

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will lead a service of All Age Worship.

### The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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:** Exodus 17.1-7;

**Psalm 95;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 5.1-11;

**Gospel Reading:** John 4.5-42

***"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."***

***C.S. Lewis***

**Praying for each other:** During March our prayer focus, as we bring all of our church family and friends before God over the year, is on those whose surnames begin with the letters I, J, K and L. Please pray that each person will have the faith and courage to keep going through present challenges, and experience an Easter that is full of resurrection hope.

**Praying for the World:** As once again we witness war in the Middle East please pray for a quick halt to all violence, and for the protection of those innocent civilians who are caught up in conflicts not of their making. Pray for people of vision and reconciliation who can lead us all to a safer and fairer world.

**Praying for the Church:** Please pray for our partner churches who together form our proposed Minster Community - especially this week the people of the Fleckney and Wistow churches, and the Church of the Nativity in Aylestone Park. With others across our diocese please also pray for the people and leaders of Holy Trinity, Leicester; St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park; and St James the Greater, Leicester.

In particular please pray this week for **Dr John Chipolombwe, 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, 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 – **Blankley 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 [adrian.jones@zoho.com](mailto:adrian.jones@zoho.com) or Jane [administrator@stquthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stquthlac-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 March:** Take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during **The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13-Sunday 29 March)**, the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. See if there's a litter pick in your local area or consider organising your own - after church on Sunday or with a youth group for example. Pray for your local area as you do the litter pick and ask God for opportunities to share why you are doing it. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean> or search for "Great British Spring Clean". But don't wait for the date - let's actively look to protect our environment on a daily basis.

**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)

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

Sunday at 10.30am

15 <sup>th</sup> March	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough & Revd Adrian Jones
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
29 <sup>th</sup> March	BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S	
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
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.

**Peter and Mary Smith:** You'll be sorry to hear that both Peter and Mary Smith, long-time members of St Mary's, have died. Their daughter Annette wrote to us to say: *"My father passed away in June 2025 and my mother, this year on 12th February. They had attended St Mary's weekly since they moved to the parish in 1957, up until Covid. In January '25, and in failing health, we moved them to be near my older sister in the Isle of Wight. It had been my father's dearest wish to live there, and he had a good few months of seeing the sea and reliving happier times there...Given their long association with St Mary's, we would like to arrange a memorial service for them on Friday 1st May at 11:00."*

I'm sure you join me in sending sincere condolences to all the family, and if you knew Peter and Mary then please do consider coming to this special service when we will give thanks for their lives and their friendship as part of our Christian family and community here. *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](mailto:churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk). If you

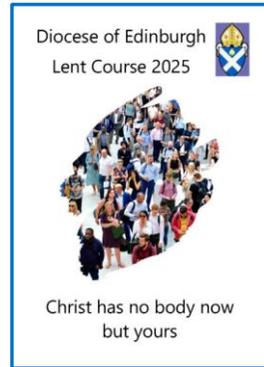
are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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



**LENT is here!** 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*

## **Update from Bishop Christopher about the Mobile Clinics in Malawi:**

This is by way of an update and also to thank you to all at St Guthlac for your sustained generosity and awareness of all that the clinic and its outreach means.

With your unstinting help we have been able to do the following:

- continue vital monthly visits to the villages during the dry season.
- 10 visits alone during the 5 months of the dry season - the rainy season began in November.
- 450/500 patients seen each month and the number grows
- a wide range and numerous medical conditions treated
- these include a high incidence of respiratory diseases - asthma, chest infection and cancers
- skin conditions such as scabies, fungal infections and eczema have been the most numerous
- Food supplements - Likuni Phala - given to the most vulnerable to help combat the silent killer of malnutrition: pregnant women and under 5s.
- 114 cases of nutritional concern were recorded.
- a local and innovative partnership forged between the mobile clinic, Mzuzu Rotary and Eyesight Universal has brought eyecare and glasses to the villagers.
- purchase of care and diagnostic equipment
- participation in a Polio Prevention Campaign.
- registration with the Medical Council of Malawi necessary for our continuation.
- each trip costs about £620

You have enabled the treatment to be more comprehensive and professional. In addition eye tests and glasses are now being offered on clinic visits to Chamalala.

In mid January it was reported by the BBC that Malawi's energy regulator has hiked petrol prices by more than 40% marking the second time fuel costs have gone up in four months. This impacts significantly on the running cost of the clinic. Fuel is a very large expense and it increases the costs of drugs too.

Equipment Shortage: A lack of dedicated screening hinders patients' privacy and medicine dispensing tables hinders what the team call the 'clinical flow' of patients.

I have asked Dr John Chipolombwe to send him the unit cost of folding screens and dispensing tables but is not sure when these may arrive. Dr John was discharged a week ago from hospital following major back surgery and has to wear a neck brace for 6 weeks. He is recovering but it all may take a little time.

Thank you all again and God bless all our efforts going forward.  
+ Christopher

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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>

# **Free Film Night**

## **at St Guthlac's Church**

**Holbrook Rd**

**LE2 3LF**

All welcome!



## **Driving Miss Daisy**

**(Cert U, 94 mins)**

**Tues 7.00pm 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Fiercely independent, and penny-pinching Miss Daisy (Jessica Tandy) is appalled when her nephew decides she is too old to drive and hires her a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman)..... This American comedy won the Academy Award for best picture of 1989.

**Free refreshments and the  
chance to socialise**