

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 21st June 2026
Third Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Aphro McCullough will preside and Revd Adrian Jones will preach at a service of Holy Communion. The theme of the service is **"Lessons from the Desert: Water, manna and quail"**

Readings for our themed service

Exodus 16.1-16

John 6.24-35

The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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: Genesis 21.8-21;

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17;

2nd Reading: Romans 6.1b-11;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.24-39



Praying through this week

Praying for each other this month: As we approach the halfway point of the year, this June please pray for all of those in our congregations, wider church family and community whose surnames begin with the letters U, V, W X, Y and Z! Pray that they would each know themselves to be remembered by God and special to him as a unique individual, created with unique gifts to share with the world.

Praying for the World: With news reports about the high number of young people in the UK who are without employment, education or training once they leave school, please pray for a deeper concern for the rising generations. Pray that leaders and decision makers will make our young people a priority and pray for the strength, support and wisdom of teachers, youth workers and parents who seek to help and guide. Please pray for the young people themselves - for a sense of value and purpose, energy and direction.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all the Minster Communities now forming across our diocese. Pray for those churches that will join with ourselves on this side of the city and this week especially for the churches of All Saints and St Thomas's in Wigston. With others across our diocese, please pray this week for the people and leaders of the churches in Rothley, Sileby, Cossington & Seagrave, and the Goscote Deanery.

In particular please pray this week for **Margot Comer** and **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 – **Holbrook Road.**

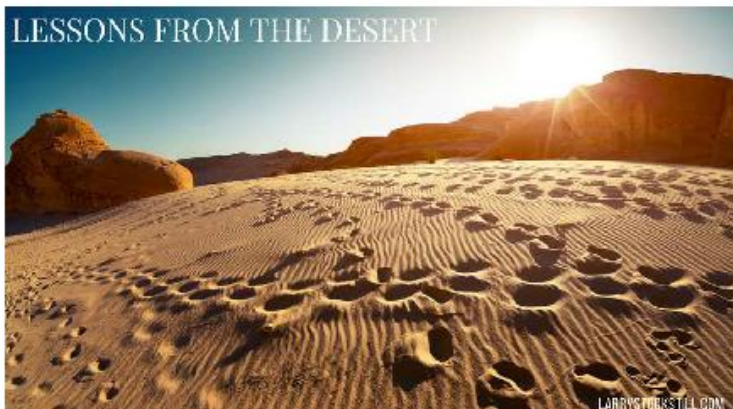
For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact Revd Adrian adrian.jones@zoho.com or Jane administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

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.

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>



Lessons from the Desert

Moses emerged from the desert to confront Pharaoh and to lead God's ancient people to the Promised Land – but only after 40 years in the desert once again! Sometimes life today can feel as if we're wandering in a desert, weary and with far to go – but just as God stayed with his people long ago, so he stays with us today and even uses the desert experience to teach us and to shape us.

On each of the six Sundays following Trinity Sunday we'll be looking at some of these '*Lessons from the Desert*' as we follow God's people in their escape from Egypt and into the wilderness, as it's described in the Bible's book of the Exodus. Join us each week at 10.30am for the whole adventure! *Adrian*

Sunday 7 th June	<i>"Let my people go!"</i>
Sunday 14 th June	<i>"Crossing the Sea"</i>
Sunday 21 st June	<i>"Water, Manna and quail"</i>
Sunday 28 th June	<i>"Moses and Jethro"</i>
Sunday 5 th July	<i>"Fire on the mountain"</i>
Sunday 12 th July	<i>"The Golden Calf"</i>

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

28 th June	Matins	David Hunt
5 th July	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones & Fiona Wingate
12 th July	Matins	David Hunt
19 th July	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
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

Mothers' Union Fellowship. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 23rd June** in the Paris Centre at 1.30 for a 2pm start. Our speaker will be Lorna Kirk and, as always, non-MU members are welcome to join us.

A couple of reminders for your diary: Teddy Bears Picnic in Coalville on 28th June and the 150th Anniversary Service at the Cathedral on Sunday, 9th August at 3.30pm. LP

EcoTip for June: Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it's easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with:

If you're heading to the coast at any time then why not search your local beach with a shore survey:

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/get-involved/citizen-science-projects/shoresearch>

If you're staying local then why not spend ten minutes counting pollinators in a green space near you: <https://ukpoms.org.uk/>

Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6- 14 June), we're hoping to register that St Guthlac's will be doing something either at the church or in the comfort of your own space:

<https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/>

Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk

Enjoy taking time to notice nature more closely.

Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union:
Join Us, Join In – Lighting the Way for Generations to Come



2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded and here are some of the events taking place nationally and locally that you might be interested in:

- ✚ There are still tickets available for the **National MU Anniversary Service at St. Paul's Cathedral** in London on the **10th June** – *they are hoping to live-stream this service and we will endeavour to put the link in the church newsletter nearer the time.*
- ✚ Within the diocese we are holding a **Teddy bear's Picnic on the 28th of June in Coalville**, where we have both an outside and inside option available to allow for the British weather! Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own picnic.
- ✚ On the **5th of June**, we are going to meet at Christ Church Coalville to cheer on Deb Lee, a Trustee from York diocese, who is cycling from York to St Paul's Cathedral.
- ✚ **Diocesan 150th Anniversary Service at Leicester Cathedral – 3.30pm Sunday 9th August – all welcome!**

To find out more about what's happening near you or how to become a member, visit www.mothersunionleicester.org.uk or www.mothersunion.org;
speak to Lorna Pollard or Alison Roche after church
or contact our Diocesan Administrator - Kate Cooper: kate.cooper@leicestercofe.org

INEQE Safeguarding Audit of the Diocese of Leicester

The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral will soon be taking part in an independent safeguarding audit carried out by the INEQE Safeguarding Group.

INEQE has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to take an independent look at safeguarding across Church of England dioceses and cathedrals, as well as the National Safeguarding Team.

They want to check how things are working day to day and help us make sure our churches and worshipping communities are places where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This audit is a chance to celebrate what we do well, be honest about what we could do better and learn and improve together.

It's an important part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and being open, accountable and willing to learn.

The INEQE Safeguarding Audit will begin across the Diocese of Leicester in June 2026, with online surveys opening for up to 8 weeks. The team will submit evidence of our safeguarding practices via INEQE's 360° audit tool, with auditors on site in the diocese and cathedral between 5–9 October 2026. Once published, INEQE's independent safeguarding audit report will be made available on their website, as well as our diocesan and cathedral sites.

You can take part in the survey online or by using the QR code.



Safeguarding Survey 2026

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Take the survey



What's working well?
What could we do better?
Share your views on safeguarding and help us be a safer church for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

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A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CUP



God of glory,
as the world gathers
to celebrate the beautiful game,
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security
for players and officials on the pitch,
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God
in the creativity of every curving free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective
on the miskicks, missed penalties,
and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team
– even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory
be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more
of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation
and people who share your glory.
Amen.

