

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 4th May 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecelia Adjadje will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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: Acts 9.1-6(7-20);

Psalm 30;

2nd Reading: Revelation 5.11-14;

Gospel Reading: John 21.1-19

Praying for each other: Please pray for other members of our church community, and especially those whose surnames begin with Q, R, S and T. 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 remember that Deaf Awareness week runs from 5th to 11th May, please pray for people across the world who have any sort of disabling hearing loss. Pray for others who find life more challenging because our society and culture tends to overlook the needs of those with disability. Pray for strength and hope in those affected. and for changes in our attitudes and willingness to support and help everyone towards inclusion.

Praying for the Church: please pray for Leicester's Church of the Good Shepherd, supporting Christians with hearing loss. Pray too for the Launde Deanery Minster Community and for the churches involvement in their local schools. Pray for all those working to prepare for Christian Aid Week, which begins on 11th May.

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 **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 **Pope Francis** and **Revd Canon Zolile Mbali** 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 – **Grenfell 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

Thanks

Many thanks for your prayers for Sam, Rachel and their families. Both are making good progress on the long road to recovery, and are now home with their respective families. They, and we, really appreciate being upheld in prayer and are grateful to God and the medical teams for their skill and care.

Remembering VE Day and the end of the Second World War in Europe:

On 8th May, the nation will be marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), uniting to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe. Listen out for church bells (including at St Mary's) ringing during the evening to mark the day. Please also do take time to pause and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who gave their lives in WW2:

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service, particularly in the Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Pray too for those who serve in the Armed Forces today, and for peace across the world:

For those who serve today

O Lord God of Hosts,
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm
to strengthen and protect our service men and women.
Support them in times of conflict,
and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil;
endue them with courage and loyalty;
and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the peace of the world

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth
in a single peace;
that the design of your great love lighten
upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

United Christian Aid Service, marking the start of Christian Aid Week will be at **6.30pm on Sunday 11 May at Stoneygate Baptist Church**. Our speaker will be Chris Walker, the Campaign Strategy Lead for Christian Aid. *Lawrence Whittaker, Secretary SLCP*

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*****

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

11 th May	All Age Worship	Revd Adrian Jones
18 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
25 th May	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
1 st June	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones

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 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 #

Spring Gardening Party at St Guthlac's: Wondering what to do with a bank holiday Monday? Tired of the usual things? Why not join us at St Guthlac's on Monday 5th May from 10:00 to 12:00 as we tidy the garden ready for the May Fayre. Look forward to seeing you there, light refreshments will be served. Fiona

St. Guthlac's May Fayre: Saturday 17th May 2025. 11:00am – 2:00pm

Plans for this popular event are now well under way. You can help support the fayre in lots of ways:

- Help on a stall (thanks to all who have already offered to do this)
- Come along on the day and invite family and friends too
- Donate goods for the tombola (e.g. bottles, tins, new or as new items)
- Get baking! Donations to the cake and preserves stall are requested
- Plants and seedlings are very welcome for our popular plant stall
- Donate your jigsaw puzzles (with no missing pieces please)

Plants and baked goods can be brought on the day or on Friday morning 16th May during set up time from 10.30am. Other items can be brought in advance. There is a box at the back of church.

Many thanks for your support.

EcoTip for MAY. Support pollinators.

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But bees are declining because of habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Tuesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators - even small efforts make a difference.

Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them such as wildflowers, in our Target 25 resources at

<https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/>

and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.

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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 Minister Community - We are moving on in the process towards forming our new 'Minster Community' of local churches working in partnership. Seven Working Groups have now been established to look at different aspects of church life - what we are doing now and what we might do in partnership together. The groups will look at:

- Engagement
- Growing Faith and Schools
- Discipleship and Mission
- Worship, Liturgy and Music
- Geography, Context, Resources and New Communities
- People and Ministry
- Finance, Generosity and Buildings

If you'd like to know more, and perhaps join one of the groups for the next three months, please see Adrian for more information.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

The revised deadline for the May/June Benefice Magazine is **Monday 12 May**. I'm sure there are many potential contributions out there - your thoughts on Easter, reflections on the death of the Pope - even, dare I say it, the prospects of Minster Communities!

And then there are some of our regular/occasional topics, like favourite hymns and travellers' tales.

Over to you!

Editor Nigel (stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com)

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.

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>

Tea and Talk meeting for May...

Bumblebees in Leicester

Are they in crisis?

Tina Jarvis

Tuesday 13th May at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



Tina has been part of a national scheme to monitor bumblebees for the last 10 years as part of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Bumblebees are big furry social bees that originated in the Himalayans. Come and find out about the common types that live in Leicester. They are important pollinators for plant reproduction and crop yields but sadly 2024 was a very bad year for them. Thankfully there are easy things you can do to help.

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!