

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



The Unjust Steward, by the Kazakhstan Artist, Nelly Bube

Sunday 21st September 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Bishop Christopher will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion. After the service there will be a chance to hear more about the work of the mobile clinics in Northern Malawi.

The Collect and Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Proverbs 3.13-18;

Psalm 119.65-72;

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.1-6;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.9-13

Prayers for the World: As we begin Fairtrade Fortnight, you might like to use these prayers regularly.

Dear Lord, please give us hearts yearning for the changes that manifest your Kingdom: justice in matters large and small, the love that cares for neighbours, a closer walk with you as we follow your ways. Amen.

Dear Lord, please give us minds that strive to understand, your Word and our world so that we can hear your call in the situations we encounter and the choices we have to make. Amen.

Dear Lord, please give us eyes that see the world as you do, lips that speak words of truth and love, hands and feet that take action, and strength to persevere that, changed by your Spirit, we may become agents of change, through whom you reveal your Kingdom for the honour and glory of your name. Amen

Prayers for the Church: This week, with others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in the Four Saints benefice (Countesthorpe, Foston, Willoughby Waterleys & Peatling Magna), the Hexagon benefice and Blaby.

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 –**Sidney 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.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

28 th September	Morning Prayer	Revd Aphro McCullough & Fiona Wingate
5 th October	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
12 th October	All Age Worship	
19 th October	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 #

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. 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.

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.

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 23rd September** in the Cottage room of the Parish Centre, at 1.30 for a 2pm start. The Reverend Janet will be our speaker. As always, non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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

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!

New dates for the remainder of the year:

The following workshops are planned for:

- Tuesday 23rd September
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tues 4th November

Save the date:

This year's festival will take place on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November.

Any queries please contact: *****

Sue Siesage and the CTF Team

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>

“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

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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>

Reflections from the Leicestershire Round 100mile Cycle, Amy Barnes



Amy Barnes is raising money for LOROS, the Leicestershire and Rutland Hospice

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/amy-barnes-7>

On September 6th I cycled 100 miles around Leicestershire roads to raise funds for LOROs. The route was extremely hilly with a total of 5748 ft elevation, not for the faint hearted. This was a personal challenge, having recently lost a colleague, Helen to breast cancer. Helen had worked for 25 years at Newbold Verdon and Market Bosworth Medical Practice and worked her way up from receptionist to assistant Practice Manager. We said our good byes last week on what would have been her 60th birthday. I had not cycled much before the race and bought a new bike in July, starting build up to 40-50 miles cycles at the weekend to train for this epic challenge with my friend, Emma who has a lot more cycling experience. Throughout the cycle I was struck by a few thoughts which I'd like to share with you.

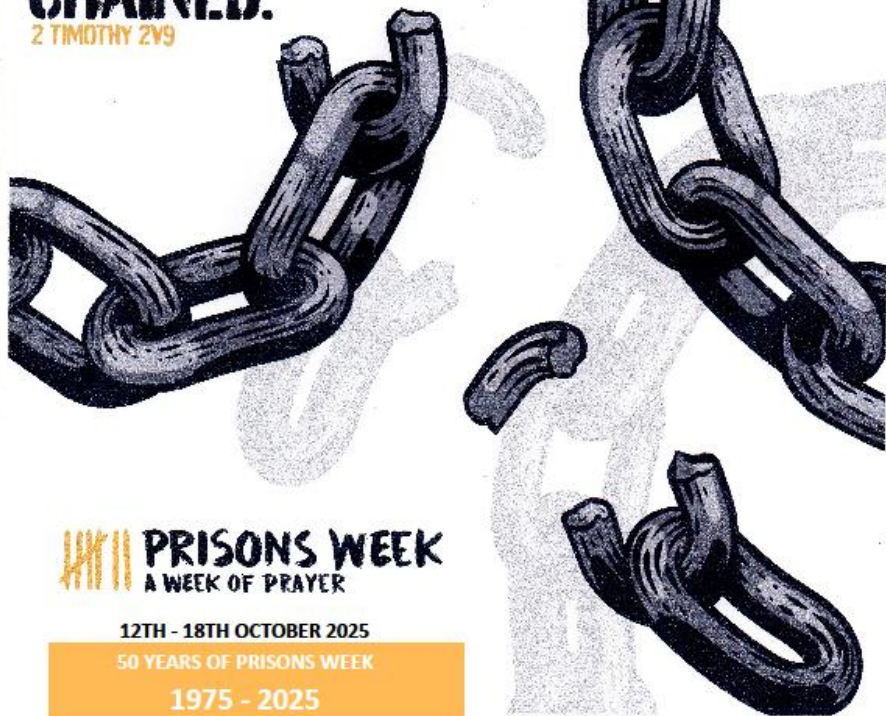
- Leicestershire is far hillier than I thought and we are blessed with some stunningly beautiful countryside.
- Sometimes when things get tough, you just have to keep peddling.
- Your body can do amazing things if your mind lets it.
- Having support from Emma, my husband, Dan who provided Dad duties while I was out for hours on training cycles, and colleagues was essential to success. The event was incredibly well organised with brilliant support from volunteers.
- There were fewer than ten ladies taking part, a big minority compared with the men. I would like to encourage and inspire other ladies to take up cycling too.
- My work place is a really wonderful community to be part of, I received many, many messages of support and encouragement on the day which boosted my morale and helped give me the strength to get through the tough bits. The weather was also very kind, perfect conditions.
- There is no better feeling than freewheeling down a steep hill for letting go of any burdens and feeling like a child again!
- Helen's husband, Iain came to the mid-way point and end to watch the finish. We sat on a bank at Café Ventoux, watching a red kite swooping and circling several times. It was as though Helen was there, watching over us.

LOROS hospice is in danger of closure and the cost of a bed per night is £560. Helen spent her last days there, surrounded by her husband and two sons. If you do feel able to support this cause, it would help this vital work to continue.

PRISONS WEEK SERVICE
SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025 AT 6.00PM
AT
ST PAUL'S & ST AUGUSTINE'S WORSHIP CENTRE
2 KIRBY ROAD LEICESTER LE3 6BD
ALL WELCOME

**GOD'S
WORD
IS NOT
CHAINED.**

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PRISONS WEEK
A WEEK OF PRAYER

12TH - 18TH OCTOBER 2025

50 YEARS OF PRISONS WEEK

1975 - 2025