of violence and threats. Pray that despite their circumstances they might still find hope and trust in God, and be able to share his love in some tangible ways with those around them. Pray for great courage when opportunities to tell others about Jesus do arise.

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 – **Gartree 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

JUNE PARRY

Sadly, our dear sister in Christ, June Parry passed away at Graysford Hall care home on Wednesday 2nd 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 15th 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 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

Holy Week and Easter in Knighton

Easter is, of course, the greatest Christian celebration of the year. The joy of the resurrection only comes after the suffering of the cross however, so we shouldn't be too quick to jump to Easter Sunday without passing thoughtfully through Holy Week.

Below are poems for each day, chosen by Revd Rowena Bass, the Rector of Aylestone, to give a focus to our reflections next week. Please do take some time to read the Gospel accounts of those last days in the life of Jesus, and to pause in prayer. Do try as well, to come to one of the special services, and of course the Eucharist on Easter Day itself. *Adrian*

Our services in Knighton during Holy Week are as follows:

Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm at St Mary's - a Communion service to remember the last supper and the betrayal of Jesus.

Good Friday, 10.30am at St Guthlac's – "The Seven last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross' by Jospeh Haydn, played by the University of Leicester String Quartet, with a sequence of poems by Richard Gill.

Good Friday, 2pm at St Mary's – Meditation at the Cross, remembering the last hour of Jesus's life, and his crucifixion, with hymns and readings.

Easter Day, 10.30am - Sung Eucharist to celebrate the Resurrection On Easter Day, at both churches.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

20th April Easter Sunday Eucharist Revd Cecelia Adjadje

27th April Morning Prayer & Fiona Wingate
Church Club

4th May Eucharist

11th May All Age Worship

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>

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

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. 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

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!

OpenHands
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

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**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