

## ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



### **CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC**

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**26 July 2015**

**10.30 am Eighth Sunday after Trinity: All Age Communion**

### **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**

Thursday 30 July, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 2 August, 10.30 am

All Age Communion

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL** We have been asked to keep **Val Thomson, Pamela, Ann Spring, Marjorie O'Neill, Dorothy Wollaston, Mirriam Norris, Phillip Squires, Helen, Saty French, Rex Mason** and **John McVey** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Leonard King** who has died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

**THURSDAY MORNING HOLY COMMUNION.** During the summer these services will continue as usual except for Thursday 20 August when Revd Richard is unavailable.

## **HANDS OF PRAYER**

The young people of Bubbles recently considered 'prayer': what it is, why and how we do it.

The answer to the first ('what') from the group was beautiful in its simplicity; "it's talking to God". The 'why' brought up notions of saying "thank you", "sorry", "help for the sick", and many others.

For the 'how' we recalled that when we pray we bring our hands together and so we could use each finger on a hand to remind us of things we should pray for. Having personalised it by drawing around a hand each we 'allocated' a finger (with an indication of responses from the young people):

**Thumb:** the strongest digit - what/who means the most to us (parents; family)

**Index finger:** the 'pointer' - who guides us in our lives (teacher)

**Middle finger:** the tallest - who governs us and who should we pray for, for fairness (interestingly 'police' came out very strongly)

**Ring finger:** the weakest digit - who needs our prayers in society (sick; homeless)

**Little finger:** finally, ourselves - the smallest concern but nothing wrong in praying a bit for ourselves ('a little bit for me'; and nice to see 'a gerbil' make an appearance).

The children have put their 'Hands of Prayer' in their folders and can use them for contemplation at any time. A simple mechanism but perhaps a useful device for all ages.

**MOTHERS' UNION** – a reminder that our Festival Service takes place on Tuesday, 28th July in St. Mary's at 2.30 p.m., followed by a Strawberry Tea in the Parish Centre.

**CREATIVE BLOOMS.** Join us for a relaxing afternoon of flower arranging with a difference and maybe a chance to show off your skills too! To be held on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST**, in the Parish Centre at 2.30 p.m., to 5.00 p.m. There will be a raffle and a mystery prize. Tickets £4.00, to include tea, coffee and biscuits, from Deborah Martin, Lorna Kirk and Margarete Booton . Proceeds to St. Mary's church funds.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Molly Clarke who has safely completed her sky dive! If you have sponsored her, please put your sponsorship money in the container at the back of church and mark yourself off on the sponsorship form. Any cheques should be made payable to Leicester Samaritans. It is not too late to add your name if you haven't already sponsored Molly!

**DIARY DATES:**

29<sup>th</sup> August                      Cream Tea and Treasure Hunt

12<sup>th</sup> September                Harvest Supper

Further details to follow.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our musical concert. We raised £524.50 for Cancer Research UK. Grace & Suzie

**MEMORY CAFÉ FUNDING** Spare foreign coins are been collected to help meet the monthly cost of £250 for the two local memory café's 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. Thank you.

**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.

**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 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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