

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Christian looks for a way of escape outside the City of Destruction.

Sunday 31st August & 7th September 2025
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This Sunday there is a Joint Benefice Service St. Mary's at 10.30am, there will be **no service at St. Guthlac's**. Next Sunday at St. Guthlac's, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 2.4-13;

Psalms 81.1,10-16;

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16;

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1,7-14

The Collect and Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 18.1-11;

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18;

2nd Reading: Philemon 1-21;

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33

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 - Please pray for all those affected by floods in Pakistan and wild fires and droughts across Europe...and all people around the world who experience the direct effects of our climate crisis.

Praying for the Church: please pray for all those churches currently in the discussions that will lead to the formation of Minster Communities across our diocese. Pray for wisdom, understanding and generosity of spirit.

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 **Peter Patterson ('Paddy')**, 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 – **Sandown Road and Shirley Avenue**.

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>

Creationtide at St Guthlac's: Join us throughout September as we celebrate the wonders of creation that are around us. Each Sunday will build on the theme of our shared creation and how we interact with it. On 7th Sept - Cecelia will kick off the season with the Eucharist. 14th September is our All Age Worship - Harvest gift service in which we'll have a special guest from Open Hands. As in previous years our gifts will go to Open Hands so please see the notice about what they like to receive. Sunday 21st September we're delighted to welcome a dear friend of St Guthlac's church, Bishop Christopher Boyle to preside and preach at the Eucharist. After the service there will be a chance to hear more about the work of the mobile clinics in Northern Malawi and a special treat awaits us. Finally, the season will close with Morning Prayer on the 28th September at which Aphro will preach. We look forward to welcoming you to Creationtide at St Guthlac's.



St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

7 th September	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
14 th September	Harvest All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
21 st September	Eucharist	Bishop Christopher
28 th September	Morning Prayer	Fiona Wingate
5 th October	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.

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

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

**CHANGE OF LOG ON ADDRESS & TELEPHONE
NUMBER**

3rd & 10th September

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 7.55 pm.

Revd Adrian will be taking Compline on 3rd & 10th September. There will be a new log on address and telephone number for these two evenings, so he can use his computer at home. James will send this new number out to regular participants with details of the service on the day of the service.

If you are new to Compline you can let James know office@knightonparish.co.uk

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.

OpenHands 
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

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 September:

The Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October) is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision through the land and food that is grown. It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it, and to pray for our world. Join us as we celebrate all of creation at St Guthlac's.

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

“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



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

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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:

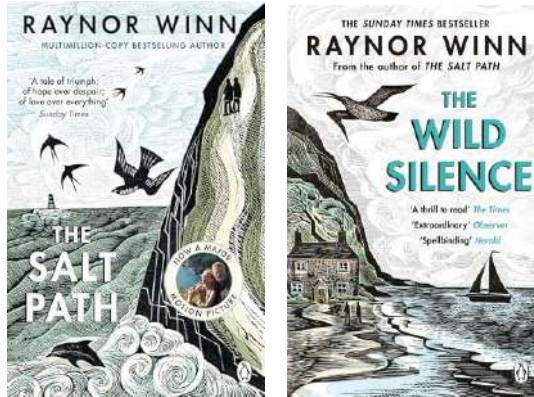
This year's Festival will take place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November.

Any queries please contact: knightonctf24@gmail.com

Sue Siesage and the CTF Team

Tea & Talk

Summer Read



The Salt Path & The Wild Silence

by Raynor Winn

Have you read one or both books? These books have been in the press and on social media recently. What do you think about them? Come and join us to talk about the books and the role of the media at St Guthlac's church, Holbrook Road on

Tuesday 16th September at 7.00

(with tea & cakes)