

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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CHURCH OF ST GUTHLAC

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6 September 2015

10.30 am Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Communion for All

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 9 September, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 10 September, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 12 September, 10am to 6pm	Ride and Stride.
Saturday 12 September, 7.15 to 10pm	Harvest Supper (in Church)
Sunday 13 September, 10.30 am	All Age Worship: Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday 13 September, 5 pm	Harvest Evensong with guests from the Shia mosque

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL We have been asked to keep **Ann Spring, Marjorie O'Neill, Dorothy Wollaston, Saty French, Norman England, Sharon Eckersley, Ann Potter** and **Rex Mason** in our prayers. Please also pray for the souls of **Barbara Greet, Isabelle Georgina Watling, Agnes (known as Sheila) Bell Squires, Gwenneth Clarke, Denis McQuone, Vivian Hansley** and **Miriam Norris** who have died recently. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

THE REVD RICHARD WRITES There's quite a lot happening in early September, so please pay particular attention to the Newsletter announcements. We can't list all these things in Church without the service getting too long and people becoming bored.

The challenge to us this harvest time is to grow minds as well as bodies – by buying Kilombero rice, we will be giving young people in Malawi the opportunity to continue their education. We can, literally, 'eat someone out of poverty!' What a great target to aim for. Please support our efforts and pray for those farming families in Malawi, many of whom belong to a local self-help group, the Kaporo Smallholder Farmers Association.

Those who enjoyed the welcome from the Shia mosque earlier this year will be pleased to welcome some of our friends back. We hope to make them feel as 'at home' in our Harvest service as we were in the mosque.

Finally, if you would like to join a fascinating tour of the Jain Centre in Leicester on Tuesday 6 October at 7pm sharp, please make yourselves known to Margaret or myself. The Centre closes at 8pm so the tour can only be a 'taster'.

CAN YOU RICE TO THE CHALLENGE? (excuse bad pun)

Harvest at St Guthlac's this year is a bit different. We're helping our Just Fair Trade shop in town raise money which will go towards the secondary education of young people in Malawi. And how do we manage this? By selling RICE – lots of it – over our Harvest weekend at church. We're taking up the rice challenge to sell 90 bags of rice, each weighing 1 kg, so that a Malawian farmer will be able to afford to send his child to secondary school for a year. We do hope you will come to church with purses open and ready to spend on this great cause – alternatively we can supply you with an IOU if you come without the necessary money on the day (about £2.70 per pack).

The rice is special too. It's Kilombero rice, a premium long grain aromatic white or brown rice grown in the Karonga area of Malawi. This is a remote district in the far north of the country, near the borders with Tanzania and Zambia. Over half the families there are headed by women who work their small farms assisted by their children, doing the majority of farming tasks by hand. Many belong to a local self-help group, the Kaporo Smallholder Farmers Association, which supports them with training and access to good quality seeds at wholesale prices – and also helps them get a fair price for their produce.

We are assured that the rice cooks easily without sticking together – but the best way to find this out is to get some and try it! And we'd love to hear how you got on, and also if you wouldn't mind sharing your best rice-based recipes with us, it would be great to start our own St Guthlac's Rice Recipes Book.

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TIME TO GET CREATIVE! Home-made jam and chutney is needed for sale at the Christmas Fayre. If you are wondering what to do with your crops of apples, plums etc, why not make a batch? For those of you who enjoy knitting, sewing, woodwork or other crafts and would like to put your talents to good use over the autumn, there will be a handicrafts stall for church funds at the fayre and all contributions will be very welcome.

WANTED BULB BOWLS Once again this year we intend to prepare bulb arrangements for Christmas. If you have any spare bulb bowls suitable for either one or three hyacinths, please hand them to me. Thank you, Ian Fraser

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.

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

BELLS WILL RING FOR LONGEST SERVING MONARCH On 9th September 2015 HM Queen Elizabeth II will become the longest serving Monarch in our history. This will be a historic moment in the life of the United Kingdom and bellringers have been asked by HM Lord Lieutenant to commemorate this event. Knighton ringers will make their contribution starting at 6.30pm on the 9th.

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.

HARVEST SOCIAL IN CHURCH 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

RICE AND SHINE – IT'S HARVEST TIME: 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.

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME!

On Sunday 13 Sept at 5pm we end our 2015 Harvest celebrations with a joyful service of Choral Evensong at St Guthlac's church. The choirs from both St Guthlac's and St Mary's churches will be joined by singing friends from all around Leicester and beyond to raise the rafters in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given us this past year. We have invited our new friends from the Al Husayn mosque in Duxbury Road who gave us such a welcome to The Big Iftaar during Ramadan this July to join us in this service, and we hope to make them feel as 'at home' in our Harvest service as we were in the mosque. Please support us and enjoy a good sing, a time of quiet prayer and an uplifting sermon – not to mention another opportunity to buy the wonderful Malawi rice on sale (see our challenge above). After the service, we can get to know each other better over refreshments. If you require a lift please phone Ian Fraser

COFFEE MORNING We will be holding a Coffee Morning and Cake Stall in memory of our friend Janet Hubbard on Saturday 3rd October at 10.00am - 12.30pm at the Parish Centre. All proceeds will go to Loros. Please support us if you can. Thank you. Sue Ardley..

HOLY HABITS. CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR DAILY LIFE. BISHOP'S LAY CONGRESS St Martin's House, Sat 14 Nov, 9.30am - 3.45 pm. Four seminars to choose from and two main speakers with the presence of Bishop John Holbrook, interim Bishop of Leicester, throughout the day. FREE but entry by ticket only. Booking forms on the table at the back of Church.