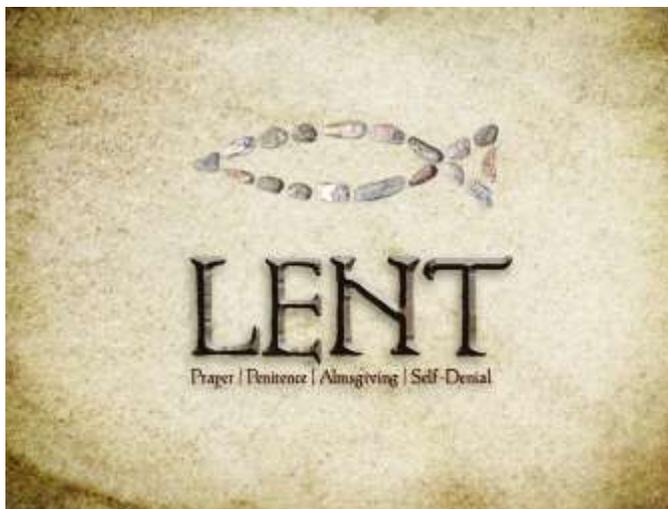


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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22 February 2015

10.30 am Communion for All (Lent 1)

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 23 February, 7pm	Worship Committee
Thursday 26 February, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26 February, 2.30 pm	Celebration of the life of Bill Parker (St MM)
Thursday 26 February, 6.45 pm	Knighthon Players Rehearsal
Sunday 1 March, 10.30 am	Communion for All
Sunday 1 March, 11.45am	May Fayre meeting

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Dorothy Wollaston, Jan and Bob Newell, Aileen Orme, Saty French, Mary Hind, and Gerry Markwick** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Violet Magee, Philip Tyler, Roy Freeman, Frank Mee, and Canon David Galilee**. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Today, the Southern Edge Mission Partnership (SEMP) pioneer minister, Ali Simpson-Smith, visits St Guthlac's. It's a good moment to take stock of the work that the Edge Project has been doing over the last six years with the support of the seven churches in the partnership including ourselves. This is the current position. More is expected once a sessional worker has been recruited.

Youth Café: 51 different young people attended at least once in the last quarter with a usual attendance in the 20s. There are currently 3 young adult leaders (Matthew, Tom and Laura), 2 adult leaders (Elaine and Sarah) and 3 young leaders aged 12 and 13. Some outside speakers have been invited. A 'ticket' system to encourage positive behaviour is proving a success. The young adult leaders have talked positively about the effect of their work on their own career development (e.g. possibly following youth work as a career choice).

Spaces: This is a new initiative providing a spiritual space for young people to run twice a month.

Football: The team remains undefeated and has reached the cup semi-finals. There has been a recent committee meeting and it has been decided to concentrate initially on developing a 'football family' for the lads as a precursor to developing a church in future. Curry and ministry nights are being planned. £700 remains of the original £4,000 from the Parish Mission Fund and as the football costs approx. £600 per season, funds will need to be raised. A Football Ministry evening with refreshments will be arranged (ideally at Nativity) where people from the SEMP churches can meet the footballers and leaders and see a presentation on the project. Sponsorship ideas will be proposed eg match ball or player sponsorship. Craig and Pat will confirm a suitable date in late May. A presentation was held at Nativity at which Craig met Tabitha and Reuben, who are involved with a football project in Zimbabwe and it is proposed to forge links between the 2 football projects, starting in a small way by sending out kits. There is potential for an exchange of visits in future.

Ali writes about how football ministry has helped change the life of one of our more recent recruits (called James for the purpose of this story). James is a 31-year old man who lives on one of the local estates with his girlfriend and their children. James, who knew a member of our team, would turn up to watch the games with a friend who had an alcohol problem. They would sit on the side-lines and cheer us on, throw

banter at the ref and the other team and generally offer advice on how they thought the game should be played – like most side-line players! What was different about these guys was that during the match they would sink at least 3 cans of lager – at 10 am. It was fair to say that for James life had become about drinking at the weekends... until one weekend when we were running short of subs and our manager – throwing a kit at him, suggested James step up to the mark and play. This was the beginning of a new chapter for him as he rocked the pitch and scored a hat trick in his first game against Enderby, landing us a win of 3 -1 and a place in the cup semi-finals! James was thrilled and said he wanted to join the team. The following week he scored another hat trick, this time against Melbourne Hall, then another goal the following week against South Leicester Churches. Since joining the team James has seriously cut down the amount of alcohol he consumes, turns up for training each week, is a valued member of our team and has started making positive changes in his life with his children and girlfriend. If he can do all this just through a relationship with us as leaders imagine how much more he could do with a relationship with Jesus!

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.

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

SURPLUS BOOKS On the small table at the back of church are several bibles and old Sunday School books (mainly ladybird bible stories) which are surplus to requirements. If anyone can find a good home for them please feel free to take as many as you want, before they are disposed of.

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

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WALKING AND PRAYING WITH CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST Join with the South Leicester Christian Partnership for a pilgrimage of prayer and study through Lent at St. Thomas More, Knighton Road, **each Thursday of Lent** (19, 26 Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 March) at 7.30pm.

KNIGHTON MOTHERS UNION Our guest Speaker next Tuesday, **24th February**, is Heather Selvey-Willars, member of Burton Overy M.U. Heather and her family had strong connections with Knighton Parish in the past, and her chosen subject is "A Cornish Tale". We hope that this intriguing title will encourage members and friends to attend the Parish Centre Lounge, Brinsmead Road, at 2.30 p.m. on that day - all are truly welcome!"

MEMORY CAFES CELEBRATION EVENTS. The Knighton and Holbrook Memory Cafés are celebrating their second year in Leicester for people who have a diagnosis of dementia and their carers. They 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. The celebration for the Knighton Memory Café is on **25th February** at 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.**

MAY FAYRE Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. There is still help needed so if you are able to help in any way please sign the list in the welcome area. There will be a short meeting for all helpers after church on Sunday **March 1st** to run through the finer details to ensure everything is covered. If you have any queries about what you have signed up to do, please speak to Lesley, Ann, Anne or Jane.

MESSY CHURCH **Friday 6 March, 3.30–5.45pm** at Stoneygate Baptist Church. Fun craft activities on a Caribbean theme. Celebration: story, singing, prayer, especially for primary children and their parents/carers (all children must be accompanied) Delicious food (veggie option). Tell us you're coming if you can, or just turn up. We do need to know of any dietary needs (contact Rita). A joint venture of Stoneygate Baptist Church and St Mary's and St Guthlac's churches.

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. There will be two discussion meetings, on **Sunday 22 March** and **Sunday 19 April** at 4 pm in the Welcome Area; both meetings will last about an hour and refreshments will be served.

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