

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 9th August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Janet Gasper will lead a service of Morning Prayer.

The Collect and Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 37.1-4,12-28;

Psalms 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b;

2nd Reading: Romans 10.5-15;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14. 22-33



Praying through this week

Praying for each other: In the month of August please do pray for all those within our congregation and our wider church community whose surnames begin with the letters E, F, G and H. Pray that they will know the Holy Spirit as their guide in all of life, inspiring them to the love and service of others.

Prayers about the Climate Crisis

God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory.

Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire leaders with openness to listen
to those most affected by climate change,
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.

-Adapted from the COP27 Climate Summit prayer from the EcoJesuits

O God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble.

We lift our prayers to you now that your creation is suffering.

Have mercy on the lands ravaged by fires.

Calm the winds that fan the flames, and send rain to the parched
lands.

Comfort all who have had to leave their homes; give them solace
as they wait for news.

Give peace to those under evacuation alerts.

Bless all those who help and support the evacuees.

Protect all those who are fighting the fires, and keep them safe in
difficult circumstances.

Protect all whose health is at risk because of the smoke.

Heal the people, heal the nature, and heal the land.

God, in your unending mercy, we ask you to hear our prayers.

Amen. *British Columbia Synod*

Praying for those in need: Please pray for all those who are in
need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit,
those who are anxious and worried as well as those facing new
challenging circumstances.

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 – **London Road** and **Raglan Court**.

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. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street

Dear Friends (City Deanery)

It is with shock and sadness that I report that St. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street (next to the Royal Infirmary) suffered a major fire late on Tuesday night.

Thankfully, nobody was hurt but please would you all keep Fr Johannes and the team of clergy, and the whole congregation in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. I know this will be appreciated immensely by them.

With kind regards and very best wishes

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Qyan Arnachellum (Mr)
Administrator, City Deanery

Children's wooden chairs for upcycling

We have 9 wooden children's chairs available to anyone who would like one or more for upcycling. There are three different styles. If you are interested in having a chair, please see Lesley, who can show you photos of the different types on offer. Any remaining at the end of the month will be offered to members of the community. A small donation to the Malawi appeal would be welcome.

St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

16 th August	Eucharist	Revd Adrian Jones
23 rd August	Morning Prayer	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
30 th August	JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S	
6 th September	Eucharist	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>

A new step for our curate, Cecilia: After more than 4 years as part of our church family here at St Guthlac's and St Mary's, our curate Cecilia has a new calling - to be the Vicar of St Denys Church in Evington. Cecilia and Peter, together with Esther, David and Daniel, first arrived with us when she was an ordinand in training, and we were so pleased when the Diocese suggested that Cecilia might complete her curacy training here too... sadly though, all curates have to leave! We have all benefitted so much from Cecilia's ministry and from the life and laughter that all the family have shared with us, that it will be hard to say farewell - but at least we know they'll still be near neighbours (and in fact they won't need to move house). When we know the date of Cecilia's licensing at St Denys we'll prepare a proper 'goodbye' to them all, but in the meantime do thank God for them and pray that the change will go smoothly and easily. *Adrian*

Summertime - over the school holidays. Adrian and family, and Cecilia and family, will be taking holidays at various points. If you can't get in touch with one or other of us, and the need is urgent, then please do try to contact another member of the Ministry Team. Emails and phone messages can be left as usual but please be aware that there may be a delay in getting back to you. Thank you for your understanding.

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

EcoTip for August: Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See EcoChurch's blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips: <https://arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/>

Ride and Stride: Saturday 12 September 2026: It's that time of year again. The seasons may be turning but it's a chance to visit some superb places of worship around the city and county in the Leicestershire Historical Churches' Trust (LHCT) - annual Ride and Stride event. The event aims to raise funds for churches which it distributes via grants. St Guthlac's Church will be open on the day to visitors, riders and striders. We would love to be able to offer our customary warm and friendly welcome through out the day. If you're able to spare an hour (or more) to welcome visitors to the church please sign up on the rota at the back of church. No special experience needed just your gift of time. Thank you as ever. Fiona

Plans for emergency evacuation

The PCC have been reviewing the action we might take in the case of a fire. We are planning to have a practice using old fire extinguishers in the autumn. This will be open to all.

We are also checking the best emergency evacuation for anyone who might have a particular difficulty such as severe asthma that might be triggered by smoke, reduced mobility etc. If you think you might need a personal emergency evacuation plan please have a chat with Tina or Caroline.

Harvest donations for Open Hands

This year's Harvest service will be on **Sept 13th** and as usual you are invited to bring donations for Open Hands, either on the day, or in advance. Plenty of notice is being given, as some members of the congregation like to add an item or two to their shopping for several weeks in the run up to Harvest. Only non-perishable food can be used by Open Hands and the following items are particularly needed, thank you:

Open Hands 

Food
Needed For our Essentials Hub

URGENT



Tin of Soup



Tinned Fruit



Tinned Rice Pudding



Vegetarian Meal



Meat Meal



Rice 1kg bags
(Family size)



Pasta Sauce



Tinned Vegetables



Tinned Pulse Beans



Flour - Self Raising,
Plain and Chapatti



UHT Milk



Bottled Water and Soft Drinks
(Individual Bottles)



Jams/Spreads



Sugar



Tinned Tomatoes



Squash



Tinned Fish



Tea Bags Small
(40s and 80s)



Individual Porridge Pots



Small Coffee



Cereal



Bags for Life



Biscuits



Pasta

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.

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.



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 Summer Read

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

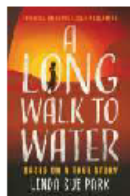


The Boy who harnessed the wind **William Kamkwamba & Brian Mealer (2010)**

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)