

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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10.30 am All Age Worship

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 4 May, 10.30am-2.30pm	May Fayre
Wednesday 6 May, 7.30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 7 May, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7 May, 7.30 pm	SLCP Meeting: Welcome Area
Friday 8 May, 1.30 pm	Memory Cafe

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep, **Ann Spring, Marjorie O'Neill, Dorothy Wollaston, Jan and Bob Newell, Margaret Adamson, Saty French, Norman England, Kate Adams, Laurie Jarvis, Margaret Tonkin and Sammy Davis** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Matthew Welch** and **Fred Rayner** who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES Last Sunday I addressed the issue of vocation in my sermon. In order to understand what specific vocation we may be called to, we have to undergo some form of spiritual gifts discernment process. These can be relatively straightforward or quite complex. But before we can talk about the process, we need to have **a reasonably clear idea about what sort of spiritual gifts we are looking for within a church context. Here is something which outlines what these might be. If you feel that you have any of these spiritual gifts and would like to use them in the service of the church, please discuss this further with me.**

The Apostle Paul addresses the presence of spiritual gifts in three main sections of scripture: Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. Peter also verifies their existence in I Peter 4:10. Through these sections of scripture, we learn that all Christians have been given at least one spiritual gift. The purpose of spiritual gifts is twofold: (1) to unify Christians in their faith and (2) to produce growth within the church, both numerical and spiritual. These gifts are to be used out of love for one another, and in service to one another. **We do not choose which gifts we will receive.** God bestows them upon us through the work of the Holy Spirit. Not all of the gifts identified in scripture are used in this inventory. Since the objectives of spiritual gift deployment are to unify and produce growth through service, in today's church climate, only the service related gifts have been included.

Administration: the gift that enables a believer to formulate, direct, and carry out plans necessary to fulfil a purpose. Biblical References: I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 14:23. **Artistry:** the gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration. Biblical References: Exodus 31:1-11, Psalm 149:3a. **Discernment:** the gift that motivates a believer to seek God's will and purpose and apply that understanding to individual and congregational situations. Biblical References: John 16:6-15, Romans 9:1, I Corinthians 2:9-16. **Evangelism:** the gift that moves believers to reach nonbelievers in such a way that they are baptized and become active members of the Christian community. Biblical References: Matthew 28:16-20,

Ephesians 4:11- 16, Acts 2:36-40. **Exhortation:** the gift that moves the believer to reach out with Christian love and presence to people in personal conflict of facing a spiritual void. Biblical References: John 14:1, II Timothy 1:16-18, III John 5-8. **Faith:** the gift that gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead. Biblical References: Genesis 12:1-4a, Mark 5:25-34, I Thessalonians 1:8-10. **Giving:** the gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously and sacrificially giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure). Biblical References: II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 21:1-4. **Hospitality:** the gift that causes a believer to joyfully welcome and receive guests and those in need of food and lodging. Biblical References: Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23a, Luke 10:38. **Intercession:** the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come. Biblical References: Matthew 6:6-15, Luke 11:1-10, Ephesians 6:18. **Knowledge:** the gift that drives a person to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith. Biblical References: I Corinthians 12:8; I Corinthians 14:6, Romans 12:2. **Leadership:** the gift that gives a believer the confidence to step forward, give direction and provide motivation to fulfil a dream or complete a task. Biblical References: Romans 12:8, John 21:15-17, II Timothy 4:1-5. **Mercy:** the gift that motivates a believer to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then act to meet that need. Biblical References: Luke 7:12-15, Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:34-36. **Music--Vocal:** the gift that gives a believer the capability and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing. Biblical References: Psalm 96:1-9, Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 149:1-2. **Music--Instrumental:** the gift that inspires a believer to express personal faith and provide inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument. Biblical References: Psalm 33:1-5, Psalm 150, I Samuel 16:14-23. **Pastoring** (Shepherding): the gift that gives a believer the confidence, capability and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups of believers. Biblical References: I Timothy 4:12-16, I Timothy 3:1-13, II Timothy 4:1-2. **Service** (Helps): the gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled. Biblical References: Luke 23:50-54, Romans 16:1-16, Philippians 2:19-23. **Skilled Craft:** the gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain or repair items used within the church. Biblical References: Exodus 30:1-6, Exodus 31:3-5, Ezekiel 27:4-11. **Teaching:** the gift that enables a believer to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others. Biblical References: I Corinthians 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-48. **Wisdom:** the gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers. Biblical References: I Corinthians 2:6-13, James 3:13-18, II Chronicles 1:7-11. **Writing:** the gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers. Biblical References: I John 2:1-6, 12-14, I Timothy 3:14-15, Jude 3.

PARISH WALK TODAY Sunday 3 May starting from St Guthlac's Church at 2pm. or the Pug & Greyhound at Great Glen at 2:20. A dog friendly circular walk mostly on good footpaths about 3.5 miles with an option for 5.25 miles for more adventurous participants. Refreshment option included! Simon Britton

MAY FAYRE Monday 4 May. 10.30am-2.30pm. Activities for all the family. Stalls, May Queen, maypole dancing, BBQ, games and the Sven Klangs Jazz Band, featuring our old friend Richard Hallam. **Please come and support us.**

BELL RINGING Ringers across the country have been asked by the Government for their help in getting as many church bells as possible ringing on the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

If you are in the vicinity of St Mary's Church at **11.00am** on **Saturday 9th May** you will be able to hear the bells being rung in commemoration.

AGM MINUTES These are available at the back of church. Please help yourself if you would like a copy.

CHANGE TO ADVERTISED SERVICES Two different services have been planned which don't require a priest to officiate, and these will be available for use in future in case of Richard's absence.

KNIGHTON PLAYERS have raised **£900** from their recent production of Sinbad. This has been split between three charities, Rainbows Hospice, Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe) and Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

BUSY BEES Busy Bees are hoping to run from July 22nd - 24th, 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**

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