

## ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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**11 October 2015**

**10.30 am Matins**

### **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 13 October, 7.30 pm	PCC
Wednesday 14 October, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 15 October, 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 October, 10.30 am	Communion for All: Luke the Evangelist

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL** We have been asked to keep **Ann Spring, Marjorie O'Neill, Dorothy Wollaston, John and Flo McVey, Saty French** and **Sharon Eckersley** in our prayers. Please also pray for the soul of **Joyce Butterfield**, Jane Wright's mum, whose memorial service takes place at St Mary's on Tuesday 13 October at 11.30 am. For other prayer requests, please speak to the Revd Richard.

**THE REVD RICHARD WRITES** The latest Diomail states the following. 'As we continue to renew the diocesan vision Shaped by God, between now and Christmas, once a fortnight, we'll be sending a 100 word 'thought for day' to all those who receive our news service Diomail (and hopefully reproduced in every notice or pew sheet across the Diocese). We are delighted that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has kindly agreed to write the first one.

"... there was silence in heaven for about half an hour...." (Revelation 8:1-5). After reading the summary of the diocesan vision and considering what God might be saying to us, Archbishop Justin writes exclusively for Leicester Diocese, selecting a verse from the book of Revelation as his text.

'He writes "As always with scripture it is important not to get distracted by the distractions (how did John know it was half an hour...?), but to enjoy the invitation. The silence falls when the incense rises. Incense is a symbol of prayer. Heaven falls quiet to listen to our prayer.

'Prayer is no self-help activity, no mere spiritual wellness routine – this is direct communication in the Spirit with the One who loves us, and so makes us and our concerns the focus of his attention. Whether for half an hour or just a few minutes cause heaven to fall silent as you come to God in prayer. The God who shapes us, makes space for us.'

'This is the first of a series of brief thoughts about what it means to be Shaped by God being sent every fortnight this term.' If you'd like to receive these emails sign up at the link below:

<http://www.leicester.anglican.org/shaped-by-god/#SUBSCRIBE>

**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

**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.

**BOTTLE TOMBOLA** we will be having bottle tombola at the Xmas Fayre. We would be grateful if you could start collecting full bottles for the stall. Thank you.

**HAVE YOU OR A RELATIVE OR FOREBEAR EVER COMPOSED ANY MUSIC?** If so and it is suitable for a service (no heavy metal please!), please talk to Yolanda; we think we may have the makings of a Matins.

**TWO OLD WOODEN PEW CHAIRS** currently in the clergy vestry are available to go to a good home. Please speak to David Hunt if you are interested.

**CHOCOLATES AT HALF TERM** We're supporting the Just Fair Trade shop in Leicester in promoting their autumn range of scrumptious fairly-traded chocolates. Please come with purses at the ready to buy chocolates and chocolate goodies after the morning services on **Sunday 18 Oct** and **Sunday 25 Oct!** Suspend the diets! Stave off the cold of autumn with a little treat for yourself! Share it with others, or keep it to yourself! Be tempted! And continue to support Fair Trade in Leicester.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** An open invitation to join the choirs of St Guthlac's & St Mary Magdalen's churches to sing extracts from Karl Jenkins' 'The Armed Man: A Mass of Peace' **during the evening service on Remembrance Sunday 8 November at 5pm**, at St Guthlac's church. Rehearsals: Weds 28 Oct & 4 Nov, 7.30pm to 8.15pm and Choral workshop on Sat 7 Nov, 11am to 4pm (please bring own lunch!) all at St Guthlac's church. 'The Armed Man' was commissioned for the millennium and it is dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo crisis. Singing it in the context of a service of Remembrance gives us the opportunity to recall all those of our local communities who died in conflict throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the impact war has had on our society.

**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.

**MISSION THROUGH MUSIC** (Southern Edge Mission Partnership). Two representatives are asked to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 17 November at 7.30pm at St James Vicarage**, to explore mission through music, with outreach to new people, and not necessarily the musical needs of the churches, being the focus. It is desirable that these representatives should be musical, but not necessarily the leaders of their church music. Please speak to Richard if you feel you can help. Thank you

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