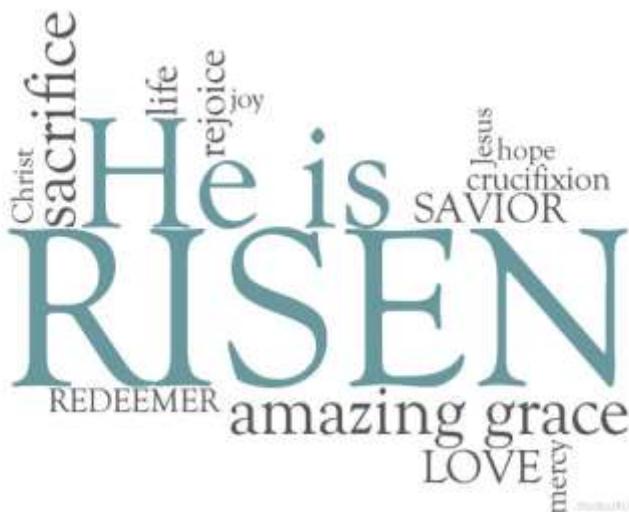


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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5 April 2015

10.30 am All Age Communion for All: Easter Sunday

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 8 April, 7.30 pm

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday 9 April, 9.30 am

NO SERVICE

Sunday 12 April, 10.30 am

Communion for All and Holy Baptism

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Margaret Adamson, Saty French, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Jan and Bob Newell, Norman England, Gerry Markwick, Sammy Davis, Margaret Sharpe, Marjorie O'Neill and Veronica Brown** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **John Orton** and **Paul Veryard** who have 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 Resurrection of Christ differs profoundly from the resurrection of Lazarus, who was brought back to life by Jesus as recorded in John's gospel, ch. 11. Jesus was not simply resuscitated. God restored him physically from death to life in his perfected and glorious body, never to die. His tomb was empty; Jesus had risen bodily from the dead. The risen Jesus was seen by his apostles (as we will recall in today's service) and by hundreds of other witnesses (1 Corinthians 15: 3-8).

Following his resurrection, Jesus spent forty days visiting and teaching his followers. He appeared to his disciples, spoke to them, invited them to touch him and see his scars and ate with them (John 20: 19-23; Luke 24:13-49; Acts: 1:3).

Easter, Ascension and Pentecost are not a succession of seasons. Rather, Eastertide encompasses the three events of the resurrection, the ascension and the coming of the Spirit. Thus the Easter greeting (Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**) and the Easter dismissal (Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**) remain suitable throughout this period of 'the great fifty days' from Easter to Pentecost on 24 May this year.

The Resurrection is the centre of our faith. If it had not occurred, in Paul's words, '[o]ur faith is futile and [we] are still in [o]ur sins' (1 Corinthians 15:17). In the light of the Resurrection, we believe among other things:

- that Christ is our 'foothold' in heaven
- that the Resurrection, as our, hope, is in the person Christ.
- that the world, which was groaning for salvation, has it in the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- that JOY is the infallible sign of the Resurrection.
- that the resurrection is the fullness of the joy of life.
- that if we treat someone as they can be with God's love, we call forth the Resurrection of Christ in that person.
- that if we look toward the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we become what we see.
- that the Resurrection is lived by claiming it.
- that the Resurrection is the fullness of life.
- that eye has not seen and ear has not heard what awaits us in the fullness of what Christ has won for us in his passion, death and resurrection (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Drawing upon Enriching the Christian Year; Anglican Catechism of North America; and http://spiritualprogressives.org/newsite/?page_id=1065

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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

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? Would you like to play in our small, informal and friendly band on one Sunday morning each month? We'd love to have some extra players. Please speak to Margaret or one of the band members for more information, or email mmbonney@gmail.com.

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.

LENT COURSE BOOK. The Worship Committee has selected the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2015 by Desmond Tutu. The second discussion meeting will be on **Sunday 19 April** at 4 pm in the Welcome Area; it will last about an hour and refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING This will take place at **12 noon** on **Sunday 26 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!

PARISH WALK Due to the first Sunday in April falling on Easter Day the next walk will be on **Sunday 3 May** starting from St Guthlac's Church at 2pm. Further details in due course.

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.

THANK YOU for your generous donations of prizes for the raffles held at the 3 productions of Sinbad in the Parish Centre last week. The total raised was £284.05p.

QUIET GARDENS SCHEME There are some pink leaflets available with details of this year's scheme. If you would like to try a session, why not see if you can get others to join you and share transport?

OVERDALE INFANTS SCHOOL are raising money for new playground equipment via the Waitrose Community Matters scheme. If you shop at Waitrose, Overdale would be very grateful if you would put your token in their section. Thank you.