

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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18 January 2015 Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30 am Matins

6.30 pm SLCP Christian Unity

service at St Mary Magdalen

WELCOME TO ANY OF YOU VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME!

Please announce yourself to one of our welcomers and sign in the welcome book so that we get to know you by name! Also, please introduce yourself to Revd Richard or one of the Churchwardens. St Guthlac's is YOUR local church. We feel part of the local community and we hope that you will feel part of the church community. **We have a welcome sheet:** please ask for one if it is not handed to you on arrival.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Monday 19 January, 7pm	Worship Committee
Tuesday 20 January, 7.30 pm	Social planning meeting (welcome area)
Tuesday 20 January, 7.30 pm	SEMP PMAG (St John's)
Wednesday 21 January, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 22 January, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 January, 12 noon	SLCP Week of Prayer: St Guthlac's
Sunday 25 January, 10.30 am	Communion for All

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Chris Bean** and **Rev'd George Dunseth** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Rachel Stevens** who has died recently and keep **Bishop Tim and Wendi** in your prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

EBOLA CRISIS APPEAL (DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE AND CHRISTIAN AID) Christian Aid envelopes are available for you to support this appeal. The explosive spread of Ebola in West Africa is not just killing the infected but ripping apart health services, devastating communities, and destroying people's ability to support themselves. More than 4500 people have died and over 10,000 have been infected by the Ebola virus. The outbreak is not only a health crisis, but also a humanitarian crisis with global dimensions.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2015

The week runs from Sunday 18-25th. United Service will be held at St Mary's at the beginning of the week. Theme: The Well is Deep, prepared by Churches in Brazil. <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/681>

Daily Plan for the Pilgrimage:

Day 1	SUNDAY 18th at 6:30pm	St Mary's
	<i>Lunchtimes at 12:00</i>	
Day 2	Mon	Christchurch
Day 3	Tues	St Thomas
Day 4	Wed <i>at 12.30</i>	Friends
Day 5	Thurs	St Guthlac's
Day 6	Fri	St Mary's
Day 7	Sat	St John the Baptist

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WORLD WAR I EXHIBITION for further information see <http://www.leicester.anglican.org/blogs/details/knighton-remembers-exhibition>

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<http://www.believingoutloud.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/resolutions.jpg>

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES I expect that some of us have used the period of Christmas and the New Year to make some sort of New Year Resolution: we will do XXXX differently this year, won't we? The cover image reminds us that all too often this spirit of resolution doesn't endure for long, and we forget what it was that we decided to do during the first week of the new year. Two weeks ago in the Newsletter I discussed the importance of our strategy for recruiting more volunteers: **Many Hands make Light Work. I have asked for copies of this document to be made available on the table at the back of church: please read this very carefully because it is of central importance for the success of our church.**

Last Sunday, I referred to the North American Anglican Catechism (2013-14), which has a section entitled 'living Christianly'. I implied that this was an 'American English' rather than an 'English English' usage of the term. Further reflection suggests that this is an error. 'Christen' is an Anglo-Saxon adjective (see Sweet's *Anglo-Saxon Reader*, 313) from which we derive (among other things) the term 'Christening' (for baptism). By Late Middle English (c. 1375-1425), we have the term 'Christianly' which, as an adjective means 'like a Christian' or 'Christianlike'; as an adverb it means 'in a Christian manner'. So the term was taken by the pilgrim fathers and others to America and has remained more in use there than here.

There is an American website called TC for 'think Christianly' (<http://www.thinkchristianly.org/>) which exists to 'help Christians understand what they believe, why they believe it, and why it matters'. In the vision statement of the Catechism Task Force of the Anglican Church of North America:

<http://anglicanchurch.net/?/main/catechism>), it is recognized that 'the contemporary Church has failed to train up her children in the admonition of the Lord. Children raised in the Church from the font of baptism often abandon the faith when they graduate high school and move away from home. This consistent problem in late 20th/early 21st century Anglicanism, and North American Christianity in general, tells us that the typical educational programme – including the curriculum, youth ministry, Sunday school programme for all ages and Bible Studies – of the average parish is deficient in raising up a godly generation to build, lead, and serve the kingdom of God. Rather than displaying a life transformed by Christ in the Church, the Church's children often show that they've been discipled effectively by the surrounding culture.'

'In an age of hyper-individualism, where the self is the exalted god of the age, we must state certain things which would have been taken for granted in centuries past. We therefore have to emphasize that catechesis takes place within the community of the local church; it is not primarily an intellectual pursuit to be gone about in private with a stack of books. Catechesis is formation and education of the heart, head, body, emotions, and will – in short, the whole person. Furthermore, a student becomes like his teacher... A new believer cannot grow into maturity without teachers and friends in the body of the Christ.'

Keeping in touch with the EARS model. I have asked for a number of copies of Chris Howson's article to be placed on the table at the back of the Church. In this he describes in more detail the EARS model, which could be of considerable interest and potential importance in developing and shaping the future ministry of St Guthlac's. Please take a copy and reflect on it, as well as making suggestions about possible changes for our consideration. The slips and pencils are also on the table at the back of the Church for your suggestions.

SOCIAL PLANNING MEETING on **Tuesday 20th January** 7.30pm in the Welcome Area. We will be discussing fund raising ideas for 2015; please attend if you can, everyone is welcome, many hands make light work!

KNIGHTON MOTHERS' UNION are looking forward to welcoming Ruth Fryer, Deanery Leader, to our meeting on **Tuesday 27th January**. Ruth is going to talk about her experiences during her recent trip to Nepal. We extend a warm welcome to all who would like to attend this meeting, which will be held in the Parish Centre Lounge beginning at 2.30 p.m.

MESSY CHURCH at Stoneygate Baptist Church on **Friday 30th January** 3.30pm-5.45pm. Children of all ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The theme is New Start and includes the story of Noah's Ark. The session ends with a meal.

SOUTH KNIGHTON COMMUNITY EVENTS invite you to an evening of song. This will be led by David Toseland and will be held in Holbrook Hall on **7th February**. Everyone welcome. Ann Allsop

BABY EQUIPMENT NEEDED for prospective grandparents! Richard and Margaret are expecting a happy event in May - birth of 1st grandchild, all being well. If anyone has any of those many large items needed by small babies, eg cots, pushchairs, high chairs, which they no longer need, please think of moving them on to us! We would be most grateful for any offers. 2125677 or email mmbonney@gmail.com

CHURCH URBAN FUND. £363 has been raised in lieu of sending Christmas cards. Thank you.

OPEN HANDS Thank you for the generous donations made to Open Hands at the nativity gift service.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thank you to everyone who helped or supported this event. We have raised in excess of **£1030**. The Fair Trade stall raised **£180**.

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please contact us at the latest by 9 am Friday for material to be included in the next weekly newsletter. administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk