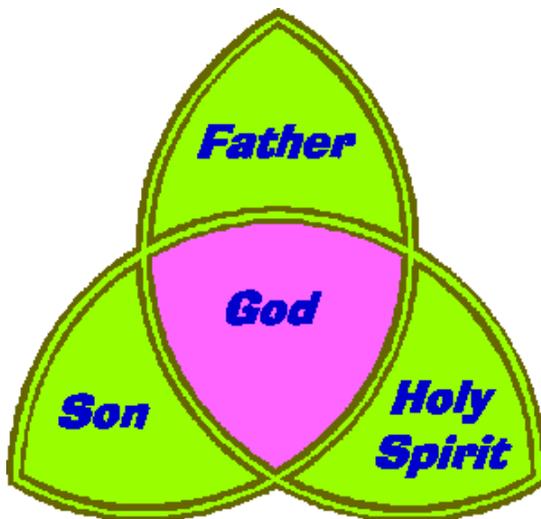


## ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**7 June 2015**

**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

Tuesday 9 June, 7 pm	Worship Committee
Wednesday 10 June, 7.30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 11 June, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 June, 10.30 am	Communion for All

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

**THE REVD RICHARD WRITES** 'Prayer is one of the most dangerous things that anyone can do', Archbishop Justin Welby pronounced at the end of April this year. Speaking at a 24-7 Prayer 'Boiler Room' in Guildford, UK, he said that when we meet Jesus in prayer we are 'introduced to our true identity'. In his talk the Archbishop said: 'The question of "Who am I? Who am I really? What is my true identity..." [is] at the heart of most philosophy; it's at the heart of most religion of all faiths everywhere; finding who one is – either to escape it, or to be it, or to become it completely, or to change it. And the incredible thing about meeting Jesus [in prayer] is we are introduced to our true identity, and we spend the rest of our lives discovering what that means in practice.'

This is why I am tremendously excited to be having as our guest preacher next week the Revd Chris Webb OSB, Spiritual Adviser, Diocese of Leicester. At a meeting earlier this year, I asked Chris to talk a little about the differences between Jewish and Christian spirituality bearing in mind that one of his email addresses is 'Pray.the.psalms@gmail.com'. I recalled that in my training I came across a little devotional Psalter prepared by Douglas Caiger in 1994 which substituted a more New Testament vision of God for Psalms which appeared to him to have a Jewish vision inconsistent with the Christian viewpoint.

It is quickest to list the Psalms *unabridged* by Douglas Caiger to spell out what he saw as the scale of the problem. Psalm 8 (creator God); Psalm 13 (continuing trust in God); Psalm 15 (the character of the godly); Psalm 19 (God's glory); Psalm 23 (the good shepherd); Psalm 24 (the king of glory); Psalm 43 (joy and gladness in God); Psalm 65 (harvest thanksgiving); Psalm 67 (universal salvation); Psalm 82 (God our righteous judge); Psalm 84 (joy in God's house); Psalm 91 (God our hope and stronghold); Psalm 93 (God's majesty); Psalm 98 (praise the Lord); Psalm 99 (Almighty God); Psalm 100 (the way of the Lord); Psalm 103 (God's merciful goodness); Psalm 111 (the goodness of God), Psalm 113 (Praise the Lord); Psalm 114 (God of Exodus); Psalm 116 (God our Saviour); Psalm 117 (the truth of the Lord); Psalm 119 (the law of the Lord); Psalm 121 (the

Lord our keeper); Psalm 122 (Jerusalem, city of unity); Psalm 125 (God our sure foundation); Psalm 126 (Thanksgiving to God); Psalm 127 (Fulfilment in God alone); Psalm 128 (God, source of blessedness); Psalm 130 (Prayer for God's mercy); Psalm 131 (true lowliness); Psalm 133 (the blessing of unity); Psalm 134 (Praise the Lord); Psalm 138 (God's loving kindness); Psalm 145 (magnify the Lord); Psalm 146 (God our sustainer) and Psalm 150 (praise the Lord).

*All the rest are edited in some way, including in Psalm 2, the entire substitution of the Beatitudes for the Psalm of the Triumphant Messiah. Caiger's method elsewhere is exemplified by how he censors Psalm 137 (steadfastness in adversity – better known to us by its first line, 'by the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept...'). His version of the Psalm ends at the end of verse 6. Omitted are the uncomfortable words that follow:*

**7** Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase *it*, rase *it*, even to the foundation thereof. **8** O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. **9** Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

*Article to be concluded next week...*

**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.

**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

**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.

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