

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Rev Janet Gasper will preside and Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preach at a service of Holy Communion. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12 noon.

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 2. 14a,36-41;

Psalm 116.1-3,10 -17;

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-23;

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.13-35



Praying through this week

Praying for each other: During the month of April please continue to pray for our fellow members of the congregation and church family, especially this month those whose surnames begin with the letters M, N, O and P. Pray that they will know the presence of Jesus walking alongside them and that they will feel

warmed by the encouragement of his story told throughout the Bible.

Praying for the World: As we celebrate the patron saint of England, St George, this week, please pray that across the world, and particularly in our UK nations, we will find ways to be both proud of our heritage and also outward looking and welcoming. Pray that in all countries, people will learn how to have a strong national identity of their own together with an international perspective that values and welcomes people of all cultures, backgrounds, ethnicities, language and identities.

Praying for the Church: Please pray that the Church, its leaders and its people, will speak out clearly for the gospel of Jesus and for Christian values in every part of life, both personal and collective. Pray that we will not be afraid to stand alongside Jesus in calling for peace and the protection of the vulnerable, and that we will take action where we can.

In particular please pray this week for, **Katherine Swanson**.

Also, give thanks for those who are recovering and who have found God's peace.

Please remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends. We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Farley Road**.

For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact Revd Adrian adrian.jones@zoho.com or Jane administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Communion at Home: If you find that coming to church on Sundays or for our midweek services is just too difficult, you might appreciate the opportunity for receiving Communion at home occasionally. Please let Adrian know if this would be helpful and we'll see what can be arranged.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

26 th April	Morning Prayer & Church Club	Fiona Wingate
3 rd June	Eucharist	
10 th June	All Age Worship	
17 th June	Eucharist	
Every Thursday at 9.30am		Holy Communion
Every Tuesday 9.30am at St. Mary's		Holy Communion

Virtual Compline 8.00pm Wednesday evenings

There is an online Compline service every Wednesday 8.00 pm, **all are welcome**. You can also join using a phone. You can join the meeting from 7.50 pm.

On the computer click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

On the phone dial: 0203 481 5240 and follow the instructions.

You will be asked for a meeting ID. Put **811 1818 3080** followed by #

Blessing your donations & the Collection Plate

Now many people do planned-giving through their direct debit, it seems inappropriate to hand the collection plate round during a service. The collection plate now will be at the back of the church.

Please leave your donation as you come into the service.

A steward or member of the congregation will take up the plate to the altar for all donations to be blessed during the 3rd / offertory hymn or at a suitable point in non-Eucharist services.

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FOR THE NEWSLETTER: Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by noon on Thursday to administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Don't forget to visit the St. Guthlac's Facebook page and website <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

Newsletters on Line

Both St Guthlac's and St Mary's current and backdated newsletters are available online.

St Guthlac's <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>
St Mary's <https://www.stmarysknighton.co.uk>

Annual Church meetings Sunday 19th April 12 noon in St Guthlac's Church

Please do come along if you can to this important event in the church's calendar. Churchwardens will be elected first at the 'Meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens' at which anyone living in the parish can vote, followed by the 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting' which will include the election of members to the Deanery Synod and PCC by those on the electoral roll, PCC annual report, presentation of the accounts, Electoral Roll report and Deanery Synod report. Some printed copies of the APCM brochure are available in the welcome area for those who don't have an e-mailed copy. **New PCC members would be very welcome! If you would like to be nominated for election as a PCC or Deanery Synod member, please let me know. Lesley Meakin PCC Secretary**

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day-to-day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from David Hunt, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk. If you

are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

<https://givealittle.co/c/b277f14e-1e30-43b5-ac10-c822f0a70286>



Holbrook Oasis

at St. Guthlac's Church,

Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm Companionship, Conversation, Refreshment, Relaxation Open to all, especially young families, people living alone, older persons and if you are new to Leicester.

Tea, coffee and cakes provided.

Email; churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

David Hunt

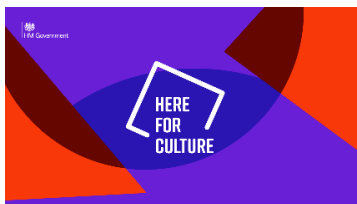
We would all like to congratulate David on his 60-year long service as a member of St. Guthlac's choir. Well done and thank you. We hope you will be able to continue for many years to come.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, ORGAN RECITALS 2026

Third Thursday of each month at 1pm

May 21 st	David Crick – Hinckley United Reformed Church
June 18 th	Anne DeGraeve – Freelance organist
July 16 th	Easher Austin - St Leonards, Swithland, organ scholar, St James the Greater
August 20 th	Simon Murphy – Rothley Parish Church
September 17th	Pavlos Triantaris - St Swithan's Church, Lincoln.

The April recital will be for 1 hour, in celebration of Maureen Belcher, a longstanding member of the church who arranged the previous series of recitals and will include a talk by Iain on his work in refurbishing the organ at St Margaret's Church. Other recitals will be for half an hour.



Date for your diaries.

St. Guthlac's Spring Fayre. Saturday 16th May 2026. 11:00am – 2:00pm

Spring will be soon be upon us, so our thoughts turn to our Spring Fayre! Last year you very kindly and generously helped make this event a tremendous success. It would be wonderful if you could do the same again. **Please put the date in your diaries.**

We are starting to collect items for the stalls. Donations of tins and bottles for the tombola. Jigsaw puzzles which have all the pieces – there will be a box at the back of church. Cakes, biscuits, preserves etc will be needed on Friday 15th May or Saturday am. Plants in any shape or form would be most welcome. If you are able to plant seeds, take cuttings or pot up surplus plants from your garden or your neighbours' that would be fantastic. We can provide plant pots if needed. The plant stall is very popular with the local community.

Eco Tip for APRIL

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and willll reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags.

- For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open)
- For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes.
- For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April.

As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.