

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 22nd March 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

The Collect and Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14;

Psalm 130;

2nd Reading: Romans 8.6-11;

Gospel Reading: John 11.1-45



Praying through this week

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: *the Collect for Peace*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom

those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,

till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;

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.

Praying for the Church: Please continue to pray for our new Archbishop, Sarah Mullally - that God will strengthen her for the task ahead and give her the wisdom and insight needed to guide the Church. Pray that she will be encouraged and know God's peace through all the ups and downs of this challenging calling. Pray too for our partner churches in the proposed Minster Community, especially this week the group tasked with writing our proposal for the Bishop to consider.

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 – **Elms 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 or Jane administrator@stquthlac-knighton.co.uk

Holy Week and Easter in Knighton 2026

Easter is, of course, the greatest Christian celebration of the year. The joy of the resurrection only comes after the suffering of the cross however, so we shouldn't be too quick to jump to Easter Sunday without passing thoughtfully through Holy Week.

Alongside the newsletter this Sunday is a booklet of reflections for each day of Holy Week, relating to our Lent theme of "*Christ has no body now but yours*". Even if you've missed a Sunday or two and been unable to join our Lent discussion groups, you'll find these daily thoughts will help you with a reflective preparation for the celebration of Easter Day.

Do try, as well, to come to one of the special services in Holy Week, and of course, join Christians around the world as we share Communion on Easter Day itself. *Adrian*

Our services in Knighton during Holy Week are as follows:

Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm at St Guthlac's - a Communion service to remember the last supper and the betrayal of Jesus.

Good Friday, 10.30am at St Guthlac's – "The Seven last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross' by Jospeh Haydn, played by the University of Leicester String Quartet, with a sequence of poems by Richard Gill.

Good Friday, 2pm at St Mary's – Meditation at the Cross, remembering the last hour of Jesus's life, and his crucifixion, with hymns and readings.

Easter Day, 10.30am - Sung Eucharist to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Day, at both churches.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday April 19th at 12 noon.

Please make a note of this important date in the Church's year. If you would like to be nominated as a PCC member, Deanery Synod member or church warden, for election at the meeting, or would like to know more about these roles, please let me know. **Lesley Meakin (PCC secretary).**

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete a form which can be found on the notice board at the back of church, or contact Jane Wright administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk. Completed forms must be returned to Jane by 29th March if you wish to be entitled to vote at the APCM. The 'Notice of Revision' posted on the internal church noticeboard gives details of eligibility. Thank you.

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

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.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

29 th March	BENEFICE PALM SUNDAY EUCHARIST AT ST. MARY'S	
5 th April	Easter Sunday Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
12 th April	All Age Worship	
19 th April	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & 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 3rd / offertory hymn or at a suitable point in non-Eucharist services.

Date for your diaries.

St. Guthlac's Spring Fayre. Saturday 16th May 2026. 11:00am – 2:00pm

Spring will be soon be upon us, so our thoughts turn to our Spring Fayre! Last year you very kindly and generously helped make this event a tremendous success. It would be wonderful if you could do the same again. **Please put the date in your diaries.**

We are starting to collect items for the stalls. Donations of tins and bottles for the tombola. Jigsaw puzzles which have all the pieces – there will be a box at the back of church. Cakes, biscuits, preserves etc will be needed on Friday 15th May or Saturday am. Plants in any shape or form would be most welcome. If you are able to plant seeds, take cuttings or pot up surplus plants from your garden or your neighbours' that would be fantastic. We can provide plant pots if needed. The plant stall is very popular with the local community.

Gardening Party - Sunday 28th March 2:00 - 4:00 pm: Please do come along and help prepare the garden so it's looking it's best for Easter and beyond. We'll generally be doing some tidying up both in the front garden and at the space to the rear of the church hall. If you're able to help that would be fantastic to see you. Fiona

Mothers' Union Fellowship. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 24th March** when we will welcome our Diocesan President, Ruth Fryer, who will give an illustrated talk about her visit to Tanzania last year. As always, non-members are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 1.30 for a 2pm start. LP

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.

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>



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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>

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH
HOLBROOK ROAD LE2 3LF**



10.30 am Friday 3rd April 2026

**The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the
Cross
By Joseph Haydn**

**With a sequence of poems on the Seven Last Words
by Richard Gill**

**University of Leicester
String Quartet**

ALL WELCOME