

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
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Sunday 16th August 2026
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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Adrian Jones will preside and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

The Collect and Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 45.1-15;

Psalm 133;

2nd Reading: Romans 11.1-2a,29-32;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15. (10-20)21-28



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 – **Morland Avenue.**

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

Margaret Adamson

The family of the late Margaret Adamson would like to invite Margaret's friends to a celebration of her life. This will be held at Knighton Victoria Bowls Club, Church Lane, on Friday 21st August at 2pm.

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

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
13 th September	Harvest All Age Worship	

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>

Coming up..... Creationtide!



Our services in September will focus on creation through the themes of earth, water, wind and fire, and so tie in with the subjects of the summer read books

6th Sept: Eucharist celebrating all of creation through the example of St Francis of Assisi

13th Sept: Harvest All Age Worship on the theme of water. Non-perishable food gifts for Open Hands will be very welcome

20th Sept: Eucharist with the theme of earth. We are delighted to be able to welcome **Rev Nicky McGinty** who will preside and preach. Nicky is a master composter as well as being a priest.

27th Sept: Morning Prayer on the themes of wind and fire

Please do come along to as many of the series as you can!

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.

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*

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.

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 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



LET IT ALL GO GREENBELT

27-30 AUGUST 2026 BOUGHTON HOUSE

MUSIC

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**BLUE ROSE CODE * FLAMY GRANT * GRACE PETRIE
MARTYN JOSEPH * PENGUIN CAFE * ROSE BETTS * RUMAC
ST CATHERINE'S CHILD * SHLOMO & THE GOB ORCHESTRA**
ANSERINE * ALYA ISHA & THE RA KHOLECTIV * CAPYAC * CRYST MATTHEWS * DARAA TRIBES
DAVID BENJAMIN BLOWER * DEVA ST. JOHN * DUB COLOSSUS * DUSTBOWL REVIVAL * FLAT MOON
GECKO * GENERATION FERAL * HANG LINTON * HARRY BIRD * HOPE & SOCIAL * IRKED
JARMOUSE * JOSEPH TAWADROS * JUNIOR BROTHER * LEE BAINS * LIZZY HARDINGHAM
LUKE WALLACE * MARTHA MAY & THE MONDAYS * PAMBELE * SERIN * SISKIN GREEN * SOAPBOX
SPEIT * STEBEE * TC & THE GROOVE FAMILY * WITHERED HAND * XRAY VEZ * YAKKIE

IDEAS & ACTIVISM

**CATHY NEWMAN * CHARLOTTE CHURCH * JORDAN STEPHENS
MARTIN SHAW * MICHAEL SHEEN* * MINA SMALLMAN * MOBEEN AZHAR**
ANN PETTIFOR * BELLE TINDALL-RILEY * BEN RAWLENCE * BILL MCKIBBEN*
CHEER UP LUV * COLE MORETON * FATIMA IBRAHIM * JAY GRIFFITHS * LAMBROS FATSIS
LAMMA MANSOUR * LIZ BUCAR* * LUCY WINKETT * NICK LOWLES * OMAR BARGHOUTI
REFUGEE TALES * ROBIN INCE * RUTH VALERIO * SHANE CLAIBORNE*
SONITA ALLEYNE * SUE PARFITT * VANDAL FACTORY PODCAST

POETRY & SPOKEN WORD

HARRY BAKER * THE HOT POETS
DESREE * ERIN BOLENS * HANNAH DAVIES
JASMINE GARDOSI * PADRAIG O TUAMA
PAUL COOKSON * RENSOLL * YASMIN JENKINS

THEATRE & COMEDY

ANCESTORS BY PETER BRATHWAITE
COMEDY CLUB WITH JONATHAN MAYOR * KAYLEIGH JONES * MATT GREEN * RIA LINA
FOLK ON * HUG BY LEVANTES DANCE THEATRE
LUISA OMIELAN WITH GOD IS A WOMAN THE MUSICAL
MATT WINNING WITH SOLASTALGIA * NO DIRECTION HOME
REC.ON(STRUCTION) BY MAX CALAF & LUCAS RUIZ * REGGIE WATTS
ROLL PLAY BY SIMPLE CYPHER * SAINTS ON THE BRIDGE BY TESTAMENT
SORRY (I BROKE YOUR ARMS AND LEGS) BY MAYBE YOU LIKE IT
THE LIGHT HOUSE BY ALYS WILLIAMS

WORKSHOP & SPIRITUALITY

ANDY SQUYRES * CARRIE GRANT
FRANCESCO BY DANIEL ZAPPI * SEKRET * WILDERTHORN

VISUAL ARTS

MALAK MATTAR * MUSSON-RETALLICK, MIGRATION

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BUNGALOW BILL * CIRCUS KAOS * DIZZY O'DARE * DJ JOZZY
FAMILY TWIST * FIERY JACKS * FISCHY MUSIC * HAYLEY YOGA
PLAY SHAPES * POCO DROM * SOHAN KAILEY

PLUS

DJ SETS * YOUTH PROGRAMME * WORKSHOPS
SKATE RAMP * GRADE 1 LISTED PARKLAND

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St Guthlac's Summer Read

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

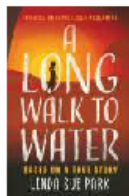


The Boy who harnessed the wind **William Kamkwamba & Brian Mealer (2010)**

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)