

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Aphro McCullough will lead a service of Morning Prayer. Church Club will take place in Holbrook Hall.

### **The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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

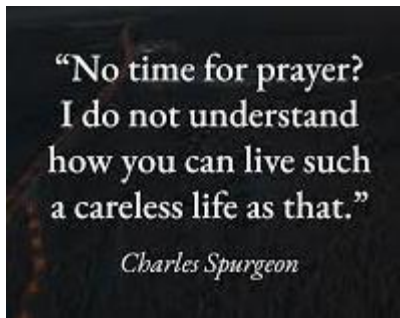
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 9.1-4;

**Psalm 27.1,4-12;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.10-18;

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4.12-23

**Praying for each other:** Please begin afresh our cycle of prayers for each other by praying for all those in our church family and community whose surnames begin with A, B, C and D. Pray that a New Year will mean a growth in faith, hope and love for our friends.



“No time for prayer?  
I do not understand  
how you can live such  
a careless life as that.”

*Charles Spurgeon*

**Praying for the World:** Please pray for all our leaders and governments. Pray that they will understand in a fresh way, how each of them stands as a human being before God - deeply loved but also deeply flawed and needing redemption. Pray that this realisation will bring them humility and compassion for others, and they will leave aside personal ambition and satisfaction, and strive for the common good and the protection of the most vulnerable.

**Praying for the Church:** With others across our Diocese, please pray for the new beginning at St Mary's & St Barnabas, Humberstone and Christchurch, Thurnby Lodge, Leicester as Revd Riffat Zamurad begins her ministry. Pray also for the people and leaders of the Parish of the Resurrection in Belgrave, for enthusiasm and energy for their challenging missionary task.

In particular please pray this week for **Marion Seaman, Eileen McKellican, June Rich and Katherine Swanson.**

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

Please remember those who have died recently, in particular, **Laurie Jarvis**, 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 – **Alexandra 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](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) or Jane [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)

## **Eco Tip for JANUARY. Make 'enjoying nature' your priority.**

From bird watching to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or vegetables, or exploring an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK, be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this coming year and allow it to lead your thoughts towards God our Creator. Further ideas can be found at [arochoa.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/](http://arochoa.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/)

**Gift Service donations to Open Hands: Thank you!** A car boot full of donations brought to the Gift Service for Open Hands was recently delivered to their Compassion Centre in St Matthews. Staff were taken aback by the generous quantity of donations being delivered, and asked that a big thank you be conveyed to the congregation of St Guthlac's.

**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](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk). If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation towards the work of St. Guthlac's Church. Thank you.



<https://givealittle.co/c/b277f14e-1e30-43b5-ac10-c822f0a70286>

## St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

25 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning Prayer	Revd Aphro McCullough
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
8 <sup>th</sup> February	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Fiona Wingate
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Matins	David Hunt
Every Thursday at 9.30am		Holy Communion
Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's		Holy Communion

## 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 #

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> / offertory hymn or at a suitable point in non-Eucharist services.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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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**  
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**Churchwardens:**  
**David Hunt**  
**Tina Jarvis**

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**Knighton Benefice Magazine: Nigel Siesage**  
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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](mailto: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>

***Bishop's Chaplaincy Lecture - Lord Alan Beith***  
***Wednesday January 28, 5.30pm-8pm – St Andrew's, 53***  
***Jarrom Street, Leicester***

Law lies at the heart of the Christian and Jewish traditions, and underpins the British constitution itself. Yet today, critics call it 'rule by judges' and others argue that unjust laws need not be obeyed. In a world of shifting values and contested authority, does law still matter?

Join us for the Bishop's Chaplaincy Lecture, delivered by Lord Alan Beith, who will explore the place of law in public life, the tensions it now faces, and why it continues to matter.

Lord Alan Beith served as the Liberal Democrat MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed from 1973 until 2015, when he entered the House of Lords. He was the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats for 17 years and served variously as the Party's spokesperson for Constitutional Affairs, Treasury Affairs, and for the Lord Chancellor's Department. He has been a Methodist circuit lay preacher for 60 years, and founded the Historic Chapels Trust, which cares for Nonconformist and Roman Catholic churches and chapels which are no longer used for worship.

Open to all, the lecture is followed by a Q&A session. [Book a free spot here](#)

**Mothers' Union Fellowship.** Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January** in the Parish Centre at our usual 1.30pm for a 2pm start. LP

## Call out to anyone interested in community growing!

You are invited to a meeting to discuss setting up  
an **Incredible Edible** group in Leicester

Wednesday 28 January 2026 7:30 – 9pm  
at Friends Meeting House, 16 Queens Road,  
Leicester LE2 1WP

The **Incredible Edible** project is an urban  
gardening project started in 2008  
in Todmorden, West Yorkshire which has grown to  
include over 170 groups across the country.

**Incredible Edible** aims to bring people together  
through actions around local food and community  
allotments, helping to change behaviour towards  
the environment and to build a kinder and more  
resilient world. Many groups focus on growing  
food in public spaces which is then available to all.

For further information contact:  
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07807 937167

For more information about **Incredible Edible**  
<https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk>





# *Coffee Morning*



*On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

*From 10 - 12 noon*

*In St. Mary Magdalen Church*

*Stalls to include*

*Unwanted Christmas Gifts,*

*Cakes, Books, Jigsaws,*

*and a Raffle*

*Just come along*

*Everyone Welcome*

# St. Guthlac's Church

Holbrook Road, Leicester. LE2 3LF



# Musical Connections



*An evening of well-known organ music,  
with stories of the composers, their inspiration  
and the musical links between them, presented by...*

## David Beeby

**Assistant Director of Music  
Christchurch Priory**

*Music to include:*

*J. S. Bach - Toccata & Fugue in D minor, Elgar - 'Nimrod'*

*Walton - Music for 'Richard III', Mendelssohn - Organ Sonata No. 3*

### 'Tea & Talk'

### ALL WELCOME

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**

**FREE Admission & Refreshments**

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