

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac

Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, David Hunt will lead a service of Matins. Please note there will be no Church Club this Sunday as it is the start of the half term holiday.

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

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
Amen

**1st Reading:** Acts 16.9-15;

**Psalm 67;**

**2nd Reading:** Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5;

**Gospel Reading:** John 14.23-29

**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:** Please pray for the suffering and starving people of Gaza. Pray that relief supplies will be allowed to enter speedily and their distribution will be effective and widespread. Pray for the intervention of those countries and leaders who have influence over both Israel and Hamas, so that a new and lasting ceasefire can be put in place, with peace and justice for all.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for the ministry of our Diocesan retreat house, Launde Abbey. Pray for sound and effective management, that enables Launde to thrive both spiritually and commercially. Pray that all guests, whatever the event, will

experience something new and special from God, and the community of staff, chaplains, volunteers and Companions will grow and be strengthened. With others in our diocese, please pray this week for the people and leaders of the churches in the Coplow Benefice, and across the Launde Minster Community.

**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 – **Holbrook 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)*

**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>

## St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

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
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Revd Adrian Jones

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 #

## **Church Family News**

Adrian and family will be having a few days break this week, so please contact other members of the Ministry Team in case of urgent need.

**Ascension Day** - a good candidate for the most important but overlooked Christian festival of the year! Our Ascension Day Communion service this year is at 9.30am on Thursday 29th May, and then also at 7.30pm at St Mary's - everyone welcome.

**Humanitarian crisis in Gaza - what can Christians do?** All of us have been deeply moved by recent news coverage of the worsening crisis in Gaza, but often we're left wondering what difference we can make to such a terrible situation. Accompanying the newsletter this week is a leaflet that outlines some simple actions that we can all take as Christians seeking to be serious about the command to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. Adrian

**Farewell to Archdeacon Richard and Jenny... but not yet!** The Bishop's Office recently announced that our Archdeacon, Richard Worsfold, is to take up a new post as full-time Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester. Richard has worked in the diocese and latterly the City, for many years, not least as Vicar of the Church of the Martyrs and Area Dean before becoming Archdeacon in 2018. Richard and his wife Jenny are well known to us in the benefice, and Jenny's contribution to church life at St Mary's is much appreciated. They'll be greatly missed, but we wish them well as they move to a fresh calling that is also closer to family members. We'll send them off with our blessing when moving dates are imminent - likely to be September. Adrian

## **THANK YOU**

**Very many thanks to everyone who helped and/or supported our Spring Fayre last Saturday, we made a fantastic £1,354. Thank you.**

## **Free Knight piano**

Free, but being honest it does have scratches. It has a reasonable sound and is not over strung. Suitable for a beginner or someone who plays occasionally. There is an accompanying piano stool  
Please contact Jane for further information and viewing  
[janecourtney2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janecourtney2003@yahoo.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 next workshop will be held on Tuesday 3rd June.**

## **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.

### **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.

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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>

**Tea and Talk meeting for June...**

## **Uzbekistan's Silk Road Cities**

### **Simon Bennett**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**

**St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF**



Simon visited Uzbekistan in April 2024 and stayed in the Silk Road cities of Tashkent, Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. He will talk about the architecture, culture and language of Uzbekistan, which was once part of the Soviet Union and is now one of the most tourist-friendly of the Central Asian countries.

**Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!**