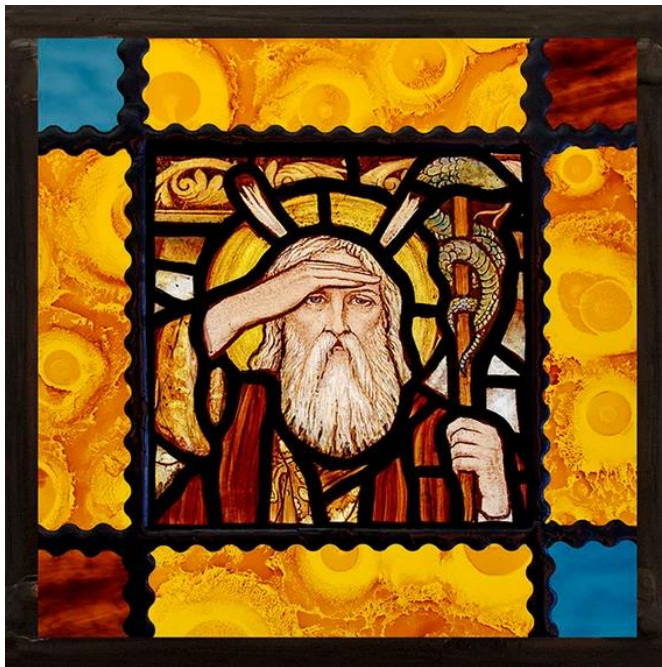


ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 28th June 2026
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am David Hunt will lead a service of Matins.
The theme of the service is **"Lessons from the Desert: Moses & Jethro"**

Readings for our themed service

Exodus 18.5-27

Matthew 8.5-13

The Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-14;

Psalm 13;

2nd Reading: Romans 6. 12-23;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10. 40-42



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: Please pray for all those parts of the world where climate change is having a serious and significant impact, and especially all those affected by severe heat in Europe. Pray that we will share resources and ideas to relieve suffering. Pray also that leaders and decision makers will have the courage and wisdom to move humanity away from all those things that are damaging our planet and threatening lives.

Praying for the Church: Please pray for all those approaching ordination next weekend, and also for all those still in training (see separate item). Pray that we will all hear God's call to service and ministry, whatever shape that takes - "Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ"! With others across our diocese this week, please also pray for the people and leaders of the churches in Syston and East Gosport, Rearsby, and Queniborough - pray for thriving villages with the church at the heart.

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, especially **Margaret Adamson** 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 – **Knighton Church 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

Sad news about Margaret Adamson

I'm so sorry to have to tell you that our long time friend and member of the church community, Margaret Adamson, died at home on Wednesday afternoon. Earlier this week Margaret had enjoyed the craft session at St Mary's and appeared to be her usual interested and engaging self, so her death so soon afterwards has come as rather a shock. Please remember Margaret's family in your prayers this week - we all send them our sincere condolences.

Adrian

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. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

5 th July	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones & Fiona Wingate
12 th July	Matins	David Hunt
19 th July	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
26 th July	Morning Prayer	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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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>

Remembering special days! Hearty congratulations to **Lorna and Michael Kirk** who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this week, on 1st July. “The traditional theme for the 65th anniversary is the *Blue Sapphire*, which symbolizes loyalty, wisdom, and a bond that has stood the test of time” – all of which applies to these good friends of ours! At St Mary’s and St Guthlac’s we thank God for their love, faith and continuing service – many of us have cause to be very grateful for the example and support they have provided to us.

Hoping you both have a splendid day! *Adrian*

Remembering more special days! Two of our Ministry Team reach special landmarks this week: twenty five years ago on 30th June 2001, **Revd Aphro McCullough** was ordained as a priest, and a day later on 1st July, **Revd Alison Roche** was ordained as a deacon. Around our diocese (and beyond!) they are both known and appreciated for their caring and creative ministry, and I’m so pleased that they are part of the Knighton team. I’m sure you’ll join me in wishing them every blessing for fruitful ministry in the years to come as well. *Adrian*

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

Ordinations in Leicester 2026 and beyond.

We are approaching Petertide, the traditional season for ordinations in the Church of England. Last year, however, it was announced that here in the Diocese of Leicester the priest and deacon ordinations will move from Petertide to Michaelmas, beginning in 2026. This year the ordination dates are therefore **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October.**

Ordinands beginning their deacon year will be licensed as Lay Workers under Canon E7 from 1 July of that year, to help them embed in a parish and move house, giving a more phased build-up to their ordination.

In the meantime you might like to pray for ordinands approaching their ordination in other parts of the country with this prayer:

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants now to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
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.

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

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.

Learning and Growing – local opportunities organised by the Diocese

Growing in Pastoral Care

Five sessions to develop confidence, skills and experience in pastoral care. Suitable for people with some experience and those beginning to explore pastoral care.

Saturday 19 September – 10am-3pm, venue TBC

Tuesday 29 September – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 6 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 13 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Saturday 31 October – 10am-1pm, venue TBC

For more information or to book a place

email Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Journey in Faith Course 26/27

Journey in Faith is a three-term course that provides time, space and companionship to:

- grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- deepen your relationship with God
- explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory Session:

Saturday 26 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House

Three course groups are planned:

- Tuesday evenings: Frisby on the Wreake
- Wednesday evenings: Western Park, Leicester
- Thursday evenings: Market Harborough

For more information: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org and talk to Adrian, Janet, Sian or Cecilia!

To book a place: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org

Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs.



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.

