

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Gambaku or Genbaku: Memorial Dome of Hiroshima

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b0/Gambaku_Dome_of_Hiroshima.jpg

Part of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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10.30 am Twelfth 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 27 August, 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 30 August, 10.30 am

All Age Communion

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Ann Spring, Marjorie O'Neill, Dorothy Wollaston, Saty French, Ann Potter, Rex Mason** and **Barbara Greet** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **John Adams, Mirriam Norris** and **Betty Pidcock** who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

BRENDA LEE WRITES. Some weeks ago I gave an address on the theme of 'Paying Attention'. We talked of God's attention to us at all times and in all circumstances and of our need to pay attention to Him in every moment.

The part which provoked most questions and comments was about God's attention at all times-largely , I think, because it was illustrated by a passage from John Donne (1573-1631) speaking clearly and beautifully to us over the centuries. His words remind us that God does not respond to us like a harassed parent with "Not now !" but is always available. I have been asked to repeat his words :

"God never says
you should have come yesterday.
He never says
you must come again tomorrow.
But today,
if you will hear His voice,
today He will hear you.
He brought light out of darkness,
not out of a lesser light.
He can bring your Summer out of Winter
though you have no Spring.
All occasions invite His mercies
and all times are His seasons "

Amen

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS: The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. It considers and approves legislation affecting the whole Church of England, authorises new forms of worship, debates matters of religious and public interest and approves the annual budget for work of the church at a national level. Every 5 years it holds elections for members of the laity to represent the congregations at the national level. The synod meets between 2 and 3 times a year, in London and York, and there are no minimum attendance requirements it is what you can do. Member of the General Synod brings with it ex-officio membership of the Diocesan Synod and is held for a 5 year term. Nominations are now open until 12 noon on the 4th September. If you think this might be something that you would like to know more about please contact me. Fiona Wingate.

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 12th September, 10:00 – 18:00. The annual event is here again. St Guthlac's will be open for the day to welcome visitors to our church. Everyone can get involved however active and help raise funds for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and St Guthlac's because half of what you manage to raise goes to a church of your choice. We are looking for people to take turns to greet people visiting St Guthlac's - a rota is available at the back of church. As in 2014 there will be a group from St Guthlac's cycling to some of the churches. If you feel like taking part but don't want to go too far, why not visit our partner churches in the South Leicester Christian Partnership and Southern Edge Mission Partnership. For more information, ideals for routes, sponsorship forms and lists of churches in the county that are open on the day please contact me. I do hope you'll try take part in this fantastic event. Fiona Wingate

RICE AND SHINE – IT'S HARVEST TIME: Have you ever wondered what you can do with just one bag of rice? You would be surprised. This is the challenge this harvest – come along and find out but in the meantime we need to you spend these long lazy summer days thinking about what **you** could do with rice? We're looking for great ideas and we know that all the people of St Guthlac's have lots of those whatever their age. **St Guthlac's will celebrate Harvest with a social gathering on the evening of the 12th September and on Sunday 13th September with an All Age Worship service in the morning and sung Evensong at 5:00 pm at St Guthlac's led by the joint choirs.** We will once again be collecting harvest gifts during the Harvest All Age Worship for the Open Hands organisation which supports people in need within Leicester. **Please bring dry goods, cereals, packs of milks but please no fresh produce.** We look forward to welcoming you at harvest and finding out what you're doing with rice.

CREAM TEA AND TREASURE HUNT Sat 29th August 2.30-5pm Please join us for a cream tea and/or a treasure hunt at St. Guthlac's and in the surrounding area. Treasure hunt £2 adult, £1 child, £5 family. If you require a lift please phone Ian Fraser

HARVEST SOCIAL Sat 12th September 7.15-10pm. Supper and Harvest hymns and songs. Soft drinks provided, please bring your own alcohol if required. Tickets available from Wendy Bramley. Adult £6, child £3, family £15. . If you require a lift please phone Ian Fraser

DECORATING CHURCH FOR HARVEST Please sign up on the planner if you are able to help decorate church for Harvest by doing a windowsill arrangement on **Saturday 12th Sept**, starting at **9.30 am**. No particular level of skill is required! There is usually plenty of foliage available for those who don't have much in their own garden. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Molly Clarke who has safely completed her sky dive! 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 you name if you haven't already sponsored Molly!

FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please contact us at the latest by **10pm Thursday** for material to be included in the next weekly newsletter. **administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk**