

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish Church of St Guthlac
Knighton, Leicester LE2 3LF

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Sunday 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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This Sunday at 10.30am Revd Cecilia Adjadje will lead a service of Morning Prayer.

The Collect and Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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: Exodus 1.8-2.10;

Psalm 138;

2nd Reading: Romans 12.1-8;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-20



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.

God of our longing

God of our longing,
hear our prayers
protect our dreams,
and listen to our silent hopes.
Deal gently with our pain,
speak to our sadness,
and remove the barriers that imprison our spirit.
Shed your light where shadows are cast,
that we may feel your warmth and know your presence.
Give us courage to hold fast to our vision
that we may build our world
and create our future.
Amen.

Prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Christ our light

Christ our light,
your love burns in our hearts
and builds in us a thirst for justice.
Jesus, light of the world,
you taught us how to reach out to others,
open our ears
to the stories that beg to be heard.
You who are light and warmth,
banish the darkness
and bring us hope.
Jesus, light of life,
enfold us all with your love
and incline our hearts
to the leading of your healing spirit.
Amen.

Prayer by Matthew Dear and Susy Brouard

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 – **Powys 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

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

30 th August	JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S	
6 th Sept.	Eucharist	Revd Cecilia Adjadje
13 th Sept.	Harvest All Age Worship	Fiona Wingate
20 th Sept.	Eucharist	Revd Nicky McGinty

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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Revd Janet Gasper

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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*

PS, please note that Cecilia will be "collated and inducted" into her new post by Bishop Martyn in a service at **7pm on Wednesday 28th October**, at St Denys'. Look out for further details.

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

Chutney and jam: Help needed!

Chutney (in particular) and jam sell extremely well at our fayres, alongside the famous St Guthlac's marmalade, and raise a significant sum of money.

Large quantities are contributed by a small group of people, some of whom will not be able to make so much this year due to not having so much surplus fruit and vegetables. Therefore, we are encouraging those who have fruit trees or vegetable patches, or whose neighbours, friend or relatives have spare produce on offer, to have a go at making a batch of chutney or jam, to help meet the demand at the Christmas Fayre.

Easy recipes are widely available for just about any fruit or vegetable and no special skill or equipment is required, but if you don't have a large enough pan, Lesley has a preserving pan to lend. Jars are available from the welcome area.

Please store your chutney at home in a cool place and let Lesley know nearer the time how many jars you have made so that fabric toppers can be provided.

Please label your jars and also make a note of all your ingredients to accompany your jars to the fayre so that buyers can be advised of any allergens.

Please do have a go! Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

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.

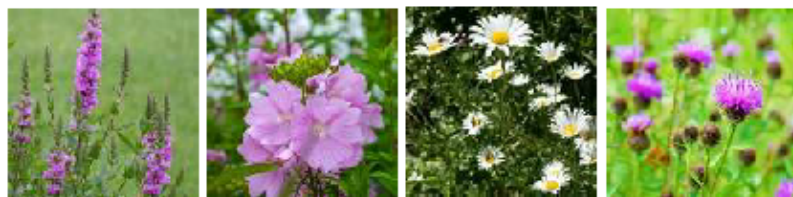
News from St Guthlac's garden

It has been lovely to see local people sitting and enjoying our pretty garden throughout the year, and the Village on The Street community group was really appreciative of being able to use our grounds for their very successful summer evening get together.

Despite the drought and succession of heatwaves, most of our trees, shrubs and smaller plants have survived. We have kept water use to a minimum, but thanks are due to those who have regularly kept an eye on, and watered, the most recently planted things, and also to those adding appropriate waste to the compost bin.

The meadow area has now been cut. Earlier in the year it was lovely to see the snowdrops which have been introduced around the apple tree. Various seeds and plug plants have been put in this area, so we are hoping some of them will become established in due course.

The policy of introducing more wild flowers into the garden has been successful (although it has proved very difficult to get anything to grow under the yew tree). We now have Purple Loosestrife, Foxgloves, Mallow, Common Knapweed, Oxeye Daisy and more.



Many thanks to everyone who looks after a specific area of the garden and/or comes to our working parties. The next working party will be on **Sat 19th September 2-4pm**. Please come if you are able. No experience is needed!



LET IT ALL GO GREENBELT

27-30 AUGUST 2026 BOUGHTON HOUSE

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**ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT * BCUC
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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 * PÁDRAIG Ó 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

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ST GUTHLAC'S SUMMER READ TEA & TALK

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.00



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

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

Trash by Andy Mulligan (2014)

Where the World turns Wild by Nicola Penfold (2020)

Have you read one or more of these books that focus on young people's experiences in different world environments? What do you think about them? Come and join us to talk about them. Refreshments provided.