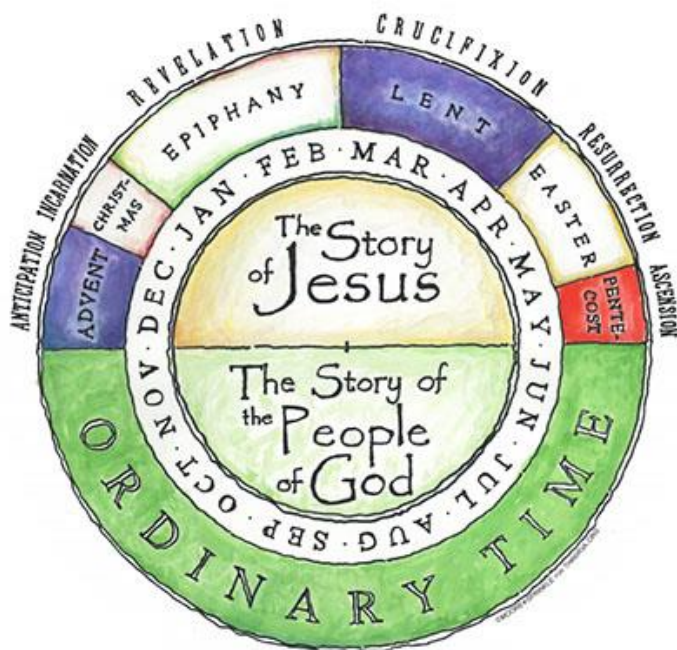


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will be leading a service of Matins. Church Cub will take place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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: 1 Kings 19.1-4(5-7)8-15a;

Psalms 42, 43;

2nd Reading: Galatians 3.23-29;

Gospel Reading: Luke 8.26-39

Praying for each other: Please pray for other members of our church community, and especially those whose surnames begin with U, V, W, X, Y and W. Pray for their encouragement, joyful peace and resilience in the face of challenges.

Praying for the World: With so much violence, revenge and hatred on the world stage, it is tempting to lose hope. Pray that Christians across the world will hear God's call to be peacemakers, and will be renewed in our faith and trust that all things are within God's control,

and his good purpose will prevail. Pray for the relief of suffering everywhere and an end to conflict through the courage of men and women seeking the common good.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our Link Diocese of Trichy, serving a large section of the state of Tamil Nadu, situated in South-East India. Pray for the Revd Suresh Kumar (whom many of us remember from his time serving as a priest at St Phillip's, Evington) who is acting in a 'caretaker' capacity as Bishop until a new appointment can be made. Pray for the administrative and financial challenges faced by the diocese, and for some recent inter-faith tensions. In our own diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Glen Magna cum Stretton Magna, Carton Curlieu & Burton Overy, also in Kibworth with Smeeton Westerby & Saddington.

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 **Katherine Swanson, Adri Cook, 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 – **Knighton Drive**.

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

29 th June	Benefice Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
6 th July	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
13 th July	Morning Prayer	Fiona Wingate
20 th July	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 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>

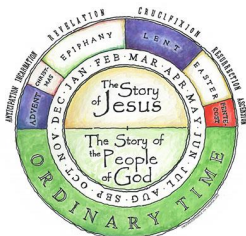
On the phone dial: 0203 481 5240 and follow the instructions.

You will be asked for a meeting ID. Put **811 1818 3080** followed by #

Our Benefice Service next Sunday, 29th June: The two sister churches in Knighton, St Mary Magdalen and St Guthlac, form one 'benefice' - an ancient term that reflects the bonds of history and shared experience between churches, as well as their shared clergy! Each has a building for worship, a church hall, a PCC and a distinctive character, but the two are joined by something like a family relationship and share many interests, concerns and even people! We alternate Communion services on Sundays, and offer a range of other types of worship, so that everyone can find something comfortable week by week.

When there are five Sundays in a month, then the two churches take it in turn to play host to a joint Eucharistic service for everyone - the distance between them being only 1.3 miles. This month it is the turn of St Guthlac's ... so do please join us at 10.30am on 29th, on Holbrook Road, for this special opportunity to worship together and to demonstrate the friendship and unity that flows from our shared faith and history, and that Jesus prayed for - "Holy Father ...that they may be one as we are one." (John 17.11) **Adrian Eco Tip for JUNE:** Join in with a nature and climate initiative.

The Season of 'Trinity' – After the drama and significance of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, the Church's year now moves on to the quieter months of the season we call 'Trinity', or sometimes 'Ordinary Time'. It is the longest part of the liturgical calendar - this year there are 19 Sundays in Trinity, leading right up to All Saints Day at the start of November, and even later if you include the 'Sundays before Advent'!



This Trinity season is the time when we reflect on our life as the people of God, and how we are shaped by the words and actions of Jesus. This year our Gospel readings on Sundays continue the theme of '*Learning with Luke*'.

The liturgical colour for Trinity is green, a symbol of growth, and so in many churches you'll see that the altar or Communion table has a green frontal cloth, and the ordained Minister may wear a green scarf and outer vestment (or 'chasuble'). *Adrian*

Eco Tip for JUNE: Join in with a nature and climate initiative.

One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. Joining in with wider initiatives also reminds us of the power and encouragement of being part of communities and taking action together. Churches Count on Nature, 30 Days Wild, and The Great Big Green Week all take place across June. Join an awareness-raising event or nature count as an individual, with your household or church. Find out more at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs, wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild and greatbiggreenweek.com.

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 15th July.

<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

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th June in the Parish Centre. The Cottage room will be open, as usual, at 1.30 for a 2pm start. LP

Ordinations 2025

Please pray for all those soon to be ordained, and especially those to be ordained in the Diocese of Leicester this Petertide.

Among those being ordained Deacon this year are **Josh Crick de Boom** and **Michal Kmet**, both of whom spent time as part of St Mary's a few years ago as they explored their calling and gained a wider experience. The full Ember List is available at the back of the Church – do please take one and pray for our new deacons and priests.

*God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for all your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants soon to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Pray also for their families, friends and all those who will support them. Pray for the communities where they will serve their curacy, for their training incumbents and context supervisors. Pray too for more vocations to all kinds of ministry as we are Shaped By God Together.

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.



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Newsletters on Line

Both St Guthlac's and St Mary's current and backdated newsletters are available online.

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