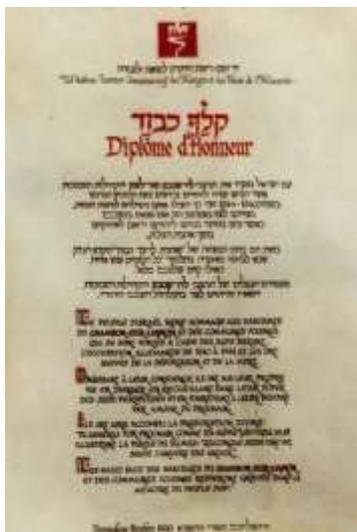


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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8 February 2015

10.30 am Matins

NOTE: SEMP Songs of Praise cancelled

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 11 February, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 12 February, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 12 February, 6.45pm	Knighton Players rehearsal
Friday 13 February, 1.30pm	Memory Café (NEW TIME)
Sunday 15 February, 10.30 am	Communion for All
Sunday 15 February, 6.30 pm	SEMP songs of praise: CANCELLED

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Dorothy Wollaston, Aileen Orme, Saty French, Mary Hind, Violet Magee, John Eckersley** and **Gerry Markwick** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Philip Tyler, Roy Freeman, Frank Mee, Canon David Galilee, Frank Nicholl** and **Sandie Funnell-Bailey**. 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: <http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/righteous/stories/trocme.asp>

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES 'In a world of total moral collapse there was a small minority who mustered extraordinary courage to uphold human values. These were the Righteous Among the Nations. They stand in stark contrast to the mainstream of indifference and hostility that prevailed during the Holocaust. Contrary to the general trend, these rescuers regarded the Jews as fellow human beings who came within the bounds of their universe of obligation' (Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Centre in Israel).

The cover illustration depicts the Yad Vashem diploma of honour awarded to the small French village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and surrounding area as a place of Righteous Gentiles, recognizing the number of Jews who were saved from the Nazis by the Protestant pastor, André Trocmé, and 34 other inhabitants of the village. This Protestant village, it pronounces, 'became a haven for Jews fleeing from the Nazis and their French collaborators'. 'With their history of persecution as a religious minority in Catholic France, empathy for Jews as the people of the Old Testament, and the powerful leadership and example of their pastor André Trocmé and his wife, Magda, the people of Le Chambon acted on their conviction that it was their duty to help their "neighbours" in need.' The Yad Vashem memorial to Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and neighbouring communities contains a quotation from the Prophet Isaiah: 'thy people also shall all be righteous' (Isaiah 60:21).

An article by Alicia J. Batten published in 2010 looks at the materials used by Pastor Trocmé and how his message of welcome was spread among his congregation. Under his predecessor there had been weekly neighbourhood meetings at peoples' homes which focused upon biblical studies. Moreover, there were Sunday afternoon meetings, which had been characterized by lively discussion of biblical issues and critical theological questions. Trocmé held biblical studies meetings with 13 members of the parish every two weeks during the war years. The pastor would meet with these people, many of them youth leaders, and work through a discussion of biblical passages and prayers addressing how these issues applied to the community: 'it was there, and not elsewhere, that answers from God came regarding the complicated problems we had to resolve for the housing and hiding of Jews in the coming months. It was there that we conceived of non-violent resistance'.

In 1943–1944 the biblical studies group examined the teachings and parables of Jesus. The approach was guided by six thematic questions: 1) What is the mission, message and method to be disciples of Christ in the world? 2) How to enter into the service of Christ or the kingdom of God? 3) How does that which Jesus has done for us make us capable of serving him? 4) How is repentance central? 5) How can we remain in the service of Christ? 6) As judgment awaits us all, how must we be prepared? For example, when focusing upon discipleship he combines three ideas: love of neighbour, moral revolution, and prudence. For his thesis he guides the group to read the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37), Matthew's teaching about the sheep and the goats and the notion of caring for the 'least of these' (Matt 25:31–46), and several other illustrations of love of others. Then he asks if one can speak of the love of God without manifesting the love of neighbour. He enquires about what happens if a Christian preaches the gospel but fails to care for others.

After the award by Yad Vashem to Le Chambon, Joseph Loconte wrote: 'The remarkable deeds of grace at Le Chambon remind us that the Christian gospel is, fundamentally, a story about a rescue mission. It is a narrative of redemptive love in the face of great evil. It was this message that helped sustain those faithful villagers in the French Alps and in all their other outposts of mercy during Nazism's raging storm. "Greater love has no one than this," Jesus said, "than when a man lays down his life for his friends."'

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

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

HELP WITH MAY FAYRE Please see the accompanying sheet with details of help that can be given to enable the fayre to go ahead. Information and advice will be given to anyone who is unsure about volunteering for any of the tasks. If you feel that you are only able to undertake part of a task, please sign the sheet accordingly as others may be able to do the bits you are unable to do! No one will be left to struggle on their own, so please speak up. Thank you PCC.

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

PARISH WALK The next walk will start from St Mary's on 1st March at 2pm.

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

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.

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.

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.

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