

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 17th May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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This Sunday at 10.30am, Revd Janet Gasper will preside and Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preach, at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Acts 1.6-14;

Psalm 68.1-10,32-35;

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11;

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11



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: In the UK political events have stolen the headlines. Please pray for all those around the world who are faced with real and critical struggles in very difficult lives and

dangerous circumstances. Pray for those who live in areas of conflict, where medical aid is hard to find, and where food is short. Please pray for Christian Aid and other charities working to bring relief from suffering and a more just world for everyone.

Praying for the Church: As we approach the Called Together Lay Ministry Service at the Cathedral on 23rd, please give thanks to God for all those who have responded to God's call as Licensed Ministers ("Associate Ministers" such as Readers and Pastoral Assistants) in our churches, especially for Fiona Wingate, the Reader in our Benefice:

*Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

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 – **Goldhill 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

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

24 th May	Morning Prayer	Revd Adrian Jones
	No Church Club – Half Term	
31 st May	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje & Revd Adrian Jones
7 th June	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper & Fiona Wingate
14 th June	All Age Worship	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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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>

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

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 arocha.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*

Tea and Talk meeting for June...

NatureSpot and Knighton Wild

Simon Bennett & Alan Cann

Tuesday 9th June at 7pm

St Guthlac's Church, Holbrook Rd LE2 3LF



NatureSpot is a local charity in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Through its website it encourages people to discover wildlife, identify what they see and hear and record the species that they have found. Simon and Alan are both trustees of NatureSpot and live in Knighton. They will talk about NatureSpot, how it is used by the local wildlife group Knighton Wild, and what it tells us about local wildlife.

Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!

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.

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>



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.



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



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!