

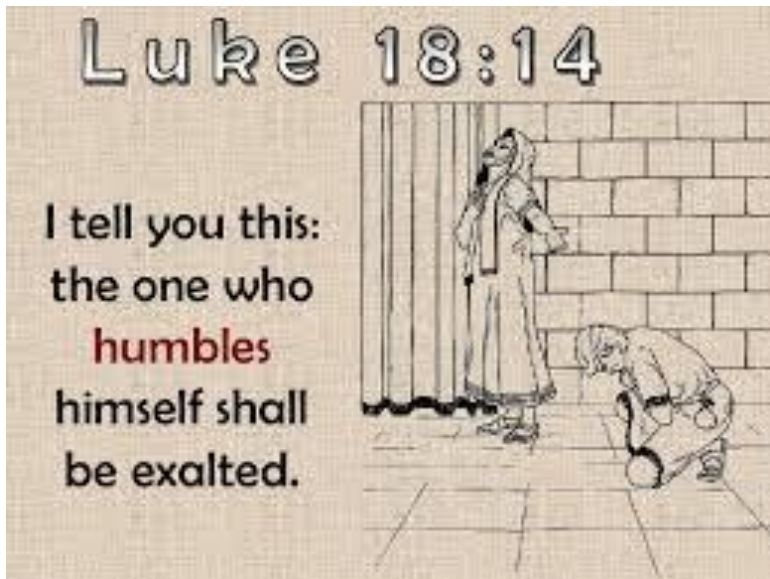
ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac

Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 26th October 2025
Last Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will be leading a service of Morning Prayer. Church Cub will take place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour 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: Joel 2.23-32;

Psalm 65

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18;

Gospel Reading: Luke 18.9-14

Two pieces of sad news: I'm sorry to have to tell you that last week two of valued and much appreciated members and friends of St Mary's and St Guthlac's have died.

Jan Newell, of Kenwood Road, was a faithful Christian, always full of energy and enthusiasm for sharing her faith in Jesus, and for caring for others. "Jan's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Monday 27th October at 10am, and everyone is very welcome as we share a time to remember and give thanks - please wear whatever is comfortable for you, as Jan would have wanted this."

Margaret Roff, of Wyndale Road, demonstrated her faith and consistent desire to help others, especially children and young people, through many years in the Guide movement and helping in local schools. Margaret's funeral will take place on Thursday 30th October at 2pm at St. Mary's, and afterwards at Knighton Bowls Club.

Please pray for both their families at this sad time - we will miss them greatly but thank God for their lives and love. *Adrian*

Further sad news: At the end of last week, after the newsletter had been sent out, we also the sad news that John Orme died on Friday 10th. Please remember Aileen in your thoughts and prayers in these days of loss and grief. *Adrian*

Praying for each other this month – In October, please pray for all those who are part of our Church family and community, and whose surnames begin with M, N, O and P. Pray for the health and well-being of all these friends, and especially that they would not be shy in recognising the gifts and talents God has given them, and that they would be ready to use them for the good of others.

Praying for the World: Please thank God for the fragile peace in Gaza, and ask that both sides and all parties will work hard to make the peace plan more substantial and permanent.

Praying for the Church: As we move through Black History Month please pray for the racial justice work of this diocese, that it may offer the specialised support, encouragement and training that will make Leicestershire a place where people of Black heritage thrive and fulfil their God-give purpose.

With others across our diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Narborough, Newbold de Verdun, Barlestone & Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Tooley, and in Barwell cum Stapleton and Potters Marston. Pray for a work of the Holy Spirit to bring new vision.

In particular please pray this week for **Katherine Swanson, Adri Cook** and **Dale McCullough**.

Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who have found God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently, especially **John Orme, Margaret Roff & Jan Newell** 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 –**Stoughton Drive South**.

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

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>

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.

Change of phone number: Please note that as part of our church cost-saving measures, the telephone landline to the Vicarage will be discontinued after the end of the month. Please continue to contact Adrian on the mobile number *****.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

2 nd November	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Aphro McCullough
9 th November	All Age Worship for	Remembrance Sunday Fiona Wingate
16 th November	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
23 rd November	Matins	David Hunt
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 #

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

Green Talks at Leicester Quakers: 'Single Use Plastic' - Take the Cutting Down Challenge - Mandy Penfold 7pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 19th November at Leicester Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. Admission free, donations welcome.

Mothers' Union Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 28th October** in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. As always, non-members are welcome to join us. LP

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(rest day normally Friday)

Revd Aphro McCullough

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Revd Janet Gasper

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Reader: Fiona Wingate

Churchwardens:
David Hunt
Tina Jarvis

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churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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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>

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE HAMPER

Our popular Hamper will be back this year with proceeds going to our Malawi appeal. Please indicate on the list in the welcome area if you are able to donate something to go into the hamper. The raffle will be drawn at the Fayre on Sat 6th Dec, so please bring your contributions no later than Sun 30th Nov. (Please check use by dates extend until Christmas). Thank you.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Yes, it's that time of year fast approaching – St. G's Christmas Fayre! This year it will be on Saturday 6th December 9:45 – 1:00pm. Put the date in your diaries! Whilst we do have some time in hand it would be good to start to plan well in advance.

Therefore, we are asking for donations of the following items:

- Clean empty jam jars, preferably with labels removed!
- Jigsaw puzzles – please ensure they have ALL their pieces!
- New/as new items for a Gift Stall
- Tombola items. Bottles/soap/shower gel/unwanted small gifts etc.

A box for donations will be at the back of church.

There will be a raffle in aid of Malawi health clinic. A list of items needed for the hamper will be in the Welcome area.

Cakes and biscuits will be required on the day of the Fayre.

If anyone is able to make preserves or pickles of any sort, they would be most welcome. With thanks, Anne Hunt

How to order:

If you can email your order, please request an on-line catalogue from fayre@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

If you are using a printed copy of the Christmas Fayre Catalogue, (paper copies available in church), fill in the quantities against the required items and enter your details. Send your completed catalogue order in the post to David Hunt, 11, Swale Close, Oadby, Leicester. LE2 4GF or phone your order through to 0*****.



Come and join us at
St. Guthlac's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December 9:45 am – 1:00 pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd, Knighton LE2 3LF

CAKES

PRESERVES

JEWELLERY

TOMBOLA

GIFTS

WREATHS

**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**

**CHILDREN'S
KNITWEAR**

Free entry

Refreshments

Live Music

**Cash and Card payments
accepted**

EcoTip for OCTOBER - Taste the difference!

Local and seasonal food not only tastes great but is better for the planet too. Think about incorporating locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness ensuring superior flavour, compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, include giving thanks for your local food producers this month.

Malawi Mobile Clinics: On 21 September, Bishop Christopher presided at our Eucharist service. During the service and in a presentation afterwards, he explained the situation in Northern Malawi and the ongoing work of the clinics. Whilst here he was given a cheque for the clinic and also mentioned that over the years St Guthlac's had raised in the order of £18 000, since the relationship started over 10 years ago.

He said, "Thank you St Guthlac's for the £500 for the clinic. This is a remarkable amount on top of all you have done over the years. I can't thank you enough. You work tirelessly and produce phenomenal results and give such impetus and drive to the team in Malawi. Thank you and thank you on behalf of all those we serve in the villages."

Welcome to our new Archbishop! A week last Friday we received the welcome news that our new Archbishop of Canterbury is to be the current Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullaly.



Bishop Sarah has had a Christian faith since the age of 16, nurtured in her local church in Woking, where she grew up and went to school. She entered nursing and rose to become Chief Nursing Officer for England and the National Health Service's Director of Patient Experience for England, from 1999 to 2004, the youngest person to hold these posts.

In the 2005 New Year Honours, she was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her services to nursing.

Ordained in 2001, (by Bishop Tom Butler – formerly of this diocese) she became Bishop of Crediton in 2015 and then Bishop of London in 2018, the third most senior cleric in the Church of England.

There are still some in the Church of England who, in good conscience, cannot accept the ministry of women as priests or bishops. For many others, however, Bishop Sarah's appointment is a welcome and natural extension of the Church's recognition of the calling and gifts of all women, alongside men, in ministry. Personally, I am very pleased to give her a warm and unreserved welcome as our new Archbishop – her experience and gifts make her well suited to this new vocation, the Crown Nominations Committee has discerned a clear calling, and the Church is now making another important step towards full equality for everyone, within the glorious diversity that God has given us.

In Knighton we have experienced and much appreciated women's ministry and leadership in both lay and ordained roles for a long time now, so you might like to join me and send your very best wishes and the assurance of our prayers to Bishop Sarah. You can send a note or card for her to The Old Deanery, Dean's Court, London EC4V 5AA or email at bishop.london.correspondence@london.anglican.org

Adrian

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

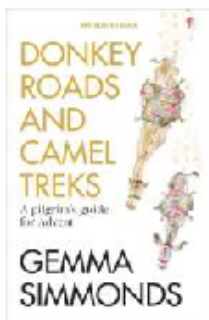
Advent resources 2025

If are wondering how to observe the coming Advent season, you might like to consider using one of these books, an online Advent resource or maybe both!



Listening to the music of the soul

- The Archbishop of York's 2025 Advent book
- Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani helps you explore Advent themes through the bible and her own personal experiences
- You will find hope and transformation in your journey towards Christmas
- Available to buy on line for around £11



Donkey roads and camel treks

- The BRF Advent book for 2025
- Gemma Simmonds helps you navigate the true meaning of Advent through the eyes of a pilgrim
- Take time out from the busyness of the season and be encouraged to grow in faith
- Available to buy on line for around £10

Copies of both books are available in the welcome area for you to look at. Please leave them for others to see.

Online reflections from the Church of England are also available:

- **Daily Advent reflections on the Everyday Faith app:** Daily 'O Come Emmanuel' reflections are available with audio on the Everyday Faith app (the new daily devotional app from the Church of England) from 1-24 December.
- **Twelve Joys of Christmas meditations:** These funny and profound reflections are also available by email and the Everyday Faith app (with audio). You can sign up for Joy of Christmas emails here [Sign up to The Joy of Christmas | The Church of England](#)



2025/6 Season

*It's only human
to talk of God...*

Oct 10th Theology and Transformation

Fr Nick Crowe OP

Prior Provincial of the English Dominican Province

Nov 14th Encountering Julian of Norwich Today

(Montgomery Trust Lecture)

Dr Claire Gilbert

Writer and Mentor

Dec 12th Thomas More, William Tyndale and the struggle for the soul of England

The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean

Chair of the London Methodist District

Jan 9th The heavens are telling the glory of God - or are they?

Dr Thomas Bartsch

President of the Society

Feb 13th Science and Faith - Conflicting or Complementary?

The Revd Dr Ed Bampton

Parish Priest, Area Dean

and former Research Neuroscientist

Mar 13th Why the Philosophy of Religion matters

(Newman Ecumenical Lecture)

Dr Simon Hewitt

Associate Professor of Theology, University of Leeds

Fridays at 7.30pm

The Frassati Centre
(Holy Cross Priory)

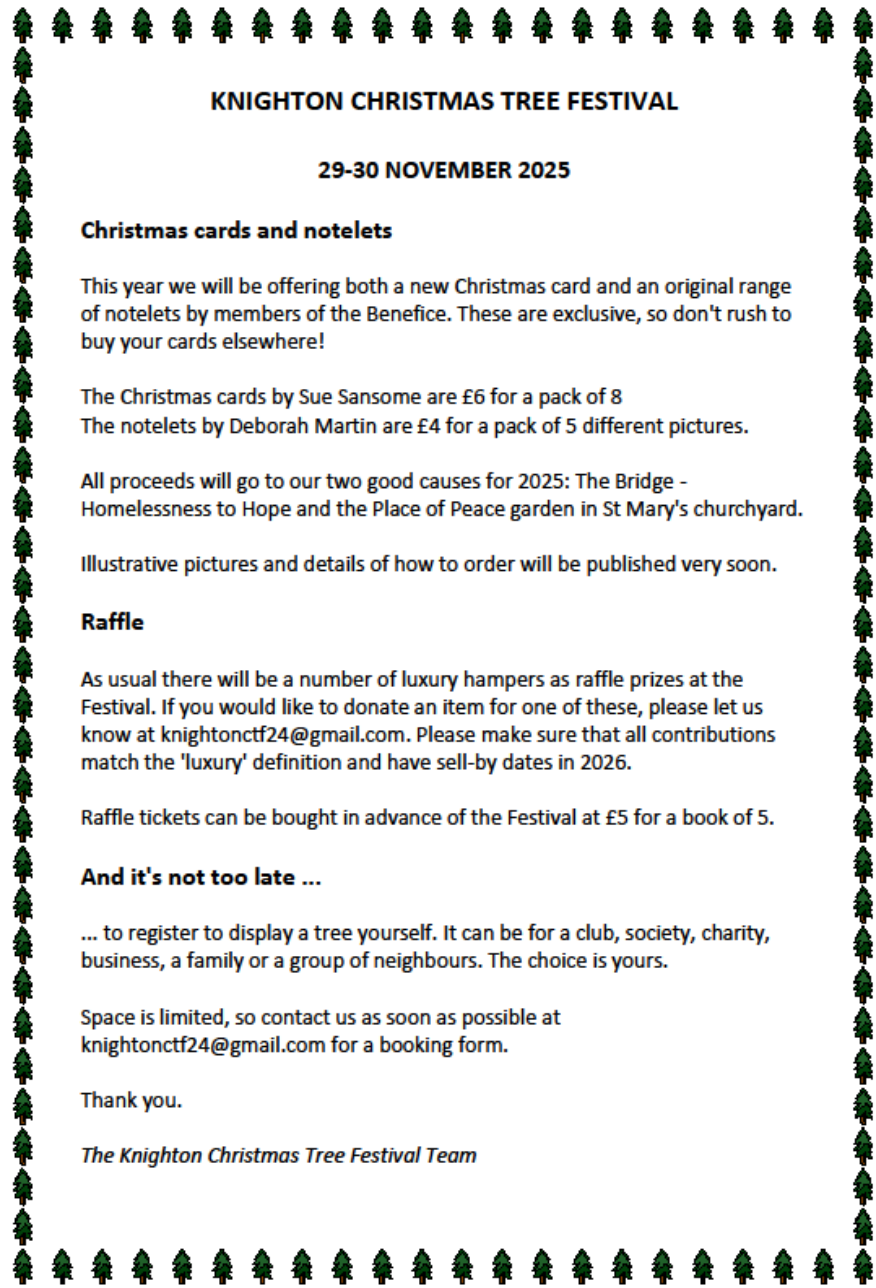
Wellington St., LE1 6HW
and/or Zoom.

Followed by discussion

Annual subscription £15, One lecture £5, Students free

<https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1>

Please see website for updates on venue/medium and to register
your interest



KNIGHTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

29-30 NOVEMBER 2025

Christmas cards and notelets

This year we will be offering both a new Christmas card and an original range of notelets by members of the Benefice. These are exclusive, so don't rush to buy your cards elsewhere!

The Christmas cards by Sue Sansome are £6 for a pack of 8

The notelets by Deborah Martin are £4 for a pack of 5 different pictures.

All proceeds will go to our two good causes for 2025: The Bridge - Homelessness to Hope and the Place of Peace garden in St Mary's churchyard.

Illustrative pictures and details of how to order will be published very soon.

Raffle

As usual there will be a number of luxury hampers as raffle prizes at the Festival. If you would like to donate an item for one of these, please let us know at knightonctf24@gmail.com. Please make sure that all contributions match the 'luxury' definition and have sell-by dates in 2026.

Raffle tickets can be bought in advance of the Festival at £5 for a book of 5.

And it's not too late ...

... to register to display a tree yourself. It can be for a club, society, charity, business, a family or a group of neighbours. The choice is yours.

Space is limited, so contact us as soon as possible at knightonctf24@gmail.com for a booking form.

Thank you.

The Knighton Christmas Tree Festival Team

Tea and Talk meeting for November...

**Stories and poems from local
writer**

Hamish Whiteley

Tuesday 11th November at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



Hamish returns with more stories from his ever popular book 'Growing up with Grandma', a few poems and some new writing about a big shock!

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us