

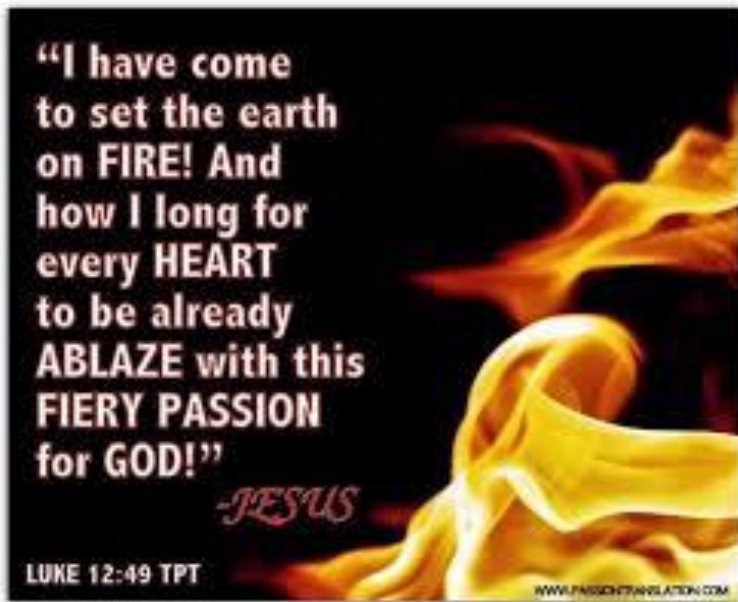
ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac

Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 17th August 2025
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

The Collect and Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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: Isaiah 5.1-7;

Psalms 80.1-2,9-20;

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.29-12.2;

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.49-56

Praying for each other: Please continue to pray for other members of our church family and community, and especially this month for all those whose surnames begin with E, F, G and H. Pray for time spent well with God, family, friends and in re-creation.

Praying for the World: Although our 'home news' is often quiet in the summer, around the world ordinary people continue to suffer from preventable disease, hunger and from violence and oppression. Pray that all those who need food will be able to find it safely, and that richer nations will be generous in supporting the development and flourishing of poorer countries.

Praying for the Church: Pray for the continuing process of choosing a new Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray too for our moving Archdeacon Richard (and Jenny) and for our new Archdeacon (from September) also Richard (Trethewey). Pray that God will call and equip new leaders from amongst all our congregations.

In particular please pray this week for **Julie Smith, 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, especially **Revd. Jane Sharpe**, 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 – **Ratcliffe 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

The Revd Jane Sharp

It is with sadness that we heard last week of the death of the Revd Jane Sharp, on Friday 18 July 2025, aged 70.

Jane was ordained in 1997 and after serving her Curacy in Aylestone she spent eight years from 2000-2008 as a Non-Stipendiary Minister here in the Knighton parishes. From 2008, Jane served as an Associate Minister at St James the Greater and from 2014, she also served as Chaplain at Leicester Community College.

Please be praying for her husband Andrew and children Hope, Abraham and Rebecca.

Jane's funeral will take place on Saturday 16 August 2025, at 12noon at St James the Greater, Leicester. All are welcome to attend the service.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

24th August Morning Prayer Fiona Wingate

31st August Benefice Service at St. Mary's
NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S

7th September Eucharist

14th September Harvest All Age Worship Fiona Wingate

21st September Eucharist

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 #

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!

Ride and Stride - Saturday 13th September - Volunteers to welcome visitors

Once again we're approaching the second Saturday in September when Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust's annual Ride and Stride event takes place. Once again St Guthlac's plans to open to welcome riders, striders and general visitors on the day from 10:00 to 18:00 (hopefully). To allow this to happen we're looking for volunteers to welcome these visitors. If you're able to spare an hour or more on the day please do sign up on the rota at the back of church. Many thanks. Fiona

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

“Journey in Faith” – could this be your next step in the growth of your Christian faith and life?

The ‘Journey in Faith’ course is an opportunity to meet regularly with other Christians of all sorts, over a few months, and to discuss and learn about our faith in an enquiring and supportive environment. This year ‘Journey in Faith’ will run in Knighton and a special invitation is being extended to everyone from our partner churches in the proposed Minster Community to join us. There are more details in the item elsewhere in the newsletter.

This year’s course will be launched with an introduction for anyone curious or interested, on Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm at St Martins House, next to the Cathedral.

If you would like more information beforehand please feel free to contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org – or just turn up! Talk to me too for more information.

Adrian

Journey in Faith Course

What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

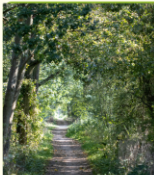
- Grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

Who can join?

It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

What does a previous participant say?

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JIF is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."



Course Details

Introductory Session

Saturday 13th September
9.30-12.30 at St Martin's House

Course Venues

Monday evening	Nanpantan
Tuesday evening	Frisby on the Wreake
Wednesday evening	Ellistown
Wednesday evening	Knighton, Leicester



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Please consider a
donation of £40 per
term to cover course
costs

How do I join a course?

For more information email:
liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org

To book a place:
visit the Hub or email
mmbookings@leicestercofe.org
stating your preferred venue

Your Invitation – A special Minster Community meeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you will be aware the process of formation of Minster Communities across the Diocese is underway. Working groups involving individuals from parishes across our Minster Community (MC3 Teal) have been working hard to identify where Parishes are at present and creatively thinking about how all the Parishes across the Minster can work together in the future.

Each of the seven working groups has now developed a short report and alongside these there will be a summary document which we would like to share with all the Parishes by mid-September. We are then going to hold a '*Sense Making*' meeting – at which the reports will be reviewed and any gaps can be filled or further ideas be contributed from the parishes themselves.

The 'Sense Making' meeting will be held on **Saturday 27th September** at St Hugh, Eyres Monsell. We will gather at 9.30am for a 10.00am – 12.30pm meeting. Refreshments will be provided. **Everyone in your Church is invited to come along – even if they haven't been part of the discussions so far. We will have the report ready for you before the meeting – meanwhile please put the date in your diary.**

If you have any questions, please contact
Jenny Kurinczuk (jenny.kurinczuk@npeu.ox.ac.uk),
Fiona Wingate (*****)
or Adrian Jones (adrian.jones@zoho.com)
who are members of the MC3 Teal Co-ordinating Group.
Thank you and very best wishes,
Jenny Kurinczuk
On behalf of the MC3 Teal Minster Community

From the Bishop of Leicester's Office: *New Archdeacon of Leicester.*

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of **The Revd Richard Trethewey**, currently Rector in the Benefice of Glenfield and Newtown Linford, as Archdeacon of Leicester.

Richard is well known by many in the diocese for his work as Assistant Archdeacon and Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Commenting on the appointment, Bishop Martyn said: "I am particularly pleased that Richard has agreed to become the next Archdeacon of Leicester. His appointment provides continuity at a time of considerable change in the diocese, and I know that he will bring real wisdom and energy to the work of supporting parishes through these changes. Richard has rich parish experience himself, both in this diocese as well as Birmingham and Lichfield. I am looking forward to working with him in this new role."

Reflecting on his new role, Richard said: "It is nearly 10 years since I was interviewed to take up a post in the Diocese of Leicester, and in that time a lot has changed for me personally and in the diocese. Over those years I have been privileged to have been able to contribute to the life and mission of the diocese, primarily of course in my parishes of Glenfield and Newtown Linford, then as Area Dean, Chair of the DAC and most recently Assistant Archdeacon.

"I am aware that I have a lot to learn as I move from one side of the diocese to the other, but I am looking forward to stepping up to the responsibility and stepping across to the Archdeaconry of Leicester to continue to serve the churches and people of this county and city as we pursue our vision of the Kingdom of God."

Richard will be installed as Archdeacon of Leicester on Thursday 2nd October at 5.30pm at Leicester Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. From Monday 27th October, Richard will be contactable on Richard.Trethewey@Leicestercofe.org and on 07534 225320

EcoTip for August: Private gardens, churchyards and other outdoor spaces can make a significant contribution to nature. We can take action to care for plants, wildlife and soil in the places where we live and around our churches. Caring for the earth was the first instruction God gave to humans. This doesn't mean we all need to be professional gardeners, but perhaps try to learn one new thing this month that you can do for a garden space. Read more about nature-friendly gardening at

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South Asian Heritage Special Service: Sunday 17 August, 6.15 pm (doors open at 5.30pm) – Church of the Martyrs, Leicester

This special gathering will include South Asian worship, traditional and contemporary music, and expressions of faith through dance, spoken word and storytelling. After the service, stay and enjoy a taste of South Asian food—alongside Christian fellowship.

For more info, please email Shobha.Gosa@LeicesterCofE.org

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.



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

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Revd Aphro McCullough

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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>

Summer Holiday Fun Event



When: TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST

Where:

Christchurch Clarendon Park,
105A Clarendon Park Road,
LE2 3AH.

Arrivals from : 12.45

Session Time: 1.00 – 3 p.m.

Soft Play, Bouncy Castle, craft, and a snack.

For children up to 12 years accompanied by an adult –
with a zone of soft play for toddlers.

Cost: Free – though any donations will be gratefully
received.

There will be limit to the number of children
who can safely play.

You can reserve a space by contacting:

Rev'd Andrew Farrington, Minister,
Christchurch Clarendon Park.

Mobile 07985 308637

Email: andrew.farrington@methodist.org.uk




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