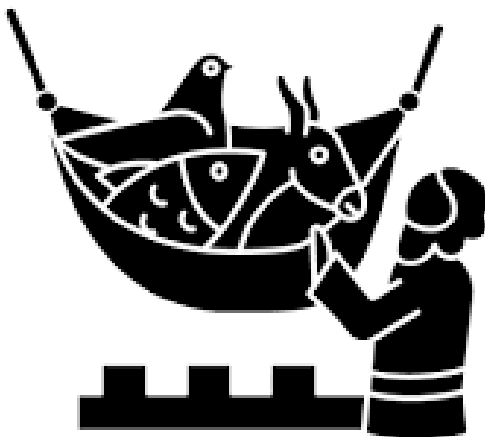


# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12 noon.

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

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
Amen

**1st Reading:** Acts 11.1-18;

**Psalm 148;**

**2nd Reading:** Revelation 21.1-6;

**Gospel Reading:** John 13.31-35

**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:** Give thanks that tensions between India and Pakistan have lessened somewhat and that there is the prospect of talks between Russia and Ukraine. Pray for a new boldness in seeking peace and justice in all areas of conflict, and support for peacemakers everywhere.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for Pope Leo and for his wisdom and guidance in leading the Roman Catholic Church. Pray too for the Crown Nominations Committee as they begin their work seeking the new Archbishop of Canterbury. With others across our Diocese please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in the Six Saints circa Holt, Loddington with Launde Abbey, and the Whatborough Parishes.

**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, 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 – **Hendon Grange**.

*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)*

## **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.

## St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

25 <sup>th</sup> May	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
8 <sup>th</sup> June	All Age Worship	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

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 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 #

**Gardening Party.** Thank you to everyone who was able to join the gardening party on Monday 5th, given the short notice. A good deal, and wide scope, of work was done by the group which included our wider community.

The hedge was given a gentle tidy to ensure that footpaths and walkways are clear allowing our neighbours easy access. A good deal of weeding was done to remove/reduce some of the invasive species like mare's tail and three cornered leek. Three cornered leek is often mistakenly planted as wild garlic. We have a lot in the garden so next year we would like to harvest it for people who might like to take and use it in recipes. Keep an eye (and nose) out for this next spring. The roses have been tendered and fed with manure to ensure they're looking their best in memory of our friends Lee and June Parry. Some of the laurel has been thinned to keep it away from the choir vestry building to ensure the fabric of the building is protected. The area between the church and the hall has been scarified to try break up the thick matting and to try encourage biodiversity. It doesn't look very pretty right now but like so many things we're hoping that this period of not looking too good will bring about great flourishing so please do bear with us.

Thank you also for the very welcomed refreshments provided. Again, thank you to everyone for supporting the work to care for the natural world and making the garden a space for the whole community.

### **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 next workshop will be held on Tuesday 3rd June.**

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.

## **St. Guthlac's May Fayre: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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%.



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

**Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> May and will be sent out by email to those who have it. A few printed copies will be available for those without email.

**Lesley Meakin PCC Secretary** \*\*\*\*\* 0\*\*\*\*\*

**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://arochoa.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/>

and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.

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**Revd Aphro McCullough**  
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**Revd Janet Gasper**  
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**Churchwardens:**

**David Hunt**  
**Tina Jarvis**

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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>



**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.

**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)

## Please support Christian Aid Week 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May



**Meet Aurelia:** An inspirational farmer and community leader. Aurelia and her family belong to the Indigenous Q'eqchi' community of the Alta Verapaz region in Guatemala.

The climate crisis and industrial plantations have changed Q'eqchi' land dramatically. Heatwaves, storms and unpredictable seasons are ravaging farms. Industrial agriculture is taking over the last of the region's natural resources to feed the world's richest countries.

Many of the vital crops that Aurelia depends on are withering and dying before her eyes.

With funding from **Christian Aid**, Congcoop supports communities to return to Indigenous farming practices and adopt agroecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood. Agroecology, put simply, is farming in a sustainable way that works with, not against, nature. It's the application of ecological principles in farming – a blend of ancient and modern wisdom.

By working with Congcoop, Aurelia's gained the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate. She's producing her own organic fertiliser, creating nurseries, constructing rainwater collection systems, and making nutritious food and medicine for her chickens.

Thanks to Aurelia's ever-growing knowledge base, she's now cultivating cacao, sugarcane, cinnamon, corn and pineapples. It's steady progress that holds promise. Aurelia's resolute hope has also inspired her to develop and lead other activities in her community, including producing chocolate, establishing a farmers' market, and fighting for women's rights.

**Can YOU help fund essential training and tools, so farmers like Aurelia can feed their family? You can donate in one of the following ways: THANKYOU!**

- Through a donation in a Christian Aid envelope which is delivered to your home, or one available in church
- By donating on-line through our St Guthlac's e-envelope. This is easy to do by using the following link: <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-guthlacs-e-envelope>
  - or by using the QR code below

