

# ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 19 January 2020    Second Sunday of Epiphany

**10.30 am Holy Communion**

**President & Preacher: Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster**

## **WELCOME TO ANY OF YOU VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME!**

Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers and/or a Churchwarden and sign in the welcome book so that we can get to know you by name! St Guthlac's is YOUR local church. We feel part of the local community and we hope that you will feel part of the church community.

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND MEETINGS

### January 2020

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Tea & Talk: Bees and Beekeeping, John Bogumsky
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Matins & Church Club
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.45pm	Knighton Players

### February

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00pm	Cake & Compline: Faith and Politics
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion, Revd Adrian Jones
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.45pm	Knighton Players
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Community Café
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All Age Worship

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020: Unusual Kindness

Unity Service: **Sunday 19th January** at 6.30pm: Stoneygate Baptist Church,

Pilgrimage prayers in our churches:

Mon 20th Jan	Noon	St Thomas More Catholic Church,
Tue 21st Jan	Noon	St John the Baptist Church,
Wed 22nd Jan	12.30pm	Quaker Meeting House
Thurs 23rd Jan	Noon	Christchurch, Clarendon Park
Fri 24th Jan	Noon	St Mary Magdalen Church,

SLCP—Churches Together South Leicester: <http://www.churchestogether.org/southleicester>

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS** We have been asked to keep **Martha Perez, Mike Vickers, Helen Nichols** and **Ann Spring** in our prayers. Please remember those who have died recently including **Marjorie Woods** and **Tom Skinner** and keep Tom's grandson, Michael Relph and family in your prayers. For other prayer requests, please speak to a churchwarden.

The funeral of Tom Skinner is to be held at St Mary's Church Knighton, on Saturday 25th January at 11:00am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** June Ardley and Brenda Lee are celebrating a special birthday this week. Congratulations from all your friends at St. Guthlac's.

**MALAWI MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC: An extract from a letter from Bishop Christopher to David Hunt dated December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

Many thanks indeed for the cheque for £620 - £400 for the mobile clinic and £220 for the family of the late Canon James Kenneth Chifisi. This help and your inclusive understanding are very much appreciated. We are no longer sending Likuna Phala because of increased clinic costs.

The clinic goes from strength to strength. It is under good leadership and the care is comprehensive and innovative. It is organised by a consultant from Mzuzu Central Hospital, Dr John Chipolombwe who is an Anglican and worships at St Mark's Mzuzu. The new team consists of two clinical officers, two nurses, a pharmacist and a dentist who are able to give more specialised treatment.

The last two trips took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November. The next trip is on 21<sup>st</sup> December to Mfula. Currently the rains make it impossible to reach Chamalala. Last time they treated 739 patients in all of whom 324 were children under 14 years old. The most common diseases/conditions seen at both places are: malaria, sepsis, diarrhoea diseases, musculoskeletal conditions, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, gastritis, skin conditions, allergic conditions, oral conditions, worm infestations and ophthalmic conditions. It continues with the life changing and in some cases life saving work.

Thank you for your continued support and thank you on behalf of those who cannot thank you themselves.

May I send all at St Guthlac's my very good wishes for a memorable Christmas and every blessing for a peaceful and purposeful 2020.

Yours very sincerely +Christopher

*There is a copy of a detailed report on Mfula Outreach Clinic- Manjondo- Kasungu outlining a visit to Mfula outreach clinic which took place on 24th August, 2019 in the welcome area.*

**STAMP COLLECTING FOR LEPROSY FUND:** Please continue to recycle your stamps by donating to our Leprosy Fund collection at church. Stamps of all descriptions, GB and foreign, common or rare, are welcome, but please please cut them out with a border of **no more than 5mm** around. Postcards, posted or unused, are also collected. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this charity over the past year - over the past 30 years, more than £1million has been raised for the Leprosy Fund through collecting stamps - isn't that amazing! Margaret Bonney

**MEMORY CAFÉ ST. GUTHLAC'S KNIGHTON** The next meeting is on **14th February 1.30pm**. This informal cafe is for people, living at home, with dementia and memory loss with their families/carers. The cafe provides an opportunity to meet up, share experiences and learn in a socially supportive and friendly environment. Usually a variety of activities are provided as well as a short talk. Refreshments are provided. The cafe is supported by the Alzheimer's Society.

**An Evening Service TONIGHT to launch:-'A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' Stoneygate Baptist Church, 6.30 pm 19th January**

This is an annual initiative supported by SLCP whereby Christian communities throughout the world are invited to pray for one another and for greater Christian Unity. The theme for 2020 is "They showed an unusual kindness", which finds its origins in Acts 27:18 - 28:10. Please support this service, if you are able, to bring Christian Unity, not just to South Leicestershire, but with the world! See notice board or diary above for details of further services this week.

**You are invited to come along to our Tea and Talk monthly meeting for January: BEES AND BEEKEEPING Tuesday 21st January at 7pm in St Guthlac's Church.**

John Bogumsky from the choir will give an interactive talk about his experience of keeping bees which will include: Why we need bees, a beehive tour, honey bee identification, honey tasting, beekeeping equipment, interesting facts about the honeybee and a Q & A session. Free talk and refreshments. Do join us!

**MOTHERS UNION** We start our New Year programme by welcoming Rev. Matthew, who will speak to us on 'Surviving the Shadows' - a personal and professional exploration of suicide prevention work and the place of Christian hope. Our meeting is open to friends and visitors, so please do come. We meet in the Parish Centre Lounge on **Tuesday, 28th January, starting at 2.15 p.m.**

**QUESTIONS, CAKE AND COMPLINE on Sunday 2nd February 4pm.** Our topic will be Faith & Politics: Speaking out and saying silent. Please join us to discuss questions around the topic of Faith and Politics as well as to enjoy refreshments and companionship. You are invited to stay for a service of Compline (a short service of prayer) afterwards.

**COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT First Friday of the month 10.30am-11.45pm in the welcome area of St Guthlac's Church.** The next session is on **7<sup>th</sup> February.** You are invited to join members of the Friday morning JuVup exercise class (held in Holbrook Hall for all ages and abilities) and other local people for refreshments and a friendly chat. Hosted by St Guthlac's Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Lesley Meakin

**GIVING SCHEME** Regular giving can be made either weekly by envelope, periodic cheque or bank standing order. If you are a tax payer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an extra 25%. Details of the scheme can be obtained from David Hunt.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** Please send your articles, pictures and announcements to [stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryknighton.magazine@gmail.com). Nigel Siesage

**FOR THE NEWSLETTER** Please send material to be included in the next newsletter by **Thursday 10pm** to [administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk)