

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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



Sunday 10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Cecilia Adjadje will lead a service of All Age Worship.

The Collect and Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 17.22-31;

Psalm 66.7-18;

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.13-22;

Gospel Reading: John 14. 15-21



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 concerns rise in the UK about anti-semitism, please pray that across the world there will be greater welcome and acceptance of people of all ethnic groups, faiths, cultures and identities. Pray for deeper understanding and

commitment to the way of peace in the lives of our nations and Governments, and for the safety of all those who feel attacked and threatened.

Praying for the Church: With others across our Diocese, please pray for the people and leaders of the Whatborough Group of churches, churches in the Coplow Benefice, and also in Hallaton & Allextton with Horninghold, Tugby, East Norton & Slawston, the Langtons & Shangton, and Welham, Glooston & Cranhoe & Stonton Wyville. Pray for a sense of companionship and partnership between these Minster Community churches spread over a large area.

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 – **Gartree 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.

Ascension Day: Forty days after Easter, Christians remember and celebrate the bodily ascension of Jesus back into heaven - a human being at the heart of God's presence. Many of us fail to notice Ascension Day altogether though! This year our special service of Communion marking Ascension Day is at **St Guthlac's on Thursday 14th May at 9.30am** - everyone is welcome.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

17 th May	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Revd Cecilia Adjadje
24 th May	Morning Prayer No Church Club – Half Term	Revd Adrian Jones
31 st May	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje & Revd Adrian Jones
7 th June	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Fiona Wingate
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/

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

The next issue of the magazine will appear in mid-June. The closing date for copy will be Friday 5 June. Please make sure I have information about any forthcoming church events which could helpfully be advertised in this edition. And of course I continue to welcome any articles, thoughts, reminiscences which may be of interest to our readership. The email address is stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com. (Readers from St Guthlac's shouldn't be discouraged by this address). *Editor Nigel*

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, ORGAN RECITALS 2026

Third Thursday of each month at 1pm, for half an hour.

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 17 th	Pavlos Triantaris - St Swithan's Church, Lincoln.



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





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

Our joint service with other local churches, marking the launch of Christian Aid Week, is at **Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road** on **Sunday 10th May at 6.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.



City of Leicester Deanery Synod

OPEN MEETING on New RE

Curriculum for Leicester City Schools

7.30-9.00pm, Wednesday 13 May 2026

**St Theodore's Church, 2 Sandfield Close,
Leicester LE4 7RE**

Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm.

With Wendy Harrison, Leicester City Council's (LCC) Consultant RE Adviser and Elizabeth Wayne-Hawker from LCC's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) about the development and use of the RE Syllabus

Followed by case studies and example resources from
local churches and schools

This is to help parishes explore ideas to support
local community schools

In 2024 LCC launched its Revised Agreed RE Syllabus for 2024-30 based upon a worldview of faiths approach helping pupils to understand how people make sense of the world and the impact this has on their daily life. It particularly encourages schools to work with local faith practitioners to help pupils learn about their lived experiences of faith.



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!