

St. Guthlac's Church



Garden Fete

**Saturday 11th July, 2 - 4pm
in the Rectory Garden**



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Taizé Service

Sunday 12th July, 6.00pm
at St Guthlacs Church



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Sat 18th July - Outdoor session -
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in the churchyard!

Sat 15th August - Picnic & Games -
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in the Rectory garden!

2:30 - 4:30pm



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For a Baptism, Wedding, or any general enquiry, please contact the Parish Administrator Nigel Coke-Woods;

email admin@stguthlacs.org.uk

Churchwardens

Nick Evans
Roger Stokoe

Readers

Canon Nigel Bacon
Kate Brown

Director of Music

Peter Davies

PCC Vice Chair
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James Ward
Julie Bacon

Other Parish Representatives are listed on a later page in this publication.

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,

As I sit to write this article, I am mindful that over the recent and coming months, we have had the joy of people arriving and the sadness of people leaving. Some moving away for new jobs or to be nearer family, while others have sadly passed away. Their absence reminds us how deeply our lives become intertwined together, how much our own lives, and our community, is shaped by the people within it.

Some people though are arriving -moving into the area, starting new jobs, those with extra time starting new hobbies, and children preparing to start school in September. Over time the new people we meet become more familiar in our lives and in our community. Every one of them bringing something of themselves -Often a fresh energy, different experiences and skills, and new perspectives and ideas. As people leave and people arrive, the life of our town and church community continues, and continues to grow and develop. Rather than fearing this change, we flourish when we welcome this freshness. We were all new somewhere once, to school and work, to a club or group, and even to the local area or church. We all know how much a conversation or simple smile can mean.

As an amateur gardener, I am taken by the idea of roots. We all need good roots to grow. They give us stability and keep us strong. Roots for us might be the people, places and values that give us a sense of belonging. As Christians, our roots are also, firmly, in God. We are rooted in God's love, and in a faith which journeys into unfamiliar places and is open to what God is doing among us. As we know, a

tree with strong roots can withstand storms, and it can also grow new leaves and fruit. Its roots do not prevent growth, they make growth possible. In the same way, our values and sense of identity should not make us fearful of storms or change. Rather, they give us strength and confidence, including to embrace new opportunities, welcome new people and adapt to changing circumstances, as we continue to grow, develop and flourish.

So, let's give thanks for those whose lives have shaped us and our community, while also extending welcome to those who are putting down roots among us for the first time.

With all best wishes and prayers,
Rev George Holding.

Parish Administrator

We are delighted to announce that Nigel Coke-Woods has accepted the new role of Parish Administrator for the church. Nigel is a recently retired methodist minister, and part of our congregation. He will be involved with church bookings, including weddings and baptisms, and various other tasks. He will mainly be available only on Wednesday mornings and Friday mornings. Please note we have a **new** email address: admin@stguthlacs.org.uk

Afternoon Tea

from Anne Guthrie

A big thank you to all who came out to Suttons Lane and enjoyed afternoon tea amidst showers and sunshine. Some people even managed a game of croquet and there seemed to be a version of men in sheds listening to the test match.

Thank you to all who brought additional cakes and sandwiches to share, to those who helped serve and clear.



Sunday Club Summer Arrangements

Sunday Club will continue as usual throughout July. Our last Sunday Club before the summer holiday break will be on 19th July.

Please note, as usual, there will be no Sunday Club during August. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break..

We wish all our children and families a happy and enjoyable summer, and hope to see you at the August Messy Church!



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Thank You Andrew!

Andrew Mitchell, our Children's and Youth Worker at St. Guthlac's Church, ends his time working with us on 28th June.



We would like to express our sincere thanks to Andrew for the care and commitment he has shown during his time with us over the past few years.

Andrew has made a valued contribution to the parish and local community, through the time, energy and compassion he has given in helping children, young people and families grow in their faith. He has shared his own deep love for God, and in doing so, encouraged others in their journey of faith. His dedication and sense of joy have been greatly appreciated by the church and local community. We are grateful for all that Andrew has given to our parish and pray that the experience and skills he has developed here will continue to bear fruit in his future ministry and work.

We wish you every blessing Andrew for the future and assure you of our continued prayers as you embark on this exciting new chapter as the Children's and Families Minister at Whitton Parish, Ipswich.

Thank you Andrew, and good luck!

We would also like to confirm that we are fully committed to children and young people here at St. Guthlac's and will be continuing with ministry in this area supported by Rev George, the ministry team and volunteers -Thank you.



Chuckle With Charlie

Woman with small child at The Deepings Practice : "Doctor, my child will not eat fish. What do you suggest I replace it with?"
Doctor : "A cat. Cats love fish."



Churchwardens' Notes.



Dear friends,

Let us start by congratulating Seb Kay, one of St Guthlac's younger bell ringers, on ringing his first quarter peal. He rang the third to plain bob minor. Well done indeed Seb.

The clerestory windows have been eased and new cords fitted. This was one of the minor points raised in the quinquennial report.

June was a busy month. The afternoon parish tea, held chez Anne & Greg Guthrie, was well attended with lots of scrumptious food. Thank you Anne & Greg for hosting us. Hymns & Pimms took place in the Rectory garden a week later and a goodly number of folk from around the Deepings enjoyed singing old favourites. Thanks go to Nigel and Julie for providing the pimms and nibbles, to Peter for providing the music and, of course, Rev George for hosting us and choosing all the hymns.

The Bible Course finished in June and we hope that a second home group can be formed from those who attended. If anyone else would be interested in joining a home group, please speak to either Rev George or me (Nick Evans).

Two weeks later and St Guthlac's held a "Together Day" at the Edenham Regional Centre. More about this in our next magazine. The Garden Fete, one of our most important fund raisers, takes place on 11 July. There will more stalls than usual. Old favourites and some new for us to enjoy. There is a notice in the back of church of everything that is required but we'd just reiterate; cakes for the Mothers' Union stall, cakes for refreshments in the Green School and bottles (to go in the box in church or to Dave Hand) for the tombola.

Some advance notice of a couple of social events. We are planning a family BBQ for 31 August to be held in the Rectory Garden. More

about this later. And on 13 September we are holding the next Parish Lunch. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of church. Both will be excellent opportunities to get to know each other better. Many of us will be looking forward to summer holidays, especially those families who have had to put up with exams during June. Wherever you are planning to go, we hope your time away is both enjoyable and relaxing and that you return refreshed.

With every blessing
Nick & Roger.




I can confirm that May's meeting was as interesting as expected. Hazel Whitfield has done a great deal of research into her own family history and her talk mostly focused on how one can get started on such a project with the resources that are available both online and stored in archives. To begin her talk she asked all of us to write down something that we had found out about our own family history or something that we wanted to know and used these as her starting points. It was fascinating to hear snippets of each other's histories and truly amazing to discover how far back some people had been able to trace some of their ancestral lines. Stories that had probably been passed down from grandparent to grandchild through generations finally reaching someone who was able to access the information that fleshed out the anecdotes with written evidence. This took up the bulk of the meeting, but Hazel was then able to give us a quick illustrated romp through her own family history which contained some famous or perhaps one should say notorious characters.

June's tea party was at the end of the month as was the outing to Ayscoughfee Hall so any report and pictures will have to wait until the next magazine by which time I trust I will also be able to report back on record takings at the Garden Fete cake stall (hint, hint!)

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Funerals



Iris Newson whose funeral was held on June 18th was a faithful member of St Guthlac's congregation for many years and was a stalwart member of the Mothers' Union, serving on the committee for as long as I can remember. It was clear from those who attended her funeral that she was greatly loved by family, friends and the wider community.

I knew Iris best as a member of the Mothers' Union. She served on the committee, baked cakes for special occasions and was always to be found in the kitchen both before and after meetings setting out cups and washing up afterwards. For many years she made the Simnel cake that was served on Mothering Sunday. She kept me in order, quietly reminding me to end the meetings with the Grace before too many of us left. When June Bird, another MU member embarked on her massive project of knitting and crocheting poppies for the Remembrance display Iris contributed a large proportion of them and she continued to knit them once she became less able to get out and about during her last illness.

She will be sadly missed by those who knew her and especially by her devoted husband Peter, daughters Jill and Jenny and the rest of her family

I'm sure there are some of you who remember Jan Morrell who was a regular member of St Guthlac's for many years. In recent years she lived in a care home in Spalding and so we haven't seen her in church or at coffee mornings for some time. However, family members used to bring her out to visit the church now and again and always signed the visitor book when they came. Her funeral was held at Surfleet a while ago but her ashes have now been returned to Market Deeping and have been scattered in the Spinney.



The Garden Fete

Saturday 11 July 2026

(I find I have two empty pages so I will reprint Nick's Garden Fete article from the June magazine.....)

Every year the cry goes up "Can you help with the Garden Fete please?" and this year is no different.

The Church Garden Fete is a key fundraising event, raising over £3,000 towards St Guthlac's mission to reach out in love, grow in faith and welcome all into our beautiful church.

There are some very specific needs.

- Offers of cakes are needed for refreshments in the Green School. Please contact Carol Cooper (carol.c@sky.com) if you can help.
- Offers of cakes are also needed for the Mothers' Union stall. Please contact Kate Brown (kabstg@btinternet.com) if you can help.
- Kay Roberts would be interested in any household items. You can contact Kay on 07510 267140 to ask if she would like your contribution for the Ladies Guild stall.
- You were all so brilliant donating bottles for the wheelbarrow and now we need you to donate again, any bottles, for the tombola, raffle and wine squares. There will be a box in church for you to leave your contributions in; this will be emptied weekly.
- If you have a favourite restaurant, pub, hairdresser, vet etc that you often go to be brave and ask them if they'll give you a voucher towards a meal or treatment or a bottle/chocolates etc. Please don't ask in Deeping St James though. And let Helen Evans know if you've been successful. It might be worth checking with Helen first in



The Garden Fete Saturday 11 July 2026

case they have already been approached though!
(helenevans1961@icloud.com)

Please, please, please don't leave your contributions at the back of the church unless you have agreed it with the stall holder AND it is clearly labelled who it is for.

Also, if you have a pop up gazebo we can borrow for the day, that would be great. Please let Susanne Denton know
(Susanne.denton@live.com)

If you haven't already been asked to help (and thank you so much all those who have already volunteered), are free either on Friday 10 June (to help put up) and/or Saturday 11 June, and would like to help, please let Nick Evans (nicke1054@icloud.com) know.



Teddy Tombola: If your children or grandchildren would like to donate any teddy bears or cuddly toys for the Garden Fete Stall they would be gratefully received. Please contact Susan Muspratt (susanmuspratt94@gmail.com) if you can help.

Friday Crafting

The fete will give everyone the opportunity to admire the bunting that has been created. Especial thanks to Liz P who had the brilliant idea of using photos of St Guthlacs church and community activities plus all the crafters who worked to create bunting for the various stalls from a suggestion by Susanne.

We finish in July with another session led by Erica on Friday July 5th on creating origami boxes and Zentangle patterns. And an Afternoon tea with two craft activities has been booked for Wednesday afternoon 15th July at the Wildflower Cafe. If anyone would like to join us please ask Anne or Kate- cost is £47-

We will soon be planning our Autumn programme so any ideas welcome.

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Ladies' Guild.

An evening of 3 different crafts was enjoyed by our members (pictures inside back cover). Paper folding to make a candle with Anne Guthrie, decorative button cards with Jean Jones & decorative envelopes with Margaret Hayes. We really appreciate these ladies stepping forward to give us an evening of conversation, laughter & achievement. All accompanied by hot & cold refreshments – it had been a scorching hot day!

Plans were announced for our last meeting in June – an evening visit to John Clare cottage.

Members also volunteered to help in different ways with our busy stall for the upcoming garden fete.

It has been another excellent year for our thriving group & we wish everyone a happy & relaxing summer. We will meet again in September.

Liz Parkinson.

Bereavement Cafe

We are delighted that so many people are dropping into this kind and supportive group on the first Thursday of the month - July 3rd.

Last month we asked for feedback and suggestions for discussion topics - we have had interesting chats but sometimes the topic referred to events those attending may have already lived through. Remember all our welcome whether you lost someone recently or many years ago, are living with terminal illness or close to friends and family who are suffering. If you have a question or worry bring them along and someone will listen and show support.

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Flowers

from Anne Guthrie;

A big thank you to several people who prepared different aspects of flower arrangements for the funeral of Iris Newson , a very long standing member of our church community . Morag took on the pedestals, Clare the window sills and Ann-Marie the flowers in the porch. Kate arranged small vases for the tables in the Green school at an afternoon tea in Iris' memory.

Please ask if you would like flowers for funerals or weddings as we will happily try to accommodate your wishes amongst our regular Sunday plans. And remember that you are always welcome to add your own flowers or plants on the Memorial window sill above the book of Remembrance.

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		5 July		
10.00 am	Joy Elliman Roger Clarke Di Wheatley	All Age Child Reader	A Gray D Fowler C Fowler	Dorothy Harriss,
		12 July		
10.00 am	Kay Roberts Henry Roberts Chris Warren	Daniel Fowler	N Bacon	Janice Hewitt Kay Bunn
6.00 pm		Taizé Service		
		19 July		
10.00 am	Janis Hewitt Lyll Seale Keith Warren	Julie Bacon	J Ward L Ward C Gaughan	Nettie Mitchell Linda Bates
		26 July		
10.00 am	Carol Cooper Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	Lyll Seale	A Gray D Fowler C Fowler	Lyll Seale Geoff Chambers
6.00 pm		Joy Elliman		David Betts

The Magazine

Thank you to all who contributed, copy for the (two-month) August + September magazine is required please not later than Wednesday 22 July.

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Calendar of Services and Events, July Year A

Wednesday 1st	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd	10:30 am	Bereavement Café in the Green School
	2:00 pm	The Laurels
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 3rd	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Craft Group in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday 5th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion Romans 7: 15 – 25a, Matthew 11: 25a, 28 – 30
Monday 6th	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 8th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 9th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 10th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 11th	2:00 pm	GARDEN FETE Rectory Garden, Church and Green School

Sunday 12th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion Romans 8: 1 – 11, Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23
	6:00 pm	Taizé Service in Church
Wednesday 15th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
	2:30 pm	Rose Lodge
Thursday 16th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 17th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 18th	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 19th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion Romans 8: 12 – 25, Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43
Wednesday 22nd	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 24th **No Choir Practice**
Saturday 25th 12:00 pm Soup and Social in the Green School

Sunday 26th Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Said Holy Communion

10:00 am **Sunday Club tbc**

10:00 am Parish Holy Communion

Romans 8: 26 – end, Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52

6:00 pm Evening Prayer

1 Kings 6: 11 – 14, 23 – end, Acts 12: 1 - 17

Wednesday 29th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 30th 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 31st **No Choir Practice**



St Guthlac's Green School

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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.

We will be happy to offer a viewing if required.

Parish Directory

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Safeguarding

Remember that if you experience difficulties related to what you think may be abuse in some form (domestic, emotional, financial, spiritual) or you are concerned about anyone amongst our church family and community that you may speak in confidence to Revd. George or Anne Guthrie, the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The Ladies' Guild craft evening.

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