

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Fiona Wingate will lead a service of Morning Prayer. Church Club will take place in Holbrook Hall.

The Collect and Readings for the fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 2.42-47;

Psalm 23;

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.19-25;

Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10



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: Please pray for the leaders of key nations in the world at the moment - those who are caught up in conflict and may not want or see a way to peace. Pray for Mojtaba Khamenei (Supreme Leader of Iran), Vladimir Putin (President of Russia), Donald Trump (President of the USA) and Volodymyr Zelenskyy (President of Ukraine). Please pray that as individuals they will be touched by the Holy Spirit of God and turn towards the way that will bring lasting peace for their people.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for our PCC, Church Wardens and Ministry Team now that the Annual Meeting has taken place. Pray for wisdom in leadership and decision making, especially when we need to consider proposals for our emerging Minster Community. Give thanks for everyone who has already found their part in building a healthy church here, and pray that we will all be able to see how we too can be part of the Body of Christ on Earth today.

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 – **Francis Street**.

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@stquthlac-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 May	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
10 th May	All Age Worship	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
17 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper &
24 th May	Morning Prayer No Church Club – Half Term	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
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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Revd Aphro McCullough

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Revd Janet Gasper

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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>

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 28th April** in the Parish Centre at our usual 1.30 for a 2pm start. Helen Long will be our speaker and she will tell us about Owston Church. As always, non-members are very welcome to join us. LP

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.

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

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>

Use your phone to scan the QR Code below and make a donation towards the work of St. Guthlac's Church. Thank you.



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 **jars 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.

EcoTip for May:

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. **Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day**, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators.

Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at arochoa.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25 . Sow a pollinator- friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase.

For more about World Bee Day

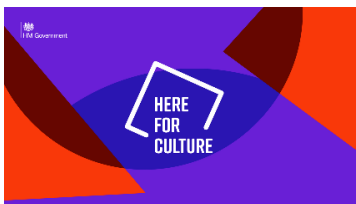
visit: awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/

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.



Knighton Wild



Walk in Knighton Park, 2nd May 2026

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Nature Recovery Strategy has produced a list of 100 indicator species that they want people to record to help provide a baseline of what is in the area now, so that they will be able to measure the effects of the strategy in the future.

Join us for the first of three walks that we are planning this year to look for some of these indicator species and record them in Knighton. The first walk will be in Knighton Park on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 2.00pm. The walk will take no more than two hours. We shall meet in the Park next to the main car park on Palmerston Way. For safety, please don't stand waiting in the car park, but move into the park.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Knighton Wild by clicking [here](#) or emailing info@knightonwild.org.uk, giving us your name, how many people are coming, and contact details such as a mobile number so that we can contact you if we need to cancel due to bad weather.

[More information about the indicator species and a copy of the list are available on our website](#)

JOIN US FOR A

QUIZ NIGHT

FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Friday 8 May
Stoneygate Baptist Church
7pm for 7.30pm start

SUGGESTED DONATION
£3 PER PERSON

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

COME AS A TEAM
OR JOIN ONE ON THE NIGHT





FREE



WELCOME
TO ALL

ORGAN RECITAL
BY
GEOFFREY HAMES

FROM CLASSICAL AND ROMANTIC, TO POP,
AND A DASH OF LADY GAGA

TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2026 7PM

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH, HOLBROOK
ROAD, KNIGHTON, LE2 3LF



ST. GUTHLAC'S CHURCH MAY FAYRE

Saturday 16th May 2026

11:00am – 2:00pm

Holbrook Road, Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

PLANTS & GARDENING

Summer Bedding Plants
Vegetables & Herbs
Annuals & Perennials

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Coffee, Tea & Cakes
Lunches
Popcorn & Soft Drinks

STALLS & ACTIVITIES

Cakes & Preserves
Knitted Goods
Jigsaws & Games
Jewellery
Tombola
Craft
Leicestershire Family History Society

FREE ADMISSION – ALL WELCOME!