

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

<https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk/>

**I AM
THE
WAY
THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE
NO ONE COMES
TO THE
FATHER
EXCEPT
THROUGH
ME**
JOHN 14:6

**Sunday 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Adrian Jones will preside & preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting
life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 7. 55-60;

Psalm 31.1-5,15-16;

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2. 2-10;

Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14



Praying through this week

Praying for each other: In the month of May please do pray for all those within our congregation and our wider church community whose surnames begin with the letters Q, R, S and T. Pray that they will know the Holy Spirit as their guide in all of life, inspiring them to the love and service of others.

Praying for the World: As we approach Christian Aid Week (beginning on 10th May), please pray for all those charities and aid agencies working around the world for the relief of suffering and to help vulnerable communities build a better and more sustainable life. Pray that those of us who are well off and comfortable will be moved to change our lives so that others may have all they need.

Praying for the Church: Please pray, in our own Diocese, for the Launde Minister Community. They ask for our prayers *"to support our work with the four church schools, and to nurture mission and ministry across the Minster Community, strengthening our churches while equipping and enabling new leaders. As we seek to discern where God is at work in fresh and emerging ways, we pray that new gifts will be recognised and brought into the light, helping to grow communities shaped by hope."*

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 – **Freemantle 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@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

10 th May	All Age Worship	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
17 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Cecilia Adjadje
24 th May	Morning Prayer	Revd Adrian Jones
	No Church Club – Half Term	
31 st May	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje & Revd Adrian Jones
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 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>

April PCC meeting report

The PCC has now held its first meeting since the APCM and the following roles were agreed:

Treasurer:	David Hunt
Secretary:	Lesley Meakin
Electoral Roll Officer:	Jane Wright
Safeguarding Lead:	Anne Hunt
Environmental Champion:	Fiona Wingate

The business of the meeting included:

- Approval of an updated Health and Safety plan/policy and updated fire risk assessments for church and hall. The need to review fire escape route access for those with reduced mobility was highlighted
- Annual approval of the reserves policy
- Agreeing what we would like an upgraded audiovisual system to be able to do, and that we will get professional advice as to what equipment options there are and what these would cost
- Agreeing to the purchase of a set of CDs of organ music for use when no organist is available (this will be compatible with our OFOCOL hymnbook)
- Planning some minor repairs and plumbing jobs
- Agreeing issues for future discussion

Lesley Meakin

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

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/

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At the APCM David Hunt and Tina Jarvis were re-elected as Churchwardens and Jane Wright was re-elected to the PCC. Many thanks to them for their continued and valued service to St Guthlac's. Minutes of the APCM will be sent out by email to those who receive their newsletter electronically, and there are some printed copies available in the welcome area. *Lesley Meakin*

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.



Growing hope in a small city space

In Nairobi, Fridah is using urban farming to protect her family from hunger and build a more



This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

In the informal settlement of Dagoretti in Nairobi, most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Fridah knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her grandchildren from hunger.

Through our partner, Beacon of Hope, she's received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small city space – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income.

'Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family.'

If you don't receive an envelope through your door, you can donate in church or via the following link:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-guthlacs-church-knighton>

Thank you for your support

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!