

St Guthlac's Church

December 2025

70p.



*Reaching out in love,
Growing in faith,
Welcoming all.*





Sunday 9 November. Remembrance Sunday, presenting the Standards; and the Mayor reads the Lesson.

The Cover Picture;

Santa's earlier attempt to replace his grass-gobbling, methane producing, reindeer powered sleigh with an EV proved disastrous when he ran out of charge somewhere near Frognall. This year he is trying a Hybrid using electric and steam power which is fired using wood pellets 'environmentally' shipped three thousand miles from Canada and heavily subsidised by the government.

So everyone will be happy; Santa, the Elves, the environmentalists, the government and most importantly the children.....

.....everyone except the reindeer.....

Rector
Rev'd Georgina Holding.



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The Daily Office of Morning Prayer is said at 10.00am 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.



Dear Friends,

We are in that strange time of year when it is Advent, yet most of us have already started to turn our thoughts to Christmas. Getting ready for Christmas day celebrations links well with the advent theme of preparing for Christ's coming. As well as getting ready though, it also a time of waiting, and waiting is something many of us can find uncomfortable. We all face seasons of waiting in our own lives though —waiting for something to come, to happen or to change, waiting for something better or more joyful, as we sit, waiting in what can be a time of darkness.

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus as the light that shines in the darkness, offering warmth and love. It seems entirely appropriate then, that we have just installed a new heating and lighting system in the church. This is an expression of our mission to bring light and warmth into our community. It is also a practical way of offering hospitality by creating a comfortable place to meet together in friendship and fellowship.

In a similar way, we are launching a new bereavement café this month. This will be a safe place where those who have sadly experienced loss, can find warmth and welcome, care and companionship, and the offer of light in a difficult season.

Christmas is also about the presence of God coming into the world. We celebrate a God who loves us so much, that God came to be with us, offering guidance and light, relationship, compassion and hope. God chose to be close to us, offering the warmth of God's own presence. As God draws near to us, as a church we seek to

follow this and draw near to others. So this year our church is strengthening its presence in the community. Through the bereavement café we are seeking to offer support and company to those who might feel most alone, and we have created a physically warmer church building as a practical expression of our commitment to welcome all.

Christmas reminds us then, that God meets us where we are -In times of joy and the difficult, darker periods of waiting for better days. Advent reminds us of the promise then, that light and joy are coming – That God is coming to us in love, offering light and warmth. So, as we wait, we do so together, with each other and with God, trusting that celebration and joy, will come again. As a church we share this message with all, as we seek to share that warmth and welcome, light and hope with our community.

I wish you all a truly wonderful Christmas.

Rev George Holding.

Warm Space

This winter, Deep in Kindness is opening a daily **Warm Space** for the Deepings, during October - February, from 9am–5pm, at the Deeping Kindness Hub, 47 Bridge Street.

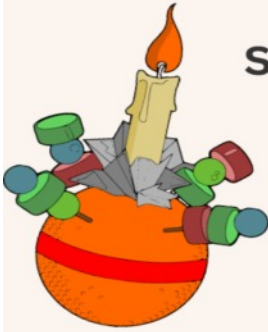
They will be offering free tea and coffee, reduced-cost breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and a welcoming place of warmth, kindness and conversation.

We are pleased to share that St. Guthlac's Church is a sponsor of this project. The Warm Space provides company and practical warmth for those who are along or facing financial pressure. Our support, along with that of other partners, is helping provide this warm, supportive space for anyone in need this winter.



Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December
4pm



Church heating

We are delighted to share the news that our new infrared heating system has now been successfully installed!

We are incredibly grateful, and extend our heartfelt thanks, to everyone who has contributed so generously towards this project, as well as to those who continue to support the remaining work needed to keep our whole church warm.

We are equally especially grateful and thankful to all those who gave their time, skills and dedication to bring this major project to completion. Thank you.

We warmly(!) invite you to join us for a service to see —and feel— the difference. And remember, as this is an infrared system, you will experience the greatest benefit when seated closer to the heaters.

THANK YOU, AND WELL DONE!



Community Carol Service

A lovely traditional service of
Readings and Carols
Sunday 21st December - 5pm

St Guthlac's Church,
Market Deeping



The first Christmas

Crib Service
Christmas Eve - 4pm

A Family Friendly Festive Service



St Guthlac's
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1818: Oberndorf, Local Boys Done Good.

from Jeff Evans.

This story began when Mr and Mrs Gruber came with their caravan to stay a day or two on our paddock near Market Deeping Bridge.

Their caravan was a pleasant little one just right for a couple, and while being shown its amenities by the proud owners I commented on the string of triangular pennants of which there were several.

We could see that the flags were from the region of Austria / Germany that the Grubers had visited in their 'van. "He's a little touchy about the subject," she said, and it turned out he was a direct descendant of Franz Gruber who was instrumental in the creation of the Christmas Carol 'Silent Night'.

He was always somewhat reluctant to admit to the fact. I was spurred on to find the origin of the carol, correctly titled 'Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht' created in Austria; firstly by a young priest in Mariaparr (near Salzburg) named Joseph Mohr (lyrics in 1816) and Franz Xaver Gruber (music 1818).

Joseph pictured in six verses a calm still night and the peacefulness of the Holy Birth, not long after the Napoleonic troubles.

But a degree of panic! The time for Midnight Mass was but twenty-nine hours away at St Nikolaus Church in Oberndorf, and Gruber the Choir Director had no music for the carols! The organ was out of action! Legend has it that mice had chewed holes in the leather bellows! He hurriedly composed music to Father Mohr's words, a simple tune which could be played with a few basic chords by Mohr strumming on his guitar. The situation was saved!

Over the following years the resulting work was spread around Europe by travelling singers; being performed before the King of Prussia in 1834 for example, reaching New York in 1839.

Variations were translated into three hundred languages. It was even sung in German, French and English simultaneously during the 1914 battlefield 'Christmas Truce'. The 'Stille Nacht, Heilige Naht Museum' in Hallein (€5 entry in 2024) occupies the Church House where Gruber lived for twenty-eight years. It contains items associated with both men.

Footnote: The carol's authorship was always in doubt as the original manuscript was lost until it came to light in 1995.

Bereavement Café

We are starting a monthly Bereavement Café in partnership with W&P Legal, on the first Thursday of each month 10:30am-12:00noon, at the Green School.

Our bereavement café will provide a gentle, informal space for anyone who has experienced loss. It is a safe, welcoming space to talk about bereavement or simply to spend time with others who understand. Alongside conversation, listening and pastoral support, legal professionals will be with us for some informal advice. Each month will offer time for conversation and company, as well as a themed talk or guest speaker. Topics will include practical matters such as wills, probate, and estate administration, and visiting speakers will include hospice nurses, funeral directors and grief counsellor. The café is open to anyone, regardless of how recent or long ago your bereavement occurred.

Our first taster session, themed 'letters to loved one's', is on Thursday 4th December, 10:30-12:00. As well as meeting others in a similar situation, you will have the opportunity to write a personal message on seeded paper, which can later be planted at home as a living tribute.

You are welcome to join us.

COME AND SING EVENSONG: 8th February 2026

Early next year, I will be celebrating being Director of Music at St Guthlac's for 10 years. After being Organist and Choirmaster in All Saints Sawtry for 25 years before moving to this area, it was never my intention to take on a similar role again. God had other plans and, with the warm welcome at St Guthlac's, the last 10 years have been amazing, especially having a really talented choir to work with and challenge.

Evensong at St Guthlac's has been a feature of services over many, many years as it is in many parish churches across the country. It has a special place in the hearts of many. With words taken from the 1662 Prayer Book, lots of us find comfort and solace in the pattern of the service, the words and their accompanying music. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis many of us can probably recite by heart and the prayers, including the Collect, 'Lighten our darkness...' show us how God supports us if we only trust in him.

February 8th 2026 will be, almost to the day, 10 years since I became Director of Music. It seems a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with a very special full **Choral Evensong**. It will be a unique service with specially written music. However, this isn't a service that you'd come and just listen to (though, of course, you could if you wanted to). On the four Saturday afternoons 17th, 24th, 31st January and 7th February at 2.00pm, we'll have rehearsals in church for anyone to come along and learn the music we can then ALL sing in the service. I'm writing a new arrangement of the Magnificat to go with one already written of the Nunc Dimittis. We'll also have a chance to practice the Psalm and Responses. During the service, the church choir will sing a specially written introit and anthem. Led by our Rector, Revd George, don't miss the chance to join in St Guthlac's first COME AND SING EVENSONG. Singing together is so much fun and, with the opportunity to praise God in our church that well predates even the prayers we'll use, it becomes so much more special!

ALL voices are welcome! You might think your voice is 'rubbish' (I've heard that so many times and it's never true). Come and give it a try. I'll be able to give hints and tips which might help you sing even better. And, of course, singing with others is definitely rewarding. It's all free and the welcome will be incredible! All music will be provided (though you don't need to be able to read music either)!

For more information or to register your interest in joining in with the rehearsals (if you can only make some rather than all, that's OK too), please either email me at peter.davies@abcd.org.uk or ring me on 07779 780021 (June and I no longer have a landline).

Peter Davies, Director of Music.

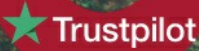
Safeguarding Sunday

from Anne Guthrie

Thank you to Kate Brown for her sermon on Safeguarding Sunday – taking the reading from Matthew 18:1-10 as her text she presented an inspiring message stressing the wider implications of keeping everyone, not just children, safe within the church community and beyond. Safeguarding issues tend to make people immediately turn their thoughts to abuse towards children but it is much wider and extends across all social classes and sexes. If anyone would like to find out more about the challenges of safeguarding please go to the Church of England website and search for safeguarding training. There are a range of courses that can be studied online and it is easy to register as an individual.

The prayers and the hymns were also very moving, trust in the Lord and an awareness of life's difficulties. Look at the information on the display board and if you have any further questions please contact Revd George or myself (parish safeguarding officer) .

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October's craft session went well and those who attended were pleased with the results of their efforts. As their tutor I was impressed with their artistic flair and manual dexterity. All they need to do now is find a worthy recipient of the Christmas card they created (see below).

November's meeting has yet to take place as I write but as mentioned in last month's magazine, we intend to use the Wave of Prayer Service that has been put together for the branches of Lincoln Diocese and we also hope Anne will give us some information about safeguarding. This follows the focus on the topic on Safeguarding Sunday and will expand on some of the material that has been on the display boards since then.

Christmas will follow its usual pattern of readings, poems, carols, light-hearted quizzes and seasonal snacks. Unfortunately, the time clashes with the carols round the Christmas Tree event organised by the Town Council but I suspect most of our members would rather sing carols in the warmth of the Green School. However, the event usually clashes with Ladies' Guild so we shouldn't complain.

The committee met early last month and have got some ideas for speakers and activities in 2026. We also felt the time has come to move to daytime meetings as many of our members find getting out in the evening, especially during the winter months, quite difficult. Of course, it may prove difficult to find a day of the week/month that will suit everyone, but I hope to get around most of you to canvass opinion before the January AGM

Next year the MU celebrates its 150th anniversary. Not bad for an organisation that was started by a vicar's wife in her drawing room and has now become a world-wide group that is consulted by governments and even the UN on matters that impact families and women in particular.

Kate Brown kabstg@btinternet.com 01778 343981





Churchwardens' Notes.



Looking back

What a year we've had! New and old have successfully taken place in 2025.

The year started with improvements to the Green School – a new kitchen and toilets thanks to a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and has ended with new heating and lighting in the church – thanks to a combination of grants, generous donations and fundraising activities. In all, a total of over £110,000 raised and spent to improve our buildings. Thanks must go to the fabric team who have spent countless hours ensuring everything fitted into place properly and at the right time. Thanks too to our great God who faithfully answered all our prayers and to the PCC who, in faith, moved forward with the heating project, trusting that the money would be raised.

So many people give graciously of their time and talents to make sure events take place – such as coffee mornings, soup and social, messy church, Christian Aid lunches. We are so grateful for all our willing volunteers without whom none of these could take place.

The Garden Fete was, again, a success – also thanks to the countless volunteers who man stalls, help set up and take down. New this year are our parish lunches. The third has just taken place. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know better others in the church. These will be continuing in the New Year but we'll try not to clash with other social events!

The Quinquennial report, earlier in the year, praised us for the care and attention we lavish on our beautiful church. In February we started a 10 week Bible Course followed by a study of the book of Romans, using material prepared by the Bible Society. We hope to run this again after Easter 2026. The 2

courses have led to the formation of a Home Group which has its first meeting on 24 November.

Lenten courses ran as usual and an Advent course starts on Monday, 1 December, meeting in the Green School.

And, of course, we have a new church warden, Roger Stokoe, and we are both grateful for the 6 years of unstinting service from Pete Hilton.

Looking forward to 2026 there will be a Burns Night on 24 January (see separate article from Anne & Greg Guthrie on page 20) and the perennial Jazz Breakfast is being booked for 7 February.

So, with many thanks to all of you who support the varied activities at St Guthlac's, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

With best wishes from Roger & Nick.

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The Bethlehem Peace Light Service

We are delighted that we have been asked by the local scout groups to host a service for the reception of the Bethlehem Peace Light on December 17th and look forward to seeing the scouts, their leaders and their families in church that evening.

The Bethlehem Peace Light Campaign was started in Austria in 1986 and has grown since then to include 30 European countries and more recently USA, Canada and Mexico. Each year a child from Austria kindles a flame from the "Eternal Flame" in the Nativity Grotto in Bethlehem and takes it back to Austria for a Service of Dedication. Delegates from the other countries gather there to take the flame back with a message of peace to their own countries where it is distributed to scouting groups throughout the country.

The pictures show 9 year old Matthias Secklehner the Austrian scout who received the light from Bethlehem last year and the light being taken to Lincon Cathedral. The website www.peacelight.org.uk has much more information for those of you who are interested in finding out more, along with pictures of other Lincolnshire hosting churches including our neighbours in Deeping St James who hosted the local service last year.



Did you know that Jelly Babies were launched in 1918 to mark the end of the first world war under the name Peace Babies. Why not light a candle in your own home on December 17th and consume some jelly babies in solidarity with scouts across the continent in their desire for world peace.



St Guthlac's Green School

offers a spacious and recently decorated premises with a brand new fitted kitchen; including an oven and hob, Quooker heated water tap and remodelled accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.

The premises have been updated into a larger open-plan area offering a more inclusive and brighter environment. Why not take advantage of our refurbished premises for your meetings, groups and events such as children's parties, wakes, Christenings and other life celebration events.

To hire the Green School costs just £14 per hour.

Please contact Roger Clarke on 07902 928782 or email greenschool@stguthlacs.org.uk for the Conditions of Hire, and with any questions you might have.

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Church Flowers

from Anne Guthrie

During Advent there will be no flowers on a weekly basis but we are looking forward to the different church organizations producing the Christmas Arrangements. We are looking at using traditional colours of white, red, green and silver or gold.....plus maybe candles , lights , ribbon.

I find it hard to realise that in only a few weeks we will be entering 2026 . This means a new Flower Rota and anyone who would enjoy making our church look welcoming and cheerful through flowers and plants is welcome to join the Flower group. You do not have to be a skilled florist just enjoy sharing the beauty of our natural world. People take on two Sundays at a time and there is help available if you wish to join us. Please remember loved ones or celebrate birthdays and anniversaries through flowers.

Contact : Anne Guthrie 07897106822 guthrie-nan@hotmail.com

Friday Crafting Group

We have had a lovely time between September and Christmas trying out various crafts – this is our fourth year, from a small idea of getting together with friends, to create Christmas cards and crafts. We go from strength to strength and I especially love the fact that often people arrive and say they are useless but then blossom and produce beautiful creations.

After a busy November, when we not only made fabric tree decorations but also learnt the art of decoupage and added in painting pottery baubles and felted fairies , we finish in December with a book folding project led by Clare on Friday 5th December and a social flower fun morning on Friday 19TH December. Our new timetable will be ready for January – any ideas for Crafts to explore please let Kate or myself know.

Picture; Poppies by Iris Newson.



Hearts on Fire during Advent

The Bishop of Lincoln's aim is "Raising the Spiritual Temperature" across the diocese and the Advent course picks up this theme with its title of Hearts on Fire. We will be following this course on Monday evenings over the first 3 weeks of December, meeting in the Green School at 7:30 pm.

The structure of the course is similar to that of the Diocesan Lent Course on Prayer we followed earlier in the year. There are prayers, readings, some background material and opportunities for discussion. If the Lent course is any guide, we certainly won't run out of things to ask and share with one another. Everyone is welcome to come to any or all of the sessions and it is up to you whether you choose to talk or simply listen. Quite apart from the material we will be looking at these sessions are a wonderful opportunity to learn from one another's experiences and to engage deeper conversations than we often have time for. Here is a reminder of the titles of individual sessions

December 1st "A voice in the wilderness" - hearts on fire for justice

December 8th "Yours are the hands" - hearts on fire for service

December 15th "Holy, holy, holy" - hearts on fire in worship

PS. If you arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 there will be a hot drink and refreshments on offer.

Ladies' Guild.

'We welcomed Alan Lambert to our meeting to talk about his life as a detective, but he was familiar to some members as he is also one of the main volunteers at Moulton Windmill, where we had enjoyed a visit and afternoon tea on our summer outing this year.

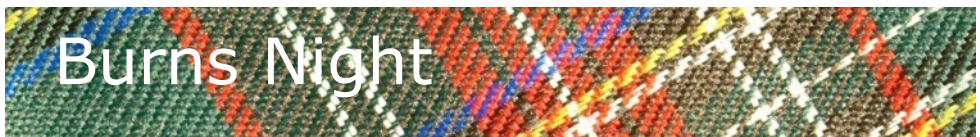
Prompted by a desire to buy a house and the steady income offered by the job, Alan joined the Police and, not put off by an initiation prank involving him tackling a hardened criminal in the dark (which turned out to be a lifeless mannequin!) he went on to have a brilliant career! Alan showed slides and told us about all the

Caribbean, and beyond, places he had worked which involved roles in drug trafficking and money laundering legislation.

Our meeting on 25 November had wildlife ranger, Ajay Tegala, talk to us about his 'East Anglian Ranger Tales' and our 16 December Christmas Party night with Jules, Andy and company with food. Please come and join us.

For further information, you can contact any of the Committee

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From a Louse to a Mouse, come and join a celebration of poetry, music, song and fun in recapturing the spirit of Robert Burns on the 24th January.

Rather than merely being entertained, come and entertain (not compulsory but encouraged) : turn out your tuba (recorder or old tin whistle), dust off your Dylan (Thomas or Bob) ,your school learnt Shakespeare, your Ogden Nash or even your Burns or Wordsworth! All ideas and offers readily considered to make this an internationally inclusive supper inspired by the celebration of the Scottish Poet.

Don't be a wee sleekit, cow'rn ,tim'rous beastie but rather join - the mirth an'fun grew fast an'furious:the piper loud an' louder blew, the dancers quickan'quicker flew, they reel'd,they set, they cross'd, they cleekit.....more details to follow.

Haggis (or vegetarian substitute) will be served with potato and swede, preceded by Cullen Skink and followed by traditional Scottish pudding. Save the date.

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when	sidespeople	readers	servers	offertory
		7 December		
10.00 am	Joy Elliman Roger Clarke Di Wheatley	Nick Evans	J Ward L Ward C Gaughan	Dorothy Harriss, Iris Newson
		14 December		
10.00 am	Kay Roberts Henry Roberts Chris Warren	Nigel Coke- Woods	N Bacon	Janice Hewitt Kay Bunn
5.00 pm	David Betts	Henry Roberts		
		21 December		
10.00 am	Janis Hewitt Lyll Seale Keith Warren	Jean Jones	A Gray D Fowler C Fowler	Nettie Mitchell Linda Bates
5.00 pm			G Bacon	
		24 December		
11.30 pm		Neal Bacon	N Bacon	
		25 December		
10.00 am		All Age Service	A Gray L Ward C Gaughan	
		28 December		
10.00 am	Carol Cooper Lorna Mellowes Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	Dorothy Harriss	G Bacon	Lyll Seale Geoff Chambers

Calendar of Services and Events December, Year A

Sunday 30th Nov		First Sunday of Advent
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion Readings TBC
Monday 1st	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7:30 pm	Advent Course in the Green School
Wednesday 3rd	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 4th	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Bereavement Café in the Green School
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 5th	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 6th	10:00 am	Christingle Prep in the Green School
Sunday 7th		Second Sunday of Advent
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion Romans 15: 4 – 13, Matthew 3:1 - 12
	4:00 pm	Christingle
Monday 8th	9:30 am –	MDCP Christmas Service in Church
	7:30 pm	Advent Group in the Green School
Wednesday 10th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 11th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 12th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 13th	10:30 am	Coffee Morning in the Green School
Sunday 14th		Third Sunday of Advent
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion Isaiah 35: 1 – 10, Matthew 11: 2 – 11
	5:00 pm	Evensong Isaiah 5: 8 – end, Acts 13: 13 - 41
Monday 15th	7:30 pm	Advent Course in the Green School
Tuesday 16th	10:30 am	William Hildyard Christmas Service
Wednesday 17th	10:30	Said Holy Communion

	2:30 pm	Rose Lodge
	6:30 pm	Bethlehem Peace Light Service for the scouts
Thursday 18th	6:30 pm	Mothers' Union
	6:30 pm	Carols round the Christmas Tree in the Market Place
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 19th	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 20th	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		Romans 1: 1 – 7, Matthew 1: 18 – end
	5:00 pm	Community Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 23rd	7:30	Ladies Guild in the Green School
Wednesday 24th	4:00 pm	Crib Service
	11:30 pm	Midnight Communion Service
		Hebrews 1:1-4 and John 1:1-14

Thursday 25th

Christmas Day

	10:00 am	All Age Communion
		Titus 3:4-7 and Luke 2:5-20
Saturday 27th	12:00 pm	Soup and Social in the Green School

Sunday 28th

Feast of the Holy Innocents

	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		Jeremiah 31: 15 – 17, Matthew 2: 13 – 18
	5:00 pm	Compline
Wednesday 31st	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 27th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Diary Dates for 2026;

Saturday 24th January	Burns Night Supper
Saturday 7th February	Jazz Breakfast TBC.

Parish Directory

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Convener of Sidespeople	Keith Warren
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Chuckle With Charlie

I was in a Chinese restaurant when a duck came up to me with a red rose and said : "Your eyes sparkle like the stars". So I said to the waiter : "Excuse me. I ordered aromatic duck!!!!"



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Messy Church

20th December 2025
 2:30pm - 4:30pm
 in the Green School
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Come along for an afternoon of
 Christmas crafts and activities!

We'll also be
 singing family-friendly carols,
 sharing food,
 & hearing the Christmas story

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Christmas Services



Christingle Service - 7th December 4pm

Receive a Christingle orange at this joyful service for all ages

Community Carol Service - 21st December 5pm

Sing your favourite carols & hear the Christmas story,
followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Crib Service - Christmas Eve 4pm

Come along to a very festive, family-friendly service

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service 11:30pm

A traditional way to start Christmas with carols & prayers

Christmas Day all-age Holy Communion
Service 10am

Celebrating Christmas - Bring
a present to be blessed



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