

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 12th July 2026
Sixth 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: The Golden Calf"**

Readings for our themed service

Exodus 32.1-20

Luke 15.1-7

The Collect and Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

1st Reading: Genesis 25.19-34;

Psalm 119.105-112;

2nd Reading: Romans 8.1-11;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23



Praying through this week

Praying for each other: Over the last six months we have prayed for everyone who is a member of the Church or part of our wider community of friends and supporters. Now in July, we begin again by praying for all those whose surnames begin with A, B, C and D. Please pray that this summer will be a time when they feel God's restoration and re-building, so that they come to the rest of the year with a fresh purpose and direction.

Praying for the World: A Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we come before you with heavy hearts, burdened by the pain, destruction, and loss of life caused by war and conflict in our world. You are the Prince of Peace, and your desire is for all people to live in harmony, justice, and safety - so we pray for all Presidents, Prime Ministers, governments and military leaders Grant them divine wisdom, humility, and a profound desire for peace. Silence the voices of hatred, division, and aggression, and instead amplify the voices of diplomacy, reconciliation, and mercy. Comfort the innocent victims of violence, heal the wounded, and protect the vulnerable. May Your peace, which passes all understanding, guard the minds and hearts of people across all nations. Bring an end to the fighting, and let a lasting, just peace reign across the earth. Amen.

Praying for the Church: This week please pray with others from across our Diocese for the people and leaders of the churches in the Barrow and Wolds Group, in Castle Donington, and Lockington cum Hemington, in Emmanuel, Loughborough, and the Good Shepherd, Loughborough. Pray that they would be encouraged in new ventures, new congregations and new vision for the growth of the churches and a deeper worshipping life together.

In particular please pray this week for 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 **Martin Stevenson, Elizabeth Andrews, Beryl Reffin & 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 Grange 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

Beryl Reffin : I can now tell you that Beryl's funeral will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 14th July at 12 noon. Following the service, the coffin will be taken to Knighton Victoria Bowls Club on Church Lane, where we'll be able to pay our respects and there'll be refreshments - everyone is warmly invited. Later the family will leave for a private committal service. Please continue to pray for Beryl's daughter Janet and son Michael in the challenges of these days. *Adrian*

Elizabeth Andrews, a good friend to our Knighton churches, has, sadly, died. Elizabeth was a talented designer, artist and craftsperson who had a long association with the churches but more recently had been living in Kibworth Harcourt. Some of you will know that our altar rail kneelers, the design on the etched glass doors (which is also our letterhead and logo) and the Lenten Altar Frontal and Chasuble, are all her work, and in the 1990s she led the group of tapissiers that produced the kneelers at St Mary's and St Guthlac's. Her son Jim is hoping that Elizabeth's funeral might be at St Mary's, and I'll keep you up to date with any news. *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>



Diocesan 150th Anniversary Service at Leicester Cathedral –
3.30pm Sunday 9th August – all welcome!

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

12 th July	Matins	David Hunt
19 th July	Eucharist	Revd Aphro McCullough
26 th July	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
2 nd August	Eucharist	Revd Janet Gasper

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 July: It's **Plastic Free July** and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/> and more about this year's campaign at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>.

Stop Press! Change to Craft Workshop 14th July 10.30am - please note that due to the funeral on 14th July, the craft workshop scheduled to take place in the Narthex of the St Mary's will now take place in the Lounge at the Parish Centre.

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.

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.

A poster for the 'Safeguarding Survey 2026'. The title 'Safeguarding Survey 2026' is at the top in black and red. Below it, 'HAVE YOUR SAY...' is written in large, bold, red letters inside a pink speech bubble. The poster is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Take the survey:' and contains a QR code. The right column is titled 'What's working well? What could we do better?' and contains the text 'Share your views on safeguarding and help us be a safer church for everyone'. At the bottom, the URL 'leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit' is provided. The footer includes the INEQE logo and the logos for the Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral.

**Safeguarding Survey
2026**

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INEQE
Safeguarding by Design



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.



Public Notice:

You are invited to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing

An eye-opening film featuring nine leading UK scientists and experts updating us on the latest in the climate and nature crisis and its impacts on everyday national life.

Including:

- extreme weather
- food security
- health
- cost of living

Based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, as covered by ITV, C4, and the Times. Followed by a short open discussion about what we can do and what it means locally.

Featuring Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, surprise guests, and a wide range of Brits.

Please note: The film is only being shown at in-person screenings, not online. Bring a friend or neighbour. Please book your free seat asap.



Leicester Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road (next to Victoria Park)

Friday 24th July 7pm.

No need to book. Bring a friend who wouldn't normally come to this kind of thing!

St Guthlac's Summer Read

Join us in reading one or two books based on young people's experiences in different world environments

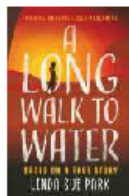


The Boy who harnessed the wind **William Kamkwamba & Brian Mealer (2010)**

Based on a true story of when William Kamkwamba was just 14 years old in Malawi, his family told him that he must leave school and come home to work on the farm – they could no longer afford his fees. He managed to do something extraordinary with very little against the pressure of his family and community. (Now a Netflix film and a RSC musical)

A Long Walk to Water **Linda Sue Park (2010)**

Based on a true stories of two young people in Sudan. In 1985 eleven-year-old Salva is forced to flee on foot when his village comes under attack. Braving every imaginable hardship – including killer lions and hungry crocodiles – he is one of the 'lost boys' travelling the African continent. In 2002 Nya goes to the pond two times a day to fetch water. It takes her eight hours. The two stories intersect in a moving way.



Trash **Andy Mulligan (2014)**

Raphael lives on a dumpsite, eking out a living sifting through rubbish. One unlucky-lucky day, he makes an extraordinary and deadly discovery. Now he and his two friends are wanted by the corrupt city forces who will stop at nothing to get back what they've lost. It will take quick-thinking and fast-talking to stay ahead. And to stay alive. This fictional story is loosely based in Manila.

Where the World turns Wild **Nicola Penfold (2020)**

An ecological futuristic adventure. Juniper Greene lives in a walled city where nature has been banished, following the outbreak of a deadly man-made disease many years earlier. She and her little brother Bear have always known about their resistance to the disease, and dream of escaping into the wild-to the one place humans have survived outside of cities. To where their mother is.



These books are suitable for teenagers and adults. A few copies will be available to borrow from St Guthlac's church and Holbrook Oasis café which meets every Wednesday between 1.30 – 3.30. There will be an opportunity to meet to discuss the books on Tuesday 8th September at 7.00 (with tea & cakes)