

## ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



### CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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**12 April 2015**

**10.30 am All Age Communion and Holy Baptism**

### **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 15 April, 7.30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 16 April, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 19 April, 10.30 am

Matins

Sunday 19 April, 4.00 pm

Lent book: Second discussion meeting

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL** We have been asked to keep **Margaret Adamson, Saty French, Ann Spring, Dorothy Wollaston, Jan and Bob Newell, Norman England, 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** Each and every baptism is a special occasion for our Church. 'In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him.' When Jesus died on the Cross, He took our sins onto Himself. He paid the price of our sins. This means that we can be forgiven even though we don't deserve it. The water of Baptism is a symbol of God washing away our sins as an act of forgiveness. In the early days of the Christian church, baptism usually happened in open water. Coming out of the water was seen as a symbol of rebirth or new life. This still happens in some churches today.

At baptism, the parents and Godparents publicly:

- declare that they believe in Jesus Christ and trust in him;
- promise to live as Christians and worship God regularly at church,
- promise to pray for the children,
- and promise to help the children worship God regularly at church.

A number of important symbols and actions are used during the service itself:

- **The sign of the cross** – the minister makes the sign of the cross on your child's forehead. This is like an invisible badge to show that Christians are united with Christ and must not be ashamed to stand up for their faith in him. The use of oil is a sign of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

The minister says: *Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.*

- **water** – the minister will pour water on your child's head over the font. Water is a sign of washing and cleansing. In baptism it is a sign of being washed free from sin and beginning a new life with God.

Water is a sign of life, but also a symbol of death. When we are baptized, it is as though our old life is buried in the waters (like drowning) and we are raised to new life with Christ.

The minister says: *May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.*

- **The welcome** – the church congregation will say some formal words of welcome to acknowledge that your child has joined the Church and to show how pleased they are to have you among them.
- **The candle** – Jesus is the Light of the World. A large candle (the Easter or Paschal candle) is lit in the church and you are given a lighted candle at the end of the service which has been lit from this as a reminder of the light which has come into your child's life.

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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.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH QUIZ** The next Parish Quiz will take place at the Parish Centre on **Friday, 24th April** 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £2 and can be obtained from either Tanya Willis, Jane Salt or Carolyn and Andrew Oldershaw. Make up a team of no more than 6 people or, if you come along on your own, we will put you together with others to make up a team. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle with some great prizes, proceeds to go to church funds. This is always a fun night and new teams and individuals will be warmly welcomed.

**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** 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.** **The fayre will soon be upon us and we need to stock our stalls! It would be wonderful if everyone was able to help us.** Please bring bottles of anything and any unwanted, saleable children's toys, games, books and accessories as soon as possible. Plants and cakes can be brought to church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May or on the day. Any further offers of help on the day will be welcomed with open arms! Thank you.

**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](mailto:mmbonney@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations of prizes for the raffles held at the 3 productions of Sinbad in the Parish Centre. 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?

**BUSY BEES** Busy Bees are hoping to run from July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am to 3pm, at Stoneygate Baptist Church, if there are enough helpers available. If anybody is able to commit some time to help, during those dates, please contact Judi Stone. 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](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)