ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS





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Sunday 2nd November 2025 All Saints Day & All Souls Day

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper and Revd Aphro McCullough will be presiding and preaching at a service of Holy Communion.

Readings for All Souls' Day (2nd November 2025)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24; **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

The Collect and Readings for All Saints Day (1st Nov. 2025)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

1st Reading: Daniel 7.1-3,15-18;

Psalm 149

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.11-23; **Gospel Reading:** Luke 6.20-31

Praying for each other: Now that it's November we move on in our prayers for all the members of our church family, to remember those whose surnames begin with Q, R, S and T. Please pray for continued strength to live faithful lives whatever our circumstances, for cheerfulness and kindness towards others, and for practical ways in which to demonstrate God's love for everyone.

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those affected by the hurricane in the Caribbean, especially Jamaica. Pray that the injured and bereaved will be helped, and that support from around the world will provide food, medicine and shelter - and eventually reconstruction. Pray for all those here who are anxious about friends and relatives in Jamaica.

Praying for the Church: This week please join with Christians in many denominations who are praying for our brothers and sisters in the faith who live under threat and persecution. Open Doors produces an annual list of those countries where Christians face the highest prospect of arrest imprisonment, torture and ill-treatment and sadly, persecution continues to increase. So please pray for Christians in North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Libya, Sudan, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan in particular - pray that they will be protected and safe, that they'll be encouraged to stand firm, that they will know God's presence and our support. Pray for their wisdom and for continued love for their neighbours, even in challenging situations.

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 **Adri Cook, 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 –**St. Andrews Drive.**

For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact Revd Adrian <u>adrian.jones@zoho.com</u> or Jane <u>administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk</u>

Adri Cook - I'm sure that you'll want to join me in extending sincere condolences to the family of Adri Cook who died this week. Adri was for many years a mainstay of the Knighton churches, as well as being well-known in our local community. Her energy and readiness to get things done were paired with a genuine empathy and consideration of others, and she'll be very missed by her many friends. Please remember Adri's children and wider family in your prayers, as we thank God for her life and gifts to us. Adrian.

THANKS Roger and Yvonne Beeby thank friends at St Guthlac's for their prayerful concern and for the lovely get-well card. These all helped towards our recovery and we hope to be back with you all before too long.

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.

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.

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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

9th November All Age Worship for Remembrance Sunday

Fiona Wingate

16th November Eucharist Revd Adrian Jones

23rd November Matins David Hunt
30th November Benefice Fucharist at St. Guthlac's

Revd Adrian Jones & Revd Cecilia Adiadie

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.

<u>Please leave your donation as you come into the service</u>. 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 #

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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

Welcome to our new Archbishop! We welcome the 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 <u>Chief Nursing Officer for England</u> and the <u>National Health Service</u>'s <u>Director</u> of <u>Patient Experience</u> for England, from 1999 to 2004, the youngest person to hold these posts.

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

Ordained in 2001, (by Bishop Tom Butler – formerly of this diocese) she became <u>Bishop of Crediton</u> 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

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

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

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

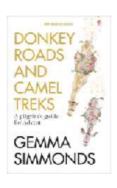
Live Music

Cash and Card payments accepted

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 <u>Sign</u> up to The Joy of Christmas | The Church of England

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