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St Guthlac's Church



APCM Sunday 12. May





From the top; the Good Friday Walk of Witness, Easter Sunday Blessing the Candle, the Easter Fire, photos from Lyall Seale.

Front cover; Easter Floral Displays, photos from Anne Guthrie.

Rector
Rev'd Georgina Holding.



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The Daily Office of Morning Prayer is said at 9.00am Monday to Saturday. The Evening Prayer is at 5.00pm Monday to Friday. All are welcome.

For details of our on-line services please refer to our website or facebook page.

If previously arranged any Baptisms will take place at 12noon on the first or third Sunday of the month.

The View From The Rectory.



Dear Friends,

At this time, several young people start doing exams, or continue preparing for upcoming exams. We of course wish them all the best with this. While for some of us it might seem quite some time since we had to sit such exams, we all face, throughout our lives, all sorts of trials and challenges. In May we also think about how the lives of Jesus' disciples changed after Jesus ascended to the Father, and they received the Holy Spirit and were able to tell others about God. During exams or challenges we all feel differently, for several they bring feelings of worry, but there are always those who thrive during such times and even some who enjoy them! Afterwards there is often feelings of relief and a clarifying, or change of, direction.

I wonder how Jesus' disciples felt at, and after, Pentecost -Perhaps they too were slightly anxious, followed by feelings of elation in knowing God more, and we know they were able to take a new direction in sharing God's love more widely.

When we reflect on the message of Pentecost, we remember that even when Jesus physically went to the Father, God never left. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples and was with them, just as the Holy Spirit is with us all today. We are all filled with the Spirit and enabled by God's power in our words and actions today, whatever live brings us. This is an amazing, and challenging message, for us all.

As we start May, I would also like to take this chance to let you know that we are making a slight change to one of our service patterns -A direction we are feeling guided towards and are excited about. On the second Sunday of the month, instead of Evensong, we will be having themed services at 4pm. So, on Sunday 12th May 4pm, we will be having the first of these, which will be a Tazie service. This is a meditative form of worship, where we will sing simple songs, share prayerful silence, and hear short readings and prayers. We do hope some of you will be able to join us.

*With all best wishes and prayers,
Rev'd George.*

Prayer for the month.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Deepings Flower Club

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12th May - Taizé Service

9th June - Pet service.



14th July - Celtic evening prayer.

11th August - *Service to be confirmed.*

8th September - Hymns and Pimms.

13th Oct - Songs of praise.

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Lent and Easter

from Anne Guthrie.

Although the season of Lent now seems far away I would like to say how much I enjoyed the evening discussion sessions based on some of the Letters in the New Testament. Nigel, Kate and George bring fascinating information and details to their talks and there was lots of discussion from the participants – especially around the subject of women in the early church and how they should behave . Two of us read the same weekend newspapers and found interesting reviews that stimulated more discussion and Janis has a huge book about the background to the early church. Often the same people attend discussion groups but please don't think it is not for you, next time George announces a study session please give it a try.

Maundy Thursday saw a new innovation of a shared meal , footwashing and then move into church for stripping the altar. It was well attended and enjoyable with Peter providing musical interludes and playing the hymns as we followed the liturgy to remember Jesus' actions in sharing bread and wine with his friends. The same plea, to join us, comes for joining the Walk of Witness around Deeping on Good Friday when we join members of Churches Together to walk and pray for our community. Here at St Guthlac's there was a brilliant Children's Activity morning and in the afternoon a reflective , sombre and moving service of hymns, prayers and readings. 'There is a green hill far away' brings back so many childhood memories and my grandmother that I usually struggle to sing it nowadays, but to be with other people of faith warmly embraces me.

The joy of Easter Sunday , lighting the fire and the Pascal candle , many of us gathered outside on the path , seeing the church adorned with flowers and plants was a fitting culmination of these past months since Christmas.....even when it's difficult for children to appreciate the change from birth of a baby to the sad death and joyful resurrection of an adult Jesus!

Churchwardens' Notes.

We hope that you and your families are all well.

Discussions are still ongoing regarding the repairs that are needed to the clock. We have a quotation from our clock specialist, Time Assured. This quote is being reviewed by the Fabric Group and then a decision will be made on how to progress things.

The faulty light unit in the Nave has now been repaired and our electrician has re-installed the unit. Next on the list are several of the lighting units on the steps up to the ringing chamber. We expect this work to be carried out in the near future

As mentioned in April's Notes, the Lightning Conductor test was due just after the Notes were written. The test has now been carried out and happily the test resulted in a pass.

South Kesteven District Council have now received and accepted a quote for the work required to the tree at the southern end of the churchyard. The work will now be scheduled.

As ever, if you have any questions, please speak with one of us.
Pete Hilton Keith Fowler



Chuckle With Charlie;



I was brought up as an only child. My sister was not very happy about it.

"My friend has just had a baby girl!"

"That's good news. What has she named the baby?"

"Melanie Noelle"

"How do you spell it then?"

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The Annual Parochial Meeting

The St Guthlac's APCM will take place on Sunday 12th May following the 10am service. It will start soon after 11.00pm, giving those at the service a short time before the meeting starts for a quick move around and to get a drink.

The Election of Parochial Representatives of the Laity,
The Election of Members of the Parochial Church Council,
The Appointment of Sidespeople,
The Appointment an Independent Auditor.
The Report on the Church Electoral Roll,
The Report on the Parochial Church Council,
The Financial Report,
The Churchwardens' Report,
The Deanery Synod Report.

The whole church community are welcome, so please come along even if you are not on the PCC or any committee or group. It is an important meeting to bring everyone up to date with the life of our church and community and is when we vote for various roles including PCC members and Churchwardens. You are all invited. Please join us.

This year we will providing copies of the papers needed for the meeting (eg agenda and reports) via email in advance of the meeting. This will be more environmentally sound and will make the information accessible to more people ahead of the meeting, giving you time to read the papers before the meeting takes place.



Christian Aid Week 2024

The African country of Burundi is the focus of CAW this year. Malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who do have homes often have no electricity or running water.

Aline felt the full force of extreme poverty when an early marriage ended in abuse and violence. Separated from her six children, she was forced to sleep on the streets of Burundi. No home. No health-care. No security.

She says, 'I wandered the streets, asking anyone for a place to sleep. Those who showed me kindness would let me stay for two or three days, but it was difficult. People would insult me and treat me with contempt. They forgot I was a human being. It filled me with sorrow.'

Hungry, scorned and alone, Aline took her first step towards her new life by participating in a transformative three-day community workshop, funded by Christian Aid. 'I came out with amazing knowledge and skills. The trainer restored a sense of hope and energy in me,' says Aline.

She was taught how to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and establish a steady income. VSLAs mean people can save for their future and borrow money to kickstart small rural businesses.

With a small start-up loan, Aline started trading avocados and peanuts locally. With her profits, she bought a bicycle so she could transport greater quantities of goods to markets further afield. Eventually, her hard work paid off, and she was able to rent a home for herself, where her three eldest sons joined her. They told Aline that their father had abused them



and sent their three young siblings to live with different members of his family. Aline still hopes that she'll be reunited with her youngest children in time.



Today, Aline lives peacefully on her own plot of land in a remote village in the Kayogoro Commune in Makamba Province. She's baked her own bricks and is building a strong home for her and her children in every sense. Now Aline can afford food, clothes, and essential healthcare for her family. She's

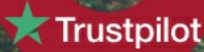
also purchased solar panels so her children can do their evening homework by electric light. Aline says, 'I like to feed my family with the produce that I grow, such as beans, vegetables, and corn. I am so happy that we are together. Now my children feel supported as they have a parent who can meet their needs.'

This is where we here at St Guthlac's come into this story. Through our fundraising as part of the Deeping Christian Aid Group, we can enable the charity to continue and develop their work in Burundi, reaching even more people like Aline. Will you help? You can support our coffee morning on Saturday May 11th May at 10.30am in the Green School and our soup lunch on Saturday 25th May at noon in the Green School. Look out also for details of fundraisers to be hosted by the other members of Churches Together which might fit your schedule better.

Deeping Christian Aid Group also have an e-envelope where you can make donations securely; this can be accessed via our Church Facebook page or website. If it's more convenient for you, we can take donations via the church card payment device which Dorothy will have available at events and after services. Donations large and small are welcome, so let's see if we can beat last year's total of £1592.00 in donations, with £81.75 claimed in GiftAid.

Many thanks. Dorothy Harriss.

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Ladies' Guild.

From Julie Bacon

Two new members were welcomed at the March meeting where the Ladies gathered to explore the world of jam and in particular "butties". (Pictures on the back cover).

Julie Bacon had prepared a red jam identification opportunity with jams with more than one fruit to identify, and also some "butties to sample. The simple raspberry jam butty was the staple of many children's parties bringing back memories. More exotically there was apricot on continental bread and pitta fig butties. Not strictly a butty but a blini was more testing. These were more savoury in nature and the taste to be identified was membrillo... which is quince. The ladies then recalled more rarified examples of butties experienced – crisps, sugar, fish fingers, conny-onny, dripping...

There was a table quiz to help keep the conversation flowing. It was interesting that confit is now seen on cookery programmes and is "a confit leg of quail", but was originally a slower, cooler way of creating jams. The ladies know that the jam butty mine was in Knotty Ash and run by the Diddy Men. Less well known that treacle was also mined there. The ladies were surprised to find that you can make freezer jam which is a good way to make small quantities using exotic ingredients. The technique can also be used for chutneys and pickles.

At our next meeting on 23rd April we will be listening to the Spalding Ukulele Band.

Ladies Guild Committee: Julie Bacon 342737, Heather Dawson 346574, Jean Jones 07976 810654, Ann Lymburn 703269, Carol Moore 342979, Liz Parkinson 347020, Kay Roberts 349021



Churches Together at Pentecost



from Kate Brown.

Five of the churches locally come together as Churches Together in the Deepings. There is a committee where each church is represented by its minister and a couple of other members which meets several times a year to plan joint events and share news about what is happening in the individual churches. As well as having a presence at community events we hold three joint services as year and one of these is always at Pentecost as we celebrate the establishment of the early church.

This year the service is being held outdoors at the Priory Vicarage Garden (don't worry, we do have a plan B if the weather proves uncooperative) on Sunday May 19th at 4pm. The service is an All Age Celebration and will be informal, worshipful and joyous. It will also feature a bring and share tea. It would be lovely to see lots of people there. Wear bright clothing and bring along a contribution of sandwiches or cake to share with our friends from the other churches.



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It was lovely to welcome some visitors to the March meeting to hear Chloe Waters come to speak about the work of SOLDAS (South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service) They help victims of domestic abuse, men as well as women, by providing refuge homes in Boston and support when the families are ready to move into follow on accommodation. As part of their outreach they go into schools to teach children about healthy relationships and awareness of what constitutes abusive situations. It was saddening and shocking to hear some of the statistics and stories she had to tell but also heartening to hear about the work in prevention and support that is being done in South Lincolnshire.

A few of us attended the Lady Day Service in Thurlby, joining friends from Bourne, Thurlby and other villages as well as some visitors from further afield. Our Mothers' Union banner was on display along with ones from Bourne, the Ness group, the Welland group and Pinchbeck. A special moment in the service came towards the end when we all took up a flower we had been given on arrival and placed it in a vase at the front as we reaffirmed our commitment to the guiding principles of the Mothers' Union Movement. Rev Carolyn Bailey pointed out that each flower on its own looked frail and insignificant but together they made a thing of beauty and reassured us that although we may feel our own contribution is negligible, together we are a force to be reckoned with.

This month's meeting is on Thursday 16th at 6:30 when Rev Ruth Charlesworth who is the Methodist minister for Bourne and Deeping will be coming to talk about Messy Church which is run in both places. Our own first session of Messy Church will have taken place by then and so it will be interesting to hear about how it works elsewhere. If you are interested in hearing more about this way of reaching out to families with a different experience of church do come along to hear Ruth.

Kate Brown kabstg@btinternet.com 01778 343981

Our Garden

from Rob Gray

Our garden is far from perfect. Well, if you were to ask Monty Don to assess it, he would have a few things to say. However, it's not Monty Don's garden – it's our garden. And, despite the appearance of a slightly cultured jungle, we know every plant within it – whether it was there when we moved in, or when it was planted, where it was bought, etc. It's our garden and that's what makes it special, to us. And we still love Monty.

No two gardens should be the same. They all have their own special characteristics, like boundaries, angles towards the sun, soils, and so on. They should evolve, working around the plants and shrubs that are thriving, and replacing or moving those that are unhappy. Between you and me, I struggle with programmes by the likes of Alan Titchmarsh where a JCB arrives, and thousands of pounds are spent on a full rebuild.

No, the joy of gardening is in its inherent pace. When I plant a shrub or tree, I know that not much happens this year. Very little will happen next year, but the following year it should really take off. And there are no guarantees. I planted a Victoria Plum just a few years ago: two years ago, there was so much fruit that the branches sagged towards the ground. Then last year, less than a dozen fruit. It's to do with the Spring frosts, I have heard.

Our favourite tree is the one we call "The Grandad Tree". My father-in-law passed-away some years ago, but when he was still with us, he brought a plant pot from his own garden and in it was what could only be described as a twig. He had no idea what it was and neither did we. It had no leaves by which to identify it, but I took a view that if I planted it in the garden, we might be able to work it out in due course. A few years ago, we took a picture of our then teenage son sitting in the centre of this huge tree. It's a variety of Willow and will be producing catkins sometime soon.

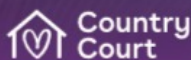
Bit by bit, we have converted a garden that was planted to make a show-home look its best, into a garden that works for us. As we both work, we are not able to tend to our garden on a regular basis. Rather, we can do a bit of work at weekends, dependent on benign weather. One exception was covid lockdown, when I was able to modify the patio. I made the mistake of asking my “creative” wife to design the new patio: It went from rectangular to circular, with the existing pergola set centrally within it.

Beyond the patio, small lawn, and various shrubs, sits the “wildlife area”. This is a wonderful opportunity to leave an area at the back of the garden to run wild, in the name of ecology. Here’s my system: When I cut back a tree or shrub, I get three types of waste: The leaves and small twigs go onto the compost; The larger branches, up to about an inch in diameter, can be shredded for mulch; And the thicker branches get added to the woodpile which slowly rots down, providing food and habitat for several creatures and somewhere for hedgehogs to hibernate.

I’m pleased to say that several of our trees and shrubs remain from when the house was built. We have tried to maintain the intent of the planting, particularly at the front. We buck the trend of removing front gardens to create a gravel desert or extend a driveway. We’ve had hedgehogs hibernating in our front garden and provide a good habitat for birds to nest.

Finally, we have a small greenhouse leaning against the back of our garage and a couple of small, raised beds in which to grow a few fruits and vegetables. I don’t take it too seriously, and don’t get upset if birds steal my seedlings or slugs attack my leaves. I’m learning what has a good success rate and yield. Garlic and courgettes seem easy to grow, as are strawberries and rhubarb. Herbs seem happy in pots, and I’m always given some spare tomato plants so grow in my greenhouse.

The trick is to enjoy the process, and anything you harvest is just a bonus. Working outside, being with nature and helping the garden to gradually evolve and establish are enough to make it worthwhile. Our garden is small and untidy, but we love it.



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Can you find ten differences between the pictures?



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In 30 seconds, what is the longest word you can make from these letters?

C D E E M O O P S

Flowers

from Anne Guthrie

It is a few weeks since Easter but thank you again to everyone who helped to decorate the church, it was an amazing response from many people and greatly appreciated. Thank you to Julie for stepping in to cover the end of April. Please continue to bring flowers to place on the window sill above the Memorial book if you wish to remember loved ones. During May Joanne and Kay will be responsible for the weekly arrangements .

The Magazine.

Thank you to all who contributed this month. Articles for the June issue are required please not later than Wednesday 22 May.

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May calendar of services and activities, Year B.

Wed 1st 10:30am Said Holy Communion
Thur 2nd 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 3rd 9:30am – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 5th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44 – end, John 15: 9 -17

8:00am Said Holy Communion
9:45am Young Explorers in the Green School
10:00am Parish Holy Communion
Monday 6th 10:00am Prayer meeting in Church
Wed 8th 10:30am Said Holy Communion
Thur 9th 7:30pm Ascension Day service at Priory Church
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 10th 6:30pm Choir Practice
Sat 11th 10:30am Christian Aid Coffee Morning in the
Green School

Sunday 12th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 - end, John 17: 6 – 19

8:00am Said Holy Communion
9:45am Young Explorers in the Green School
10:00am Parish Holy Communion
11:30am APCM in Church
4:00pm Taizé Service
Wed 15th 10:30am Said Holy Communion
Thur 16th 6:30pm Mothers' Union in the Green School
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 17th 9:30am – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School
6:30pm Choir Practice
Sat 18th 2:30pm – 4:30pm Messy Church in the
Green School

Sunday 19th Pentecost

Acts 2: 1 – 21, John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b - 15

8:00am Morning Prayer
9:45am Young Explorers in the Green School

10:00am Parish Holy Communion
11:30am Plant Sale on the Green School forecourt
4:00 pm Churches Together Service at the
Priory Church (Vicarage Garden)

Wed 22nd 10:30am Said Holy Communion
2:30pm Rose Lodge

Thur 23rd 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 24th 6:30pm Choir Practice

Sat 25th 12:00noon Christian Aid Soup & Social in the
Green School

Sunday 26th Trinity Sunday

Romans 8: 12 – 17, John 3: 1 - 17

8:00am Said Holy Communion

10:00am All Age Holy Communion

6:30pm Evensong

Ezekiel 1: 4 – 10, 22 – 28a, Revelation 4

Tues 28th 7:30pm Ladies Guild in the Green School

Wed 29th 10:30am Said Holy Communion

Fri 31st 9:30am – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School

Diary Dates

Sunday June 16th 11:30 am Plant Sale at the Green School

Tuesday June 18th 2:30 pm Mothers' Union Tea Party

Saturday June 22nd Safari Supper



Differences Puzzle, page 20. Countdown Quiz Answer DECOMPOSE

when	sidespeople	reader	servers
5 May			
8.00am	Anne Guthrie	Anne Guthrie	
10.00am	Joy Elliman Roger Clarke Di Wheatley	Di Wheatley	G Bacon J Bowell J Johnson
12 May			
8.00am	Anne Guthrie	Anne Guthrie	
10.00am	Henry Roberts Kay Roberts Chris Warren	Jean Jones	N Bacon L Oaton J Bowell
19 May			
8.00am	Kevin Dawson	Kevin Dawson	
10.00am	Janis Hewitt Lyll Seale Keith Warren	Joy Elliman	A Gray D Fowler L Oaton
26 May			
8.00am	Jean Jones	Jean Jones	
10.00am	Carol Cooper Lorna Mellows Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	A Child	G Edwards L Oaton C Gaughan
6.30pm	David Betts	Donald Monk	

Friday Crafting Sessions

We returned after Easter to a talk about using ethical silver clay to produce very pretty jewellery.

During May there will be 3 sessions :

3rd & 17th May there will be Flower sessions without the use of Oasis with Ann-Marie

31st May Eve will be helping us create Felted Landscapes

Please join us on Friday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 in The Green School, £5- for hire and refreshments.

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Dorothy Harriss, Iris Newson
Janice Hewitt Kay Bunn
Nettie Mitchell Linda Bates
Lyall Seale Geoff Chambers



Top; Flowers placed in the vase at the Mothers' Union Lady Day Service. Bottom; The 'Bread & Butter Thing' food bags ready for distribution.



The Ladies Guild
enjoying their
Jam Session,
see page 14.