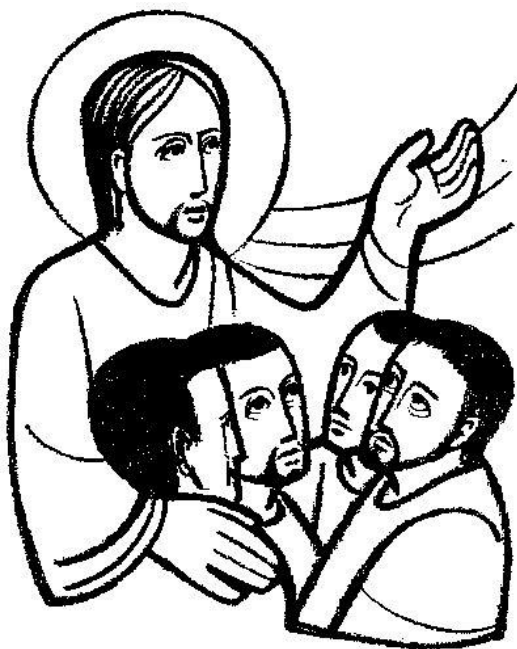


# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**Third Sunday after Trinity**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will be presiding and Revd Aphro McCullough will be preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

### **The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Kings 5.1-14;

**Psalms 30;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Galatians 6. (1-6) 7-16;

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 10.1-11,16-20

**Praying for each other:** Please continue to pray for other members of our congregations, and especially this month for all those whose surnames fall at the start of the alphabet, starting with the letters A, B C and D. Pray that the summer will be a time of rest and refreshment for everyone.

**Praying for the World:** Please give thanks that in the face of such complex and difficult challenges in the world, God is still strong and good, and that his Kingdom will come. Pray for peace, justice and hope across all countries and all peoples, and a renewed sense of commitment to working together for the good of all.

**Praying for the Church:** Please ask God to give all Christians a heart of penitence for past wrongs, but also hopefulness as we remember God's readiness to forgive and transform. Pray that the Church everywhere may be both attentive and responsive to all that the Spirit of God is saying to us and doing amongst us.

**Praying for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit:**

*Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole.*

*Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed  
a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.*

*Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress  
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.*

*Sustain and support those who seek your guidance  
and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.*

*Grant to the dying, peace and your presence,  
and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those  
who are bereaved.*

*Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,  
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.*

*Hear us, Lord of life.*

*Amen.*

In particular please pray this week for **Katherine Swanson, Margaret Roff, 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 Road**.

*For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact  
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[administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)*

## **St. Guthlac's Services**

Sunday at 10.30am

13 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning Prayer	Fiona Wingate
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Matins	David Hunt

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 will be **NO Compline on Wednesday 16th July.**

There will be virtual Compline services on all other Wednesdays in July at 8.00 as usual.

**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 #

**Holidays** - Over the summer weeks the members of the clergy team will be taking holidays at various points. If you have an urgent pastoral need then please call other members of the team if one of us is not able to respond. Thank you!

**Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ!** On the feast of St Peter and St Paul we remembered how all of us have an important place in the Body of Christ on Earth today - the local church. I invited all of us who feel part of St Guthlac's and/or St Mary's to pray over the summer about the many different roles in church life - giving thanks for those who serve so faithfully, asking for guidance about our own roles, and praying for people to 'fill gaps'. Copies of my leaflet. "Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ!", including prayer suggestions for each day of the week, are available at the back of the church. Please take one and pray! Adrian

**Many congratulations!** We are sending our best wishes and many congratulations to the Revd Aphro McCullough who marked the 25th anniversary of her ordination as Deacon on 2nd July. We're so thankful to God for her gifts, her calling and all that she has done for her congregations over those years, and not least for us in Knighton! Many blessings to both Aphro and Dale (her staunch supporter!) Adrian

### **Overdale Schools Summer Fair.**

In a day and age where time is a precious commodity, I would like to appreciate all the volunteers who took time from their busy lives to help out at the just concluded Overdale Schools Summer Fair last weekend. The Summer Fair wouldn't have been as successful without your involvement. Thank you so much for volunteering.  
*Cecilia.*

### **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.**

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**Revd Aphro McCullough**  
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**Revd Janet Gasper**  
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**David Hunt**  
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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>

## **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)

## **EcoTip: Plastic Free July.**

This is a great opportunity to review where you might be able to reduce single-use plastics in your life. Being part of Plastic Free July will help you find great alternatives that can become new habits forever.

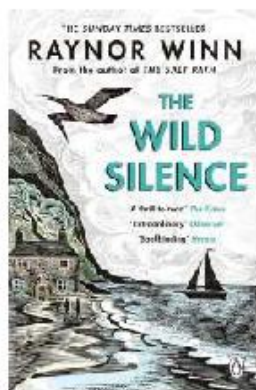
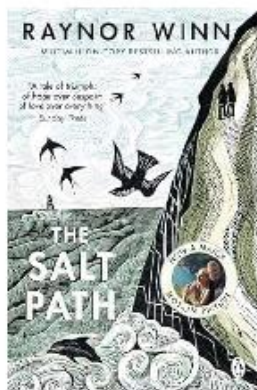
Paying attention to what we consume and its effect on God's earth, can lead us not into guilt, but into action and prayerful determination to see change where it's possible. Read more about the effects of plastic at <https://arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer/>

**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>

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation towards the work of St. Guthlac's Church. Thank you.



# St Guthlac's Summer Read



**Join us in reading one or more books by Raynor Winn**

## **The Salt Path**

Just days after Raynor learns that Moth, her husband of 32 years, is terminally ill, their home is taken away and they lose their livelihood. With nothing left and little time, they make the impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. Carrying only the essentials for survival on their backs, they live wild in a remarkable journey.

## **The Wild Silence**

But all journeys must end and when the couple return to civilisation they find that four walls feel like a prison, cutting them off from the sea and sky that sustained them. So when the chance to rewild an old Cornish farm comes their way, they grasp it, hoping they'll reconnect with the natural world and find themselves once again on its path . . .

**Copies of the books will be available to borrow from St Guthlac's church and Holbrook Oasis café which meets every Wednesday between 1.30 – 3.30.**

**There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss the books on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 (with tea & cakes)**