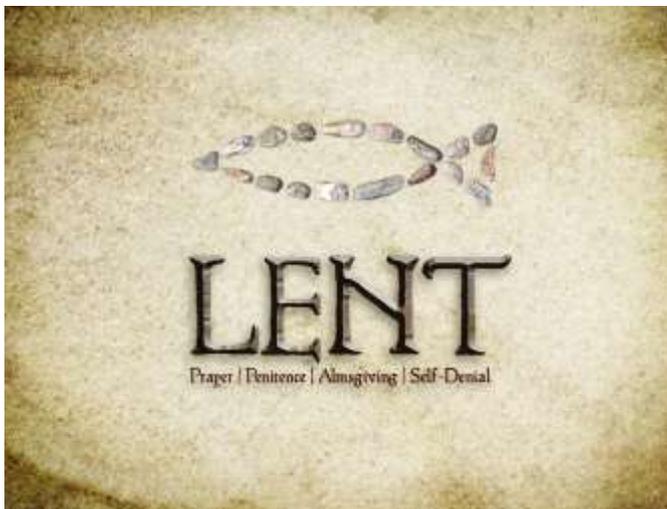


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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22 March 2015

10.30 am Matins (Lent 5)

4.00 pm Lent book discussion

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 March, 7.00 pm	Memory Cafes meeting (Welcome Area)
Wednesday 25 March, 1.30 pm	WWI presentation to Knighton Memory Café (Revd Richard)
Wednesday 25 March, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 26 March, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26 March, 7.30 pm	Jerusalem and Palestine presentation to the SLCP Lent meeting (Revd Richard)
Sunday 29 March, 10.30 am	Palm Sunday service
Sunday 29 March, 7.30 pm	Musical Service for Palm Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Jan and Bob Newell, Gerry Markwick, Sammy Davis and Veronica Brown** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Caroline who has died recently**. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH EXTENSION COMMENDED IN 2014 CIVIC SOCIETY AWARDS The Newsletter of the Leicester Civic Society states: 'St Guthlac's Church South Knighton was built by Stockdale Harrison in 1912. A small scale building, it provided no room for any modern facilities. The ingenious answer to this problem was to reconstruct the west façade at the end of an entirely new west bay that the casual visitor would be unaware was not a part of the original building. This purely local effort just shows what can be achieved by sympathetic alterations to our historic built environment. Commended.' There is a photograph of the Church by Peter Jones with the caption: 'Edwardian charm in suburbia. St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Road, South Knighton.'

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES The re-interment of King Richard III this weekend occurs after a long period of research, legal wrangling, reordering of the Cathedral and positive spin about the significance of the RIII experience in Leicester. A central part of the service will relate to the Book of Hours from the Lambeth Palace Library, which for a short period will be reunited with the coffin of the deceased king. What follows is drawn from the Lambeth Palace Library website. Books of Hours formed an important aspect of lay devotion in mediaeval England and included a series of prayers to be recited at specific hours of the day, paralleling the offices recited by monks, nuns and clergy, and thus helping the laity to unite their devotions to the church's liturgy. This particular Book of Hours is of special significance as its first known owner was King Richard III and it is thought that it would have been kept in his tent at the Battle of Bosworth. The volume includes a prayer which was apparently written by Richard in the first-person singular, praying for deliverance from various forms of affliction, sickness and danger. According to Professor Eamon Duffy, this was, in fact, a variation of a prayer which was included in many fifteenth-century primers and could be traced back to the Valois Dukes of Burgundy. However, an adaptation of this was included in Catholic prayer books following the Council of Trent, and came to form an important aspect of lay piety in the Counter-Reformation period. [E. Duffy, *Marking the Hours: English People and their Prayers, 1240-1570* (Yale, 2006), 100]. <http://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org/content/annunciation>

The prayer is reproduced on page four of the Newsletter.

The prayer is at <http://kingrichardinleicester.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/prayera3.pdf>

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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 TODAY** and **Sunday 19 April** at 4 pm in the Welcome Area; both meetings will last about an hour and refreshments will be served.

MOTHERS UNION Prayer and Fellowship, takes place on Tuesday, **24th March**, in St. Mary's Narthex at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends are invited to join with us.

EASTER FLOWERS Church will be decorated for Easter on Easter Saturday 4th April starting at 9.30am. Please sign up on the planner if you can offer to decorate a windowsill. New helpers very welcome. Please bring flowers if you are able (we usually have a yellow and white theme) but additional flowers and foliage are usually available. If you would like to donate towards Easter lilies there will be a container available. Thank you.

SENIORS' SATURDAY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP Sat 11th April 12.15 pm Senior members of the congregation are invited to the welcome area for lunch (soup, sandwiches and dessert) and conversation. Please sign up if you would like to come and indicate whether you require a lift. Cost £4.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING This will take place at **12 noon on Sunday 26th April** and will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Activities will be provided in the welcome area to entertain the children whilst the APCM is in progress. Please make a note in your diaries!

MAY FAYRE Monday 4 May. Toys and plants please Please bring along any unwanted, saleable children's toys, games, books and accessories as soon as possible. Please also bear the plant stall in mind when dividing your perennials and sowing your seeds!

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN! Thank you to you all for your service during the last year. Sidesmen will be re-elected at the AGM on 26th April, so if you don't wish your name to go forward, please let Lesley know.

NEW FACES ON THE PCC Please consider standing for election to the PCC at the AGM! There are several vacancies to fill for 3 or 2 year terms. Being on the PCC gives you the chance to help develop the work and worship of the church as well as to contribute to the smooth running of St Guthlac's. People of all age groups and interests will have something to contribute but younger adults are particularly invited to consider joining the committee to give balanced representation. No particular experience is required. Typically there are 9 or 10 meetings per year lasting 2 hrs. For further information or to fill in a nomination form please see Lesley. 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

Lord Jesus Christ, deign to free me,
your servant King Richard, from
every tribulation, sorrow and trouble in
which I am placed... hear me, in the
name of all your goodness, for which
I give thanks, and for all the gifts
granted to me, because you made me
from nothing and redeemed me out of
your bounteous Love and pity from
eternal damnation to promising
eternal Life.

PRAYER FROM RICHARD III'S BOOK OF HOURS
(LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY)

