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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Malachi 4.1-2a;

Psalm 98

2nd **Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13;

Gospel Reading: Luke 21.5-19

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: As the Church remembers its duty to protect the most vulnerable this week, please pray that across the world, all those blessed with plenty would be moved to remember our common humanity and share more equally with those who live in scarcity. Pray that those of us who are comfortable in our lives will connect

with those who struggle, and that we might all find a more equal, just and peaceful future.

Praying for the Church: On this Safeguarding Sunday let's pray for all within our communities who are vulnerable, and ask God that we would always be vigilant in protecting them. "Dear God, help us to be a church that loves, welcomes, protects; that listens, learns, and serves; that repents, restores, transforms; values, cares, and believes. God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer. Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray. In Jesus name, Amen."

Please also pray. within our own diocese, for the people and leaders of the churches in Bosworth, Sheepy, and Sapcote & Sharnford cum Wigston Parva.

In particular please pray this week for **Katherine Swanson** 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, Rod Bowditch** and **John Orme,** 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. David's Crescent.**

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 - The funeral of Adriana Cook will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 18th November at noon, and her ashes will be interred straight afterwards in the churchyard. Everyone is welcome at the service and the reception afterwards in the Parish Centre. Adri made such a positive contribution and impact, both in our churches and community, and it will be good to remember and appreciate her life together. *Adrian*

A survivor's prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Written by Cerys Morgan, a victim and survivor of church-based abuse.

Father,

Thank you that as your church you entrust to us your work here on earth.

We pray that through your Spirit, you will empower us to do the right thing for the benefit of those suffering abuse and injustice.

That we will not fear to be bringers of your justice. That we will be your voice for those whose voices are silenced.

That when your light shines into dark areas of abuse we will have courage as your representatives, to face our fears, and to show forth your heart of compassion and justice, and to speak your words of life and freedom into broken hearts.

Teach us as a Church to be your body fully knitted together and working in unity. To care for one another with extra care and dignity.

Enable us to be instruments of your love, that chains will be broken and broken hearts restored.

That we will teach everyone how precious they are to you.

That they will know you are a God who sees and feels their pain.

We pray that through your Spirit and your church fully trusting in your word, victims will become victors and their mess become a precious message of your love and restoration in their lives.

We ask this in your name and for your glory.

Amen

A special Service to remember John Orme: Everyone is invited to a special Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate and show appreciation for the life of our dear friend John Orme, who died in October. John himself wanted to keep everything simple and straightforward, so the service will be at St Mary Magdalen at 2pm on Sunday 23rd November, followed by some refreshments served from the Narthex. Aileen would like to thank everyone for all their cards and kind words at this time, and hopes you'll join us for this time of remembering and giving thanks for John. *Adrian*

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

Eco Tip for November: Measure your carbon footprint

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, for example the ARoche (the EcoChurch group) suggest the carbon calculators provided by Climate Stewards at

https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators, and Creation Care https://creationcare.org.uk. These offer a specific resource for households giving ideas and helping you track your progress. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

23rd November Matins David Hunt

30th November Benefice Eucharist at St. Guthlac's

Revd Adrian Jones & Revd Cecilia Adjadje

7th December Eucharist Revd Adrian Jones

& Revd Aphro McCullough

14th December Nativity Gift Service Revd Adrian Jones &

Fiona Wingate

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 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 bishop.london.correspondence@london.anglican.org Adrian

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation



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!





GEMMA

SIMMONDS

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

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

Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Cards and Notelets

These exclusive cards with designs by members of our congregations will be available from mid-November. To order, sign on the list in St Mary's or email knightonctf24@gmail.com, stating the number of packs required. Please distinguish between cards and notelets.

Christmas Card Angel of the Annunciation by Sue Sansome (after William Morris)



Packs of 8 cards (6 ins x 4 ins with envelopes)

Message inside reads

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Notelets by Deborah Martin







Packs of 5 different designs (5ins x 5ins with envelopes) £4

Blank inside

Proceeds go to the Christmas Tree Festival's two charitable objectives this year: the Bridge, Homelessness to Hope, and the Place of Peace in St Mary's churchyard.

