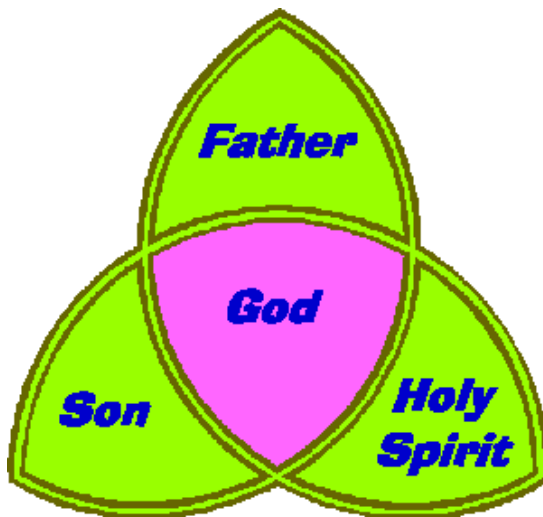


## ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**31 May 2015**

**10.30 am Communion for All: Trinity 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 3 June, 7.30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 4 June, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 7 June, 10.30 am

All Age Worship

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL** We have been asked to keep, **Ann Spring, Marjorie O'Neill, Dorothy Wollaston, Jan and Bob Newell, Brenda Harrison, Saty French, Christopher Bond, Samantha Hough-Farmer** and **Kate Adams** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Janet Hubbard, Grace Mason, Allan Nicholls** and **Derek Sibson** who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

**THE REVD RICHARD WRITES** In a fortnight's time, it is a great delight and privilege that we will be joined by the Revd Chris Webb OSB, the Spirituality Adviser of the Diocese, who will address us on prayer, and also provide the intercessions during the service.

In order to prepare for this, during Sunday's service for Pentecost, I asked members of the congregation to write down a prayer, on an image of a tongue of fire, that the Holy Spirit would bring about some positive change for our Church this year. Here are some of the themes that people wrote about.

**Fellowship.** Love and support in times of trouble. Love in action. Friendship. Visit the lonely and sick.

**Renewed Commitment to God.** Renewal / rededication / response / rejoicing / rebirth. Prayer / energy. Love / service. Peace and reconciliation in the world. Deepening understanding of the faith.

**Growth / community.** More people. Linking up with the community outside the building. Community and reaching out to newcomers. Take the Church into the community / enabling others to be filled by the Holy Spirit. Building up the wider community centred round the Church. We should be the 'still, small voice of calm' in the ears of local people so that the 'noise' of worldly cares does not deafen them to the Good News.

We were not particularly numerous because of the half-term break, but some of these prayers cover themes which our PCC will wish to return to in the future. The important point is that Pentecost is not just an historic event that occurred 2,000 years ago, but a point of renewal in the Christian year. Pentecost is a promise of God's ongoing activity in the world and part of the process by which we discern how God wishes to us as Church in the year to come.

**PLANNED GIVING** Thank you to those people who have responded to the recent planned giving mailing. If you are still thinking about responding or would like further information, please speak to Mark Wyatt. Thank you.

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**MEMORY CAFÉ FUNDING: SPARE FOREIGN COINS** There are Memory cafés at St Guthlac's and St Thomas More where people with dementia and their carers can come for support, guidance and information in a friendly and supportive environment. St Guthlac's café (called Holbrook) meets on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and St Thomas More café (called Knighton) meets on every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 1.30- 3.30pm. We have been running for over a year. Stimulating reminiscence activities are provided, such as Singing for the Brain, Arts & Crafts and other memory activities. The sessions also provide a really valuable opportunity for carers to meet and support each other. The cafes are run under the guidance of the Alzheimer's Society. They provide a leader, arrange visiting presenters, make contact with people needing assistance and give training for volunteers. The cost, for two cafes, is £250 a month. The first year's funding came from the Church Urban Fund (Near Neighbourhood Fund). We now need to find funding to continue.

As part of this funding drive, **we would like to collect all spare foreign coins** that banks will not exchange. If you have any coins please donate them and leave them in the box at the back of the church. We can arrange to convert them into sterling.

### **REQUEST FOR SILENT MEDITATION DURING COMMUNION**

**Please use the time during the choir anthems for prayerful contemplation whilst others are taking communion. Thank you**

**WORLD LEPROSY DAY-TOGETHER WE CLIMBED MOUNT EVEREST** For many people affected by Leprosy, rebuilding a broken life feels like climbing Everest. At our February all age worship we joined with other churches to take part in the *Helping Hands* challenge, drawing round our hand, cutting in out, writing a prayer on it and donating £1 to the Leprosy Mission's Anandaban hospital in Nepal. The target was 48664 hands needed to scale Everest's 8848 metres and this target has now been achieved with your help. Thank you.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** An excellent total of £1367.81 was raised including £827.81 from the street collection (an increase on last year). A big thank you to everyone who collected or donated. You really do make a difference to people like Loko. Lesley

**SAMARITANS** Molly Clarke will be doing a sky dive in aid of the Leicester Samaritans on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. There is a sponsorship form at the back of church if you would like to support her.

**GARDENER NEEDED** to tend a small plot in the church garden. Please speak to Brenda if you would be willing to take responsibility for it. 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)

## THANKS FOR ALL YOUR GOOD WISHES RE MEGAN GRACE



**MOTHERS UNION** There are still a few places available on our Summer outing to Stoneywell Cottage, Ulverscroft, on Tuesday 23rd June, so please let us know if you would like to join us. Friends welcome.

**SEMP TREASURE HUNT Monday 29th June** based around the New Walk area starting at Victoria Park Gates Granville Road from 6pm. We will meet up afterwards at the Old Horse on London Road for a cold buffet. The cost is £6 which includes the treasure hunt and buffet or £1 for the treasure hunt only. Numbers by 22nd June to Robert Pike. A great mission opportunity to invite your friends and families along!

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.** Saturday, August 1st, 2015

**"Creative Blooms"** A relaxing afternoon of flower arranging with a difference!

To be held at the Parish Centre of St. Mary Magdalen at 2.30 - 5.00 pm.

Further information and ticket availability to follow. All proceeds to St Mary's church funds.

**RECYCLING FOR CHURCH AND HALL** There is now an orange wheelie bin for recyclables, kept next to the general waste bin outside the hall. This is equivalent to the city council orange bag recycling scheme and is to be used for paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, food and drink tins and plastic food/drink containers (rinsed). Please put all suitable recyclable items in the plastic basket at the back of church or place directly into the orange bin. Thank you.