

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Sunday
&
Sunday 27th April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecelia Adjadje will preside and preach at the Easter Sunday Eucharist and Baptism service.

Next Sunday, 27th April, Fiona Wingate will lead a service of Morning Worship.

The Collect and Readings for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 10.34-43;

Psalm 118.1-2,14-24;

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26;

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 5.27-32;

Psalm 118.14-29;

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.4-8;

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-31

Praying for each other: 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: In a world of confusion, complexity and uncertainty, please pray for leaders who hold a vision of justice and peace for all, and co-operation with understanding between nations. Pray for signs of hope, and that our communities may be drawn ever closer and become more supportive, as challenges and difficulties need to be faced. Pray for our Councillors and MPs in Leicester.

Praying for the Church: In this Resurrection season, please pray that, despite all the difficulties and issues faced by the Church today, we would have a strong faith in the reality that Jesus rose from the dead. Pray that, like the early Apostles, we will also have the courage to boldly tell other people about our faith in the risen Lord.

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** and **Tony Butterfield** 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 – **Goldhill Road & Goldhill Gardens.**

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, 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 Jennie Parry, her nieces and wider family.

Her funeral will be on Monday 28th April at 11.30 at St Guthlac's church.

Russel and Jennie would like to know of any memories you have of June that might be included in the Eulogy. Please send these to Tina 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%.



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

**Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday 18th May at 12 noon
in St Guthlac's Church**

Please make a note of the date of this important event in our church calendar! The meeting is our opportunity to review the previous year in the life of the church, find out about our finances, and hold elections.

We will be electing:

- 2 churchwardens
- 2 representatives for Deanery Synod (casual vacancies as we currently have no reps)
- 3 PCC members for 3 years and 1 member for 2 years

If you would like to be nominated for any of these roles, or would like to find out more about what's involved, please get in touch with me.

The annual APCM brochure containing the agenda, reports and accounts will be available from 4th May and will be send out by email to those who have it. A few printed copies will be available for those without email.

Lesley Meakin PCC Secretary [*****](#) 0*****

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

20th April

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 #

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.

There will be no Holy Communion at St Mary's on Tuesday 22nd April.

The service at St Guthlac's on Thursday 24th April will take place as usual.

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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

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>

Our new Minster Community - the local Co-ordinating Group for the Teal Minster Community is ready to launch the Working Groups that will identify how the new partnership will actually work in practice. We have been sent an important invitation to participate in these Working Groups. This is a critical opportunity to shape the future form of our Minister Community so please pick up a copy of the invitation letter at church and consider how you can be involved. *Adrian*

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.

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.

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 Cases



Bath Towels



Bath Towels

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

Second Hand Goods Accepted

**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