

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

<https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>



"Jesus and the bent-over woman" - Barbara Schwartz OP

Sunday 24th August 2025
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will be leading a service of Morning Prayer.

The Collect and Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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: Jeremiah 1.4-10;

Psalm 71.1-6;

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-29;

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.10-17

Praying for the Parish, our neighbours and friends: This week please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who are part of our own church congregations but live outside of the parish boundaries.

Praying for the World: This week simply tell God how you feel about the devastating war in Gaza and the suffering of the people who call it home. Be honest with him and tell him what changes you long to see.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all those who work to support local churches like ourselves, through the teams and functions of the Diocese. Pray for those who work at the Bishop's Office, running St Martin's House, in the Safeguarding team, as part of the Diocesan schools and education team, the staff of the St

Phillips Centre and all who support visitors to Launde Abbey. Thank God for their service and commitment, and pray for their encouragement.

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, 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 – **Ridgway 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

Communion at Home: If you find that coming to church on Sundays or for our midweek services is just too difficult, you might appreciate the opportunity for receiving Communion at home occasionally. Please let Adrian know if this would be helpful and we'll see what can be arranged.

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%.



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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

31 st August	Benefice Service at St. Mary's NO SERVICE AT ST. GUTHLAC'S
7 th September	Eucharist
14 th September	Harvest All Age Worship Fiona Wingate
21 st September	Eucharist
28 th September	Morning Prayer

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 #

Come together!

Sunday 31st August is the fifth Sunday of the month and so we have a joint benefice service, this time at St Mary's. These services are a great opportunity for our two congregations, from both St Guthlac's and St Mary's, to meet, mingle and, more importantly, to worship together.



On this occasion we'll be remembering one of the great '*cloud of witnesses*', Christians from the past '*commended for their faith*' (Hebrews 11) and who give us an inspiring example to follow: **John Bunyan** (1628-1688) was an English preacher and author of "The Pilgrim's Progress", one of the most influential Christian books of all time and never out of print since its first publication. Please do join us at St Mary's, 10.30am, as we reflect on how to avoid '*the Slough of Despond*' and '*Vanity Fair*' and keep our focus on what it means today '*To be a Pilgrim*' on the way to '*the Celestial City*'.

Adrian

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:

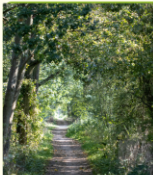
- Grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

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

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

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

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

https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2024/04/environmentally-friendly-gardening-10-top-tips/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21562090235&gbraid=0AAAAAodncPdmvV5HxU5KOz7Fni9j4aoGh&gclid=CjwKCAjwwNbEBhBpEiwAFYLTGCFvFG6bKnoOR_vu2a28NGH16FAp8rIB2joG1R8kDya-dV5oCmwUpRoCMcwQAvD_BwE

Harvest Appeal for Open Hands

This Harvest we will be once again collecting donations of food to help the work of Open Hands in supporting our disadvantaged neighbours here in Leicester. The most needed items are shown below and can be brought to church in advance or to our Harvest All Age service on Sunday 14th September. Many thanks for your support.

Open Hands 
Donation List

Food



Most Needed Urgent Fully stocked



Tin of Soup



Tinned Fruit



Jar of Sauce



Vegetarian Meal



Meat Meal



Rice



Cooking Oil



Tinned Vegetables



Tinned Pulse Beans



Dried Pulse Beans



UHT Milk



Bottled Water and Soft Drinks



Jams/Spreads



Sugar



Tinned Tomatoes



Squash



Tinned Fish



Tea Bags Small (40s and 80s)



Flour



Small Coffee



Cereal



Bags for Life



Biscuits



Pasta

Coffee Morning at St. Mary's, Saturday 30th August 10am-12noon. Stalls to include Cakes, books, jigsaws, gifts & raffle. Everyone Welcome.

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Revd Aphro McCullough

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Revd Janet Gasper

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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

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>

Knighton Craft Workshops 2025

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival Team has been running a series of very successful Craft Workshops this year. These take place on **Tuesdays from 10.30-12.30** in St. Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road, Knighton.

We provide a warm welcome, 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. However if you would like to take your creations home you are welcome to, for a small donation.

We hope to see you there! The April, May, June and July workshops have been completed. There is no workshop in August .

New dates for the remainder of the year:

- Tuesday 9th September
- Tuesday 23rd September
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tuesday 4th November
- December - no craft workshop in December

Save the date:

This year's Festival will take place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November.

Any queries please contact: knightonctf24@gmail.com

Sue Siesage and the CTF Team

