

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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10.30 am All Age Worship

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

Wednesday 4 February, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 5 February, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 5 February, 6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Sunday 8 February, 10.30 am	Matins
Sunday 8 February, 6.30 pm	SEMP songs of praise: St Mary's

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Saty French, Mary Hind, Violet Magee, John Eckersley** and **Revd George Dunseth** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Philip Tyler, Roy Freeman, Frank Nicholl, Sandie Funnell-Bailey** and **Rachel Stevens** who have 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 4,500 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.

Cover image from: The Leprosy Mission

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES **World Leprosy Day was on 25 January.** The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian charity with 140 years of experience. Through The Leprosy Mission's global family a population of 305 million people in around 30 leprosy-affected countries is served. **Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease associated with poverty. It is easily cured. Leprosy starts by damaging the small nerves on the skin's surface resulting in a loss of sensation. Without the gift of pain, everyday activities are fraught with danger.** Unnoticed burns and ulcers can lead to permanent disability. Due to the inability to detect grit in the eye, blindness is a common consequence of leprosy.

One of the things the Mission calls for, apart from our financial support, is our support through prayer. Here are some prayers from their prayer calendar. **26 January - 1 February** Pray for James from TLM as he visits the Danish Bangladesh Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh this week. Pray that plans for the new hospital building are progressing well. **2-8 February** Give thanks for our faithful supporters in the Isle of Man. Pray that they will enjoy a fresh expression of our work in the 'Island to Island' challenge and be inspired to continue supporting people affected by leprosy. **9-15 February** Pray for the 14th World Congress on Global Public Health, taking place in Kolkata, India from 11-15 Feb. Pray that The Leprosy Mission's voice will be heard and that the Congress will be pivotal in bringing about change which will influence governments, agencies and institutions around the world, to meet the challenge of improving people's health. **16-22**

February 20 Feb is World Day of Social Justice. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said, "The gap between the poorest and the wealthiest around the world is wide and growing. We must do more to empower individuals through decent work, support people through social protection, and ensure the voices of the poor and marginalised are heard." Give thanks for The Leprosy Mission's work around the world through which we strive to break the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness. **23 February - 1 March** Pray for TLM's Programmes Team as they attend meetings in Thailand to share experiences and best practice with other members of The Leprosy Mission's Global Fellowship. Pray that they will hear God's will for TLM and come away with lasting friendships. **2-8 March** On International Women's Day (8 Mar) please pray for all women affected by leprosy, that they will be empowered to stand up for their rights and inspired to advocate for advancement. Pray for God's favour on TLM's work in these areas. **9-15 March** Give thanks for The Leprosy Mission's presence at the 8th Annual Poverty and Social Protection Conference from 9-15 March in Bangkok, Thailand. Pray that best practice will be shared and that new approaches to poverty reduction and social equality will be developed. Give thanks also for the networking opportunities available to NGOs working in this field. **16-20 March** Give thanks for Richard O'Brien's service as Disability Advisor at TLM-Myanmar. Pray that God will strengthen and sustain him as he returns to his life in the UK at the end of March. Give thanks that the Lord knows our every need before we even ask! **23-27 March** Pray for the appeals being sent out over these three months; that they would touch people's hearts to continue to respond generously. **'If you bring a grain offering of first fruits to the Lord, offer crushed heads of new grain roasted in the fire. Put oil and incense on it; it is a grain offering.'** **Leviticus 2:14-15 (NIV)**. **'I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!'** **Isaiah 65:24 (NLT)**. The Leprosy Mission England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5GZ Tel: 01733 370505 Email: post@TLMEW.org.uk leprosymission.org.uk

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS: AVOIDING THE LONGEST SERMON EVER? A 31-year-old pastor in Mount Dora, Florida, recently set the record for the longest sermon ever preached. Pastor Zach Zehnder of Cross Church began his quest on Fri. Nov. 7, and by Sunday had preached for 53 hours and 18 minutes.

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

KNIGHTON REMEMBERS WORLD WAR I EXHIBITION for further information see <http://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>

LENT COURSE BOOK. The Worship Committee has selected the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2015 by Desmond Tutu. Copies are available to borrow or purchase. There will be two discussion meetings: on **Sunday 22 March** at 4 pm in the Welcome Area, and on **Sunday 19 April** at the same time, same place: both meetings will last about an hour and refreshments will be served.

Due to other commitments there will be NO Parish Walk TODAY, 1st Feb. The next walk will start from St Mary's Church at 2pm on 1st March.

MEMBERS OF THE ST. GUTHLAC CONGREGATION: MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK We are endeavouring to compile a complete list of activities undertaken by members of the congregation which enrich the life of the church. There is a huge amount which the congregation of a volunteer church undertakes and we would like to celebrate the wealth of help and thank all those who give in whatever way. Please will everyone who feels they help in any way, however small, let Tina have a note of the activities they undertake. Delivering leaflets, cleaning the church, growing plants to sell at the fayres, giving lifts to members of the congregation, helping run Bubbles, preparing services and gardening are just few things that you might be involved with. Thank you. PCC.

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

MEMORY CAFES CELEBRATION EVENTS. The Knighton Memory Café and Holbrook Memory Café are celebrating their second year in Leicester for people who have a diagnosis of dementia and their carers. The Memory Cafes provide information on living well with dementia and enable their carers to have a better understanding of the condition. A range of activities are undertaken each month. Two celebration events are planned for the two memory cafes in February. Holbrook Memory Café **13th February 2015** – St Guthlac's Church, 1.30 - 3.30pm Knighton Memory Café **25th February 2015** – St Thomas More Community Rooms, Knighton Rd, Leicester, LE2 3HN – 1.30 – 3.30pm

KNIGHTON PLAYERS will be performing Sinbad on **Friday 20th March 7.30pm and Saturday 21st March 2.30pm and & 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets (adults £6, children £4) are available from Jane Wright (St. Guthlac's), Tanya Willis (St. Mary's), or knightonplayers@ntlworld.com.

RAFFLE Could you provide a **raffle prize**? If so, please contact Jane Wright or Judi and Bernard Stone. Thank you

MISSING! If anyone has borrowed the enamel plates, plastic fruit, chicken etc. from the Knighton Players props box in Holbrook Hall, please can they return them ASAP as they are needed in the current production. Thank you.

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