

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**The Second Sunday before Lent**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Tina Jarvis will lead a service of All Age Worship

### The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday before Lent

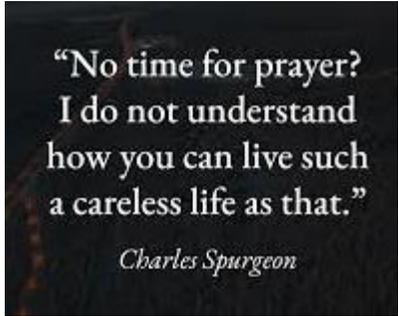
Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.  
Amen

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 1.1-2.3;

**Psalm 136;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8.18-25;

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6.25-34



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

*Charles Spurgeon*

**Praying for each other:** In this new month of February, please pray for all our friends and congregation members whose surnames begin with the letters E, F, G and H. Pray that in these cold days they'll experience the warmth of God's love, as he shares it with us both in Jesus and through our companions and families.

**Praying for the World:** As we approach Valentine's Day on 14th, please pray that our young people in particular, will better understand the positive value of marriage and other committed and long-term relationships. Pray for those whose relationships are a struggle or who feel disheartened and disappointed. Pray especially for those trapped in coercive or abusive relationships, and for all those seeking to help them.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray that the Church will be open to all that the Holy Spirit is telling us and showing us about the nature of personal, romantic and sexual relationships within this complex contemporary culture. Pray that we may talk openly and respectfully with each other, and where we disagree that we might find positive ways of working together.

With others across the diocese please pray this week for the people and leaders of St Theodore's (Rushey Mead), All Saints (Scraptoft & Netherhall), and St Stephen's (north Evington).

In particular please pray this week for, **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, **Marion Seaman**, 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 – **Bankart Avenue**.

*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.

**EcoTip for February:** This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. If you sign up of the Carbon Fast, then beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find out more and sign up at <https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

**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)

**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%.

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



## **St. Guthlac's Services**

Sunday at 10.30am

15 <sup>th</sup> February	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Fiona Wingate
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Matins & Church Club	David Hunt
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
8 <sup>th</sup> March	All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
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**

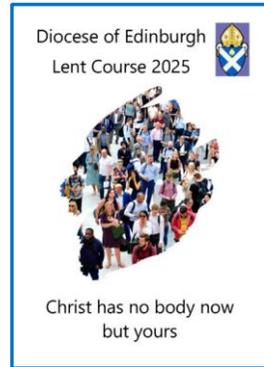
Now many people do planned-giving through their direct debit, it seems inappropriate to hand the collection plate round during a service. The collection plate now will be at the back of the church.

**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.

**LENT approaching!** You may well have noticed that Easter is 'early' this year, and so, therefore, is Lent! As usual, Christians are encouraged to remember through Holy Week and then celebrate on Easter Day itself – and the weeks of Lent before then are a significant time for pause, thought, reflection, thinking, discussion and growth in our Christian faith.

In our **Sunday services** during Lent we will be picking up themes from a course written for the Diocese of Edinburgh last year, called "**Christ has no body now but yours**", which is based on the famous prayer by St Teresa of Avila. The course encourages us to think more deeply about our individual part in the Body of Christ and how we can better work out our faith in practical ways every day. Each Sunday service will be followed during the week by the chance to be part of a small group discussion around the same theme, with illustrations and questions to help us.



There will be (at least) two **Lent discussion groups**. One will run at St Mary's Parish Centre (in the small Cottage/Welcome Room) on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am-noon, starting on 25<sup>th</sup> February for five weeks. The other group will run in the entrance area of St Guthlac's on Thursday evenings at 7.30-9pm, starting on 26<sup>th</sup> February for five weeks. Please choose the best day and time for you – it doesn't matter which church you feel part of most! The course book for both groups is identical and costs just £1.50 towards the printing.

I do hope that you will want to use this Lent as an intentional time for growing your faith, and that you'll be able to join one of these groups. If you're keen but the dates and times don't work for you, please see me so that we can think about running an additional meeting.

Please sign the list at the back of either church to show that you'd like to be part of a midweek discussion group and that you'd like a booklet. See you there! *Adrian*

## CONTACT DETAILS

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\*\*\*\*\* (rest day normally Friday)

**Revd Aphro McCullough** \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Revd Janet Gasper** \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Tina Jarvis** \*\*\*\* \*

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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>

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
SIMPLE**

# **LENT LUNCH**

**SOUP, BREAD ROLL, CHEESE AND BISCUITS**



**ON SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**12 NOON FOR 12.30PM - 2 PM**

**KNIGHTON PARISH CENTRE,**

**CHURCH LANE, LE2 3WG**

**TICKETS £6**

**AVAILABLE FROM**

**BERYL BONFIELD 0116 2702202**

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**The Parish Church of St. Guthlac**  
**Knighton, Leicester. LE2 3LF**



# **David Beeby**

**BMus(Lond.) FRCO(DipCHM) LRAM**

*David is Assistant Director of Music at Christchurch Priory, where he is part of the team leading the music at this historic Priory Church.*

*He plays the organ professionally, both as accompanist and as a soloist, as well as working freelance as a piano accompanist for exams, recitals, rehearsals, recordings, shows and workshops. In his rôle as Accompanist and Tutor at Bournemouth University, David is involved in the busy musical life of rehearsals and performances.*

*David frequently performs as a solo recitalist and, in addition to a termly recital at Christchurch Priory, he has also performed over recent years at Portsmouth Cathedral, Tewkesbury Abbey and Romsey Abbey.*

*David was the organist for Saint-Saëns' "Organ" Symphony with Westbourne Orchestra in 2017, and in 2015, David performed as soloist in Poulenc's Organ Concerto at Winchester Cathedral with Bournemouth University Orchestra. In May 2024, David performed both these works again in a concert at Christchurch Priory.*

*David's parents, Roger & Yvonne, are members of St Guthlac's Church and he is delighted to be invited to lead our 'Tea and Talk' in February 2026.*

*Come and find out more about some well-loved pieces, including:  
J. S. Bach - Toccata & Fugue in D minor, Elgar - 'Nimrod'  
Walton - Music for 'Richard III', Mendelssohn - Organ Sonata No. 3*

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**'Tea & Talk' at 7.00pm ALL WELCOME**  
**FREE Admission & Refreshments**  
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# 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:*

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