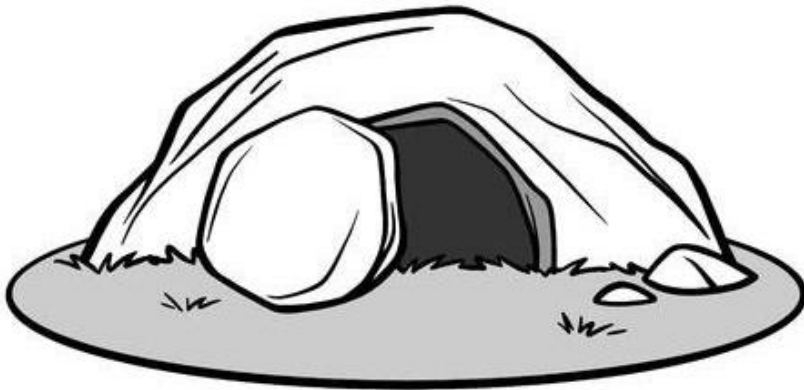


# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac  
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**&**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

### **The Collect and Readings for Easter Sunday**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. Amen

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 10.34-43;

**Psalm 118.1-2,14-24;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4;

**Gospel Reading:** John 20.1-18

### **The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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:** Acts 2.14a,22-32;

**Psalm 16;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 1.3-9;

**Gospel Reading:** John 20.19-31



## *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:** As we remember the Resurrection hope that is Christ's gift to us and our message to the world, let's pray for new peace and reconciliation around all places of conflict and suffering. Pray that God will strengthen and encourage all those working for the good of others, and protect the vulnerable everywhere.

**Praying for the Church:** Pray for Christian's everywhere and especially in places of danger and persecution. Pray that we will all be faithful and joyful, and ready to love God and all our neighbours as ourselves.

In particular please pray this week for, **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 – **Elmsleigh Avenue & Llewellyn 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@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)*

**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

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
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Eucharist	
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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**David Hunt** \*\*\*\* \*  
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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.

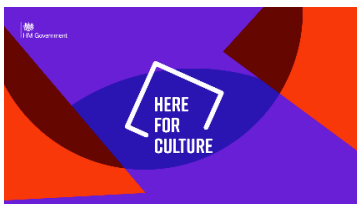
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# **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH LEICESTER** **ORGAN RECITALS 2026**

Third Thursday of each month at 1pm

April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Iain Harvey-Ashenhurst - St Giles Church, Lincoln
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	David Crick – Hinckley United Reformed Church
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anne DeGraeve – Freelance organist
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easher Austin - St Leonards, Swithland, organ scholar, St James the Greater
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Simon Murphy – Rothley Parish Church
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pavlos Triantaris - St Swithan's Church, Lincoln.

The April recital will be for 1 hour, in celebration of Maureen Belcher, a longstanding member of the church who arranged the previous series of recitals and will include a talk by Iain on his work in refurbishing the organ at St Margaret's Church. Other recitals will be for half an hour.



# MUSIC IN INTERCULTURAL WORSHIP

AN EVENING OF  
SHARING AND  
DISCUSSION

MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
OF APRIL  
18.30

AT ST NICHOLAS  
CHURCH LEICESTER  
CITY CENTRE  
LE1 4LB

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH  
LEICESTER INVITES YOU TO JOIN  
AN EVENING OF SINGING AND  
JAMMING TOGETHER AS WE  
SHARE SONGS FROM THE ST  
NICHOLAS SONGBOOK.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SPACE TO  
SHARE REFLECTIONS AND  
EXPLORE THESE TOGETHER. WE  
WOULD ALSO LOVE FOR YOU TO  
BRING SONGS FROM YOUR  
OWN COMMUNITIES AND  
CONTEXTS TO SHARE.



## **Annual Church meetings Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon in St Guthlac's Church**

Please do come along if you can to this important event in the church's calendar. Churchwardens will be elected first at the 'Meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens' at which anyone living in the parish can vote, followed by the 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting' which will include the election of members to the Deanery Synod and PCC by those on the electoral roll, PCC annual report, presentation of the accounts, Electoral Roll report and Deanery Synod report. Some printed copies of the APCM brochure are available in the welcome area for those who don't have an e-mailed copy. **New PCC members would be very welcome! If you would like to be nominated for election as a PCC or Deanery Synod member, please let me know. Lesley Meakin PCC Secretary**

**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>



## **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.

## **Eco Tip for APRIL**

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags.

- For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open)
- For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes.
- For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April.

As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH  
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**