

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, there will be a Benefice Palm Sunday Eucharist service at St. Mary's.

There will be **no service at St. Guthlac's.**

### The Collect and Readings for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and  
humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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 50.4-9a;

**Psalm 31.9-16;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2.5-11;

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 26.14 - 27.66



*Praying through this week*

**Praying for each other:** During the month of April please continue to pray for our fellow members of the congregation and

church family, especially this month those whose surnames begin with the letters M, N, O and P. Pray that they will know the presence of Jesus walking alongside them and that they will feel warmed by the encouragement of his story told throughout the Bible.

**Praying for the World:** Please pray that the war in the Middle East will come to a swift conclusion. Pray for restraint and a fresh move towards reconciliation and co-operation, even between those who feel like enemies. Pray for all the ordinary people whose lives have been shattered by warfare, conflict, injury and death.

**Praying for the Church:** Please give thanks for the installation of our new Archbishop Sarah. Pray for the world-wide Anglican Communion and for a growing sense of partnership between different provinces. This week please also pray for our own Cathedral of St Martin - for the clergy, staff and congregation. Pray for a strong sense of purpose and place within our city and diocese.

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 Court**.

*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)*

## 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 last Sunday was a booklet of reflections for each day of Holy Week, relating to our Lent theme of "*Christ has no body now but yours*". They are also available at the back of church. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk). Completed forms must be returned to Jane by 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
12 <sup>th</sup> April	All Age Worship	Tina Jarvis
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Cecilia Adjadje
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Prayer & Church Club	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.

## **Date for your diaries.**

### **St. Guthlac's Spring Fayre. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 - Saturday 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

**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](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>



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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>

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HOLBROOK ROAD LE2 3LF**



**10.30 am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**