



Reaching out in love,
growing in faith,
welcoming all,

Welcoming Andrew Mitchell,
see page 6.

Pedestal arrangement at the
Harvest Thanksgiving Service,
photo from Jill Gibb.



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The View From The Rectory.



Dear Friends,

This month is Generosity month! There are so many wonderful ways to be generous to each other, to ourselves, and to God. We can be generous in the words we use, the actions we take, the time we give, the gifts we offer, and the prayers we make. God is abundantly generous, and in turn, made in God's image, we are made to be generous people. There's more about this month of generosity in the following pages.

As we turn from summer to autumn, we see the change in the seasons evident around us in God's wonderful world, generously created. Last month in church we focused on our amazing world, being thankful for it, as well as the ways in which we can care for the world today. Generosity often leads to thankfulness. I know many people who list the things in their lives they are grateful for and then give thanks to God for them in prayer. They find this very valuable and it also aids to their sense of positive wellbeing. One of the benefits of generosity is that it often positively increases our wellbeing too, including physical, social, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

So I encourage you all this month to think about what you are thankful for, and in what ways can you be generous.

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

Generous God, Generous Living



Following our celebration of God's creation during the month of September, we are giving over the month of October to the theme of generosity with readings specially chosen to reflect the theme, and sermons that will explore different aspects of generosity. Does this seem like overkill? We hope not because it really is fundamental to our understanding of who God is and who we are.

At our main communion service our offering is brought up and blessed just before we come to the altar to take the bread and wine or receive a blessing. This emphasises that with God generosity is a two-way process, we give, and we receive. Very often a sentence from Scripture is used at this point: "All things come from you and of your own do we give you."

So, what has God given us, or rather what does God give us because his generosity is not over and done with but ongoing? First and foremost is God's creation. It was not an experiment or done in an idle moment of boredom, it was a conscious act where every element was designed and seen to be good, the best that it could be. We are part of that creation but also stewards of it. Our response to God's generosity in providing for our needs and for our delight should likewise be conscious, ongoing and the best that we can offer whether that is in our time, our talents, our treasure, our treatment of others or the table we set before them; the 5 Ts of generosity.

God gave us his Son and in doing so brought us forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. He gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us in this life. Our New Testament explores and explains this to us. The Old Testament which charts the ups and downs of the relationship of the people of God with their creator shows us how we should respond to God's generosity, difficult though it may be at times. In Exodus the Hebrew slaves were given freedom and then were given manna, the food that sustained them in the desert. God has given us freedom of choice; we can respond to his generosity, or we can turn aside from him. We can trust that he has given us

enough to live on and will continue to do so, or we can hoard more than we can ever use, depriving others of the sustenance we take for granted.

Our hope is that during the coming month as we explore God's generosity to us that we will see how generosity and giving can be a way of life, not just a banker's order that we revisit once a year and put out of mind for the rest of the time. Please take the time to read the material that we have put together, reflect on what you see and hear in our services this month and respond as generously as you are able to support the mission of St Guthlac's.

The Ministry Team.

'And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.'

2 Corinthians 9.8

Exploring Gifts of Faith 'Dipping your toe in the water'

Saturday 21st October, 11.00am - 3.00pm
at Deeping St Nicholas Church

All are welcome to come along and hear about different ways of caring, sharing and ministering within the church. There will be various stalls showcasing different forms of ministry, including Godly Play, and less formal ways of sharing and developing the gifts we all have. There are also guest speakers Marion Hewis (the Joint warden of Lay Readers) and Rev'd Hugh Jones (Warden of the College of St. Hugh, Lincoln). A light lunch will be provided, and plenty of cups of tea!

If you are exploring how your gifts might develop and assist in the life of the church, this session is particularly for you. Come along & chat with us, with no commitment necessary. We'd love to see you for a relaxed, friendly conversation.

WELCOME TO ANDREW, Our new Children's & Youth Worker

We are delighted to announce that Andrew Mitchell is our new part-time Children's and Youth Worker. Andrew started working with us from 17th September, where he was commissioned and prayed for during our Harvest celebration service.

Andrew writes: "Hello, my name is Andrew Mitchell, I am from Halifax, West Yorkshire. I have lived here most of my life, and throughout my life have worshipped at different local parish churches. In the last couple of years, I've worshipped at Fountains Church Bradford, a new inner-city Resource Church. As well as worshipping in a local parish church at the same time.

I am excited to start my new role at St Guthlac's as a Children's and Youth Worker. I am very happy to be joining the St Guthlac's parish church as I am passionate about seeing local parish churches make a difference within their worshippings communities and the wider community.

Last November 2022 I graduated from Cliff College after completing a bachelor's degree in Children's Mission and Ministry – through this course I developed my love for co-journeying alongside children and young people as we learn about the inclusive love of God and what it means to be disciples of Jesus.

Some of my hobbies include going for long walks in the countryside and going camping with family and friends. I am also part of a local running club. I enjoy reading books about children's and youth ministry – one of my favourite authors is Ivy Beckwith, I quoted her a lot in essays for my degree at Cliff."

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Churchwardens' Notes.

We hope that you and your families are all well. Hopefully, you have enjoyed some rest during the summer.

Since our last Churchwardens' Notes our annual Fete took place. The fete was very well attended as always despite the uncertain weather. Our thanks go to everyone who helped to make the event so successful.

During July we received permission to carry out the repairs needed to the roof. They will be providing an estimate in the very near future. The roof is now fully watertight which is great news.

We mentioned in our last Notes that we needed to install an additional earth rod for the Lightning Conductor. The work has now been carried out and the Lightning Conductor is performing as required.



Many of you will have noticed that the church clock stopped working early in June. This was due to a cable in the motorised winding mechanism having snapped. Our Fabric Group have been able to replace the cable and the clock is now working again.

As ever, if you have any questions, please speak with one of us.

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It was good to meet up with friends from the Bourne and Ness branches as we celebrated Mary Sumner Day with a short service and coffee morning in Thurlby Church Hall in early August. We are fortunate that we have a couple of branches close enough to make joint events like this possible and we always welcome visitors to regular meetings as well.


One or two then returned the compliment by visiting us for our regular end of summer coffee morning at my house. Naturally the weather was inclement and so we started off with rather more of us crammed into the living room than was entirely comfortable! It did, however, stop raining after a while and so some brave souls ventured out onto the patio which relieved the overcrowding inside. Judging by the volume of chatter and the amount of tea and cake consumed those present had a good time and we will be forwarding the proceeds to the national Summer of Hope Appeal.

The main September activities, the regular monthly meeting and the Cluster Tea which we are hosting this year have yet to take place as I write this so more about them next month.

October brings the diocesan retreat as well as our own branch meeting. The retreat takes place on Thursday 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in Washingborough Methodist Church. The day will focus on St Luke, looking at his life and his writings. As well as having an overview of the evangelist we will spend time in groups studying one of his parables, experience a Godly Play session thinking about healing and conclude with a service of healing. This day is not exclusive to Mothers' Union members so if you would like to join us for this day, please have a word with me. There will be several cars going to Washingborough, which is near Lincoln, so lifts can be arranged for those without their own transport.

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Talks at Teatime

from Kate Brown.

The USB stick with all the talks that were recorded at the 2023 Greenbelt Festival arrived a couple of weeks ago and there is plenty of choice there for our "Talk at Teatime" sessions that will resume shortly. Look out for the dates and the speakers on the posters at the back of church and in the newsletters.

For those of you who haven't been to one of these before, we meet once a month or thereabouts to listen to a recording of a talk or a discussion on a subject of topical, theological, or general interest. The talks themselves usually last for about 40 to 45 minutes with 10 to 15 minutes of question-and-answer sessions. We then have a chat about what we have heard over a cup of tea and cake. These sessions provide a welcome opportunity to think about and discuss topics that we wouldn't often bring up in everyday conversation even with those we know quite well. Why not give one of these sessions a go when you spot a subject of interest to you?

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Autumn Tales by Rob Gray

One of the many wonderful things about living in this country is having four, fairly-even seasons, each with its own characteristics. After a late surge of Summer in September, it is becoming increasingly clear that we are entering a new season, when the daylight hours are shortening and the leaves are starting to turn colour. Coffee shops have already started to sell the seasonal favourite "pumpkin-spiced latte".

The Romantic poet John Keats wrote his poem "To Autumn", opening with its description as "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Through September I continued to harvest tomatoes, courgettes and runner beans in my garden. If you are a vegetable-grower, there are plenty that can be planted now for spring harvesting. I recently planted some leeks, cabbages and purple-sprouting broccoli. Immediately rewarding has been the ample supply of free fruit hanging in hedgerows all around: Blackberries fill our freezer again, and will add colour and flavour to pies and crumbles for months to come. Soon, the shops will start to display pumpkins in large numbers. At least the Air-Miles are low, as huge numbers are grown locally. Many are cut into spooky lanterns, but there are many good recipes for these large, tasty gourds.

As hedgehogs prepare for their long hibernation, our dog spots them on his dark, evening walks, pointing his nose towards his finding and pulling at the lead to get closer. I look at the size of the hedgehog as I once heard that the small ones are less likely to survive to the Spring. Not that I can do anything to help, other than wishing it well and telling it to eat-up before the big sleep. Anyone building a bon-fire for 5th November should check it before setting light, in case any of these spikey creatures have seen the pile as a great place to spend the Winter.

With the weather getting cooler, it's about time to get out our jumpers. It's a great time for a woodland walk, and to count how many squirrels you see. They are also busy with their preparations

and, despite not being the native kind, are still a very cute mammal, scurrying along the ground and then straight up a tree. A walk through leaves on a cool, bright day can be great for the soul. You may see blackthorn shrubs loaded with sloes, which can be picked for making sloe gin, if you're inclined. Or just watch the birds picking at the many wild berries which help them through the lean times to come.

Whilst we are enjoying the change of season, and starting to snuggle-down with some good telly, we see how others around the world are suffering with natural disasters, some random and some which are probably associated with the warming of our planet. Even in our country, we are seeing some unusual weather phenomena, such as the recent hot spell in September. Increasingly, international bodies warn of the risks of not changing our behaviours, but national governments often fail to make the changes that they commit to, or should. Although Britain is a relatively small contributor to carbon dioxide emissions, we can set an example and work to develop new technology for cleaner energy production. We also have influence beyond our borders due to trade with other countries. A powerful way for us as individuals to have some influence is through our investments and pensions, by moving towards more ethical investing.

Our seasons, and the wonders of nature that we see and enjoy, need to be protected. The Wildlife Trusts are looking for volunteers to join The Big Wild Walk, taking place from the 16th-30th October – an opportunity to raise vital funds for wildlife. “Whether you're an avid hiker, a leisurely cyclist or somewhere in between, this challenge is tailor-made for you. The best part? How far you walk, cycle or swim is entirely up to you!

Little explorers are welcome too! Made just for little legs, the Hedgehog Walk is a challenge to walk 3km in a week. That's the same distance a hedgehog travels each night.”

www.wildlifetrusts.org/bigwildwalk

The Wildlife Trusts are calling for at least 30% of our land and sea to be connected and protected for nature's recovery by 2030. Making more space for nature to become abundant once again will give our struggling wildlife the chance to recover and also restore beautiful wild places - places that store carbon and help to tackle the climate crisis.

Ladies' Guild.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to a new season of talks and activities beginning with our meeting on 26 September which includes our annual service in church followed by refreshments in the Green School. We have also planned a fun activity for members to join in with and will tell you more of that in the next magazine.

On 26th October we will hear about the local Foodbank and also have the opportunity to bring along a packet/tin of food to donate and thus support this valuable service in our local community.

Visitors are always welcome – 7.30pm start in the Green School on the fourth Tuesday each month. Please check the notice boards for information about each meeting and if you have any queries please check with one of our committee.

Ladies' Guild Committee.

Julie Bacon	342737	Heather Dawson	346574
Gwen Didlick	347883	Jean Jones	344631
Liz Parkinson	347020	Kay Roberts	349021

Poppies for Remembrance

June Bird had an idea last autumn that we should create a cascade of poppies in honour of the fallen armed service personnel . Many people have been busily crocheting and knitting and she is now ready to sew them onto netting. There is still room for more and they don't just have to be the red poppies, please create some white ones or the purple in honour of the animals who served. If anyone would like to help with the massive sewing task please contact June, we have started the process at Friday Crafting group last week.

Greenbelt Festival 2023.



Kate and I had booked our tickets for Greenbelt back in the autumn of 2022 , it is an event we have been attending for nearly 20 years and we return brimming with fresh thoughts and ideas from the extensive range of talks and worship. Elizabeth and one of her friends, from a very evangelical church in Cambridge, stayed locally but Kate and I now drive in each day.

People are so willing to chat and to listen and discuss issues around faith, climate change, poverty, refugees and human rights to name a few of the topics. There are also literary talks , new books to buy, plays, poetry and lots and lots of music. All the food stalls have to meet ethical standards and there is both a pub and a bar for liquid refreshment.

We heard talks on a theology for the end of the world, the cost of living a sideways look, whose church is it anyway, ,what would Jesus eat, how religious or not is our future together, are you listening, we become what we normalise, Julian of

Norwich, gospel choirs, attended the huge communal Eucharistic service on Sunday morning and generally explored and listened to alternative ideas. Many of the talks are recorded and some will form the basis for Talks at Teatime.

This year we were thrilled that Helen and Janis, Joanne, Daniel and Chloe all came for a day. It takes time to sort out the programme and find the venues, but we hope they spread the idea of a different way to spend the August Bank Holiday. There is a strand for children and older teenagers but it's more fun to join in as a group, so more families please next year. This is a faith, arts and music festival so there is opportunity for everyone to participate or merely sit back in the lovely grounds of Broughton Hall and enjoy being out in the sunshine.

Anne Guthrie.



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Churches Together



At the recent meeting of Churches Together we talked about the need for more volunteers to assist with joining the Open the Book group , which goes into Linchfield school Friday lunchtimes once a fortnight during term time. The group retells bible stories in an interactive way, some drama with audience participation. It would be lovely if more people had the spare time to join the group , please talk to Kate Brown.

There will be a united service at the RC church Hereward Way on Sunday evening 15th October.

At Priory church Rev Sonia Marshall will give a talk 'Two Royal Ladies of the Deepings'on Sunday 15th October in the afternoon. The local art exhibition will take place over the weekend of the 20th October at Priory church hall and on the 29th October Bryn Haworth will play guitar.



Friday Crafting Group

We meet on Friday mornings in the Green School, fortnightly during term time, 9.30 to 11.30am. Cost is £5 per session and we enjoy chat, drink and cake, learning new skills and having a relaxed time. It doesn't matter if you don't consider yourself a natural craft person as we like people to come and have fun experimenting.

Dates are Friday 22nd September, 6th and 20th October, 3rd and 17th November, 1st and 15th December. Friday 1st December we have booked Eve Marshall for a Christmas felting morning.





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The Magazine.

Thank you all who contributed. I was pleased to receive so many photographs, not all of which could be included unfortunately. Articles for the November issue are required please not later than Wednesday 11th October.

October calendar of services and activities, Year A.

Generosity God, Generous Living

Sunday 1st

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Said Holy Communion
9:45 am Young Explorers in the Green School
10:00 am Parish Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 8: 1 – 4, John 3: 11 – 16

Mon 2nd

10:00 am Prayer meeting in church

Wed 4th

10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thur 5th

7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 6th

9:30 – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday 8th

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Said Holy Communion
9:45 am Young Explorers in the Green School
10:00 am Parish Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 8: 3 -9, Matthew 20: 1 - 16

Wed 11th

5:00 pm Confirmation Service

Thur 12th

10:30 am Said Holy Communion

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Mothers' Union Retreat Washingborough

Fri 13th

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Sat 14th

6:30 pm Choir Practice

10:30 am Coffee Morning in the Green School

Sunday 15th

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Said Holy Communion
9:45 am Young Explorers in the Green School
10:00 am Parish Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 8: 10 – 24, Luke 19: 1 - 10

Wed 18th

6:00 Churches Together United Service at the Roman Catholic Church

Thur 19th

10:30 am Said Holy Communion

6:30 pm Mothers' Union in the Green School

Fri 20th

7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

9:30 – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sat 21st 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Vocations Day at
Deeping St Nicholas Church

Sunday 22nd Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Morning Prayer

No Young Explorers

10:00 am All Age Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 10, Matthew 13: 3 – 9

6:30 pm Evensong

Proverbs 4: 1 – 18, 1 John 3: 16 – 4:6

Tues 24th 7:30 pm Ladies Guild

Wed 25th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

2:30 pm Rose Lodge

Thur 26th 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Fri 27th No Choir Practice

Sat 28th 12:00 noon Soup and Social in the Green School

Sunday 29th Dedication Festival

8:00 am Said Holy Communion

No Young Explorers

10:00 am Parish Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 9: 11 – 15, Matthew 6: 19 – 21

Dates for the Diary

November 5th 4:00 pm

In Memoriam, a chance to remember those we have lost.

November 12th 10:30 am Remembrance.

Prayer for the month

*Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.*

*All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.*

Amen.

date	time	sidespeople	reader	servers
1 Oct	8.00am	Anne Guthrie	Anne Guthrie	
	10.00am	Joy Elliman, Roger Clarke, Di Wheatley	Nick Evans	G Edwards J Bowell C Gaughan
8 Oct	8.00am	Anne Guthrie	Anne Guthrie	
	10.00am	Kay Roberts, Henry Roberts, Chris Warren	June Davis	G Bacon D Fowler E Denton
	5.00pm		No reader	A Grey J Bowell C Gaughan
15 Oct	8.00am	Kevin Dawson	Kevin Dawson	
	10.00am	Janis Hewitt, Lyll Seale, Keith Warren	Dorothy Harriss	N Bacon J Johnson L Ward
22 Oct	8.00am	Jean Jones	Jean Jones	
	10.00am	Carol Cooper, Lorna Mellowes, Geoff Chambers, Peter Hilton	A Child tba	G Edwards J Bowell D Fowler
	6.30pm		Kay Roberts	
29 Oct	8.00am	tbc	tbc	
	10.00am	Dorothy Harriss Kay Bunn Keith Warren	Helen Evans	A Gray C Gaughan J Johnson



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I told my friend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.



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97 cm



286 cm

Sunflower Competition.

Daniel & Chloe won the Random Prize, Gordon won the tallest entry.



142 cm

Floral Arrangements
at the Harvest
Thanksgiving Service.
Photos from Kate Brown.

