

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 28th September 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will lead a service of Morning Prayer, and Revd Aphro McCullough will preach. Church Cub will take place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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 32.1-3a,6-15;

Psalm 91.1-6,14-16;

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6-19;

Gospel Reading: Luke 16.19-31

Praying for the World: Remembering Fairtrade Fortnight, please pray -

Dear Lord, you call us to a neighbourly love that is generous in practical ways, that doesn't leave by the roadside those harmed by sin and greed, but goes out of its way to bring healing. Help us to see how neighbours near and far are suffering, their resources stolen by unjust people and systems. And fill us, we pray, with your Spirit, that we may be inspired to go further each day in using our gifts of time and money and talent lovingly, in ways that redress injustice and renew life. Amen

Praying for the Church: please give thanks to God for the Minster Community discussions yesterday, and pray that our churches will grow in understanding and willingness to find ways of working together.

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, especially **Marilyn O'Carroll**, 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 –**South Knighton 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

5 th October	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
12 th October	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis
19 th October	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper
26 th October	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
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. 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.

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



Diocese of Leicester
Shine to God

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

Reconciliation in a Time of Conflict, Coventry Cathedral, Saturday 18th October

How can we talk about reconciliation in the midst of war? We know the Bible calls us to be reconcilers, but what does the Christian ministry of reconciliation look like in a time of conflict? What are the challenges faced by those in the context of war, and what might we learn about being reconcilers in a society increasingly characterised by cultural division and conflict? How can we pray, act and speak in these turbulent times? Christians in Ukraine and Israel Palestine have approached this question in different ways, which will in turn help shape our understanding and action in our own contexts.

This significant day conference is hosted by the British Trust for Tanur, which supports the work of the Tanur Ecumenical institute, on the border between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We will be welcoming their Rector, Fr. John Paul SJ, along with guests from Ukraine, to lead us in our reflection.

This conference will run from 10.00 – 3.30pm at Coventry Cathedral, a community known for its commitment to reconciliation, and as a place to reflect and respond to these difficult questions. Tickets are now £15 (or £10 for concessions, e.g. ordinands, students). For more information and to book your place visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reconciliation-in-a-time-of-conflict-tickets-1334100403219>

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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 to 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.

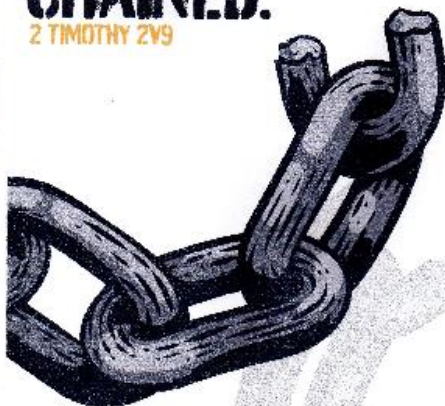
LOROS hospice is in danger of closure and the cost of a bed per night is £560. Helen spent her last days there, surrounded by her husband and two sons. If you do feel able to support this cause, it would help this vital work to continue.

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

Tea and Talk meeting for October...

The art, the science and the spirit of scent and essential oils

Nick Jukes

**Tuesday 14th October at 7pm
St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF**



Photo: Bruce Boyd and Tharen Smith

**Come and hear some fascinating tales and talk about scent
and essential oils - from prayer and perfumery to medical
aromatherapy**

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!