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March 2026

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday, 29th March, 10:00am

Celebrating with palm crosses
& procession from Rectory paddock to church

Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30pm - Compline

Traditional night prayer

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, 7:00pm

Holy Communion in the context of a meal in Green School & moving to church for stripping of the altar

Good Friday, 3rd April, 2:00pm

Reflective Good Friday service

Easter Day, 5th April, 10:00am

All age Holy Communion service
with Easter eggs & a fire
to celebrate light

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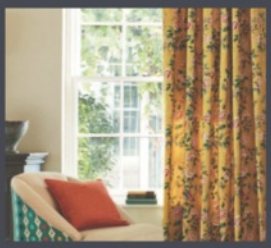

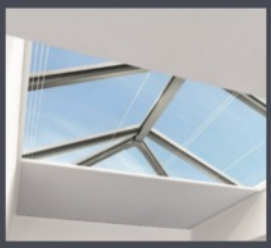

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The Daily Office of Morning Prayer is said at 10.00am Monday to Saturday. The Evening Prayer is at 5.00pm Monday to Friday. All are welcome.
For details of our on-line services please refer to our website or facebook page.
If previously arranged any Baptisms will take place at 12noon on the first or third Sunday of the month.

Dear Friends,

Do any of you recall the Flanders and Swann song of the weather? "January brings the snow, makes your feet and fingers glow. February's ice and sleet freeze the toes right off your feet…" The song continues through every month mentioning just about every possible adverse weather condition with no suggestion of warmth or sunshine to relieve the gloom. As I write this in February following a prolonged period of wet weather it's hard to find something to feel cheerful about. And yet….. the snowdrops in the churchyard have gladdened my heart for the last few weeks.

It's traditional to have them in church for Candlemas so we placed a small vase of them in the memorial window on February 1st. Later that week I sneaked in to pick some to put on the tables at the Bereavement Café and then again for the Jazz Breakfast. Many of the people who saw them at these events mentioned how lovely they were; just a few delicate flowers in each small vase but a sign that Spring was not that far away. Each bloom lasts only a short while but for every one I picked there were many others that were left to flourish where they were.

I'm sure no-one looking at the churchyard would have realised that any had been picked at all, they were growing in such profusion. So, the few snowdrops that we appreciated at close quarters in their individual beauty will not have diminished the joy that any passerby who happened to look over the churchyard wall felt at seeing them in their massed splendour.

These small, early signs that the dark and cold of winter will come to an end are like the small, early signs of hope that can break through our times of difficulty and despair. Such signs may be fleeting, perhaps just a few moments when we forget our misery

and take pleasure in something simple. Brief experiences of hope are like a single bloom of the delicate snowdrop but like the snowdrop are nowhere near as fragile as they seem. Snowdrops weather the unrelenting rain and unexpected frosts of late winter and manage to spread and grow over time until they form a bright carpet visible to all.

If you are going through your own winter of the soul take heart from the snowdrop, more resilient than it looks, lying dormant through the darkest days of winter before forcing its way through the earth ahead of any of the other spring flowers we love to see. Cherish any small signs that your winter is not unending, that in due course spring will arrive bringing warmth and light just as the bright colours of the sturdy daffodils and tulips follow the pale slight snowdrop.

Kate.

Prayer Stations for Holy Week

Last Year to conclude our Lent Study Course a series of prayer stations were set up around church and this year we intend to repeat this initiative with 5 stations, each one based loosely around one of the themes of the 2026 Lent course.

What is a prayer station? The picture gives you an idea of what it might look like. The board at the back has images relating to the theme, written information, Bible readings and prayers. On the table in front of the board are some objects to touch and handle and some prayer activities to take part in. The idea is to engage all our senses prayerfully as we draw closer to God. Some people find this different way of approaching prayer helps them lose themselves and put everyday distractions to one side. If you have never experienced a prayer station before why not pop into church during Holy Week and spend some time with them. Let me know if you have found it a helpful exercise. The stations should go up after the service on Palm Sunday and will remain in place throughout Holy Week.

Churchwardens' Notes.

We hope that you and your families are all well. Spring is coming, the snowdrops have been wonderful and as I write this I have seen the first daffodil in flower in the churchyard.

At long last, the stained glass window in the baptistry has been repaired and we have been able to close the faculty with the diocese. The glass is looking very shiny and new but I am sure the weather will soon make it blend in.

On 7th March we have a special concert in church with Peterborough Cathedral Choir. This promises to be a super evening. Tickets are on sale at £15.00 each with proceeds being split evenly between the St Guthlac's and the cathedral choir.

On the following day at 5pm we are having a special service to bless the new heating and lighting system and the Bishop of Grantham is visiting us for this purpose. Please do come along and I am sure there will be some refreshments afterwards.

Later in the month, on Saturday 28th March, there is a Bandless Barn Dance that we are organising to be held at the Open Door Church starting at 6pm. This event is free. Bring your own refreshments and have an evening of fun.

For those of you who remember, I mentioned in my first Churchwardens' Notes that one of my aims was to get the church clock working again. We have a beautiful clock and the clock face was renovated relatively recently. The observant of you will have noticed the time had moved from quarter past five to five to twelve!! This change happened when a professional clock man came to carry out a survey. We now have a quotation from the Cumbria Clock Company and to get the clock working and carry out important repairs. Please watch this space where we will be letting you know how we intend to raise this money.

Again, a big thank you for all the support that you continually give us and if you have any questions, please speak with one of us.

With best wishes from Nick and Roger.

Growing in faith this Lent

You're warmly invited to join us for 5 weeks during Lent, exploring how our faith is deepened when our hearts are set on fire with love for God.

Taking place on Mondays, 7:30pm in the Green School, starting 23rd February.

Together we will be gently exploring, through discussion, reflection, and considering various Bible passages, how faith shapes our everyday lives.

Each week will have a different focus, beginning with a session on prayer. You are welcome to come to some weeks, even if you cannot attend them all.

Whether you have been part of a similar group before, or this is your first time setting aside space to pause and reflect prayerfully with others, you are very welcome - Come to share, or simply come to listen. We look forward to you joining us.

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Lent Lunches 2026

During Lent we are taking part with other Churches across the Deepings, with offering a light lunch of soup, bread and cheese, once a month. Taking place on Saturdays, 12:00noon-1:30pm. You are welcome to join us for any of these - there is no cost, though we are hoping for donations. All money collected will be donated to Christian Aid and CAFOD. Come along for friendship, conversation and food.

Upcoming dates and locations:

February 28th The Green School, Market Deeping.

March 7th Priory Church, Deeping St James.

March 14th Open Door Deeping St James.

March 21st Methodists Deeping St James.

The Magazine

Thank you to all who have contributed; copy for the April magazine is required please not later than Wednesday 18 March.

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Come and Sing Evensong 8th February

Thank you very much, everyone that came to the rehearsals (whether or not you were able to sing in the choir for the service), and for singing so well in the service itself. I was truly humbled to receive a presentation and for the social time afterwards. Thank you all for the support you give me and the choir. We all hugely appreciate that.

We have another choral Evensong opportunity on 8th March when Bishop Nicholas will be with us to bless our new heating and lighting systems. Before that, (the night before) on 7th, Peterborough Cathedral Choir will be with us for a wonderful concert of both choral and organ music. It is a very rare opportunity to hear the choir outside the cathedral. We are incredibly lucky that they are able to be with us. Tickets are already on sale.

All very best wishes,
Peter.

Evensong Service of Thanksgiving

You are warmly invited to attend a special Evensong Service on Sunday 8th March, 5:00pm.

The service will be led by the Bishop of Grantham, the Right Reverend Dr Nicholas Chamberlain, who will bless the church's new heating and lighting system. This important occasion will mark the completion of the main installation of the project and will be a time of thanksgiving and celebration.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support that have helped make this work possible, and this service provides an opportunity for us to offer our sincere thanks to all involved.

After the service, please also join us for a light buffet meal at The Green School, so we can celebrate together more informally.

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- **From Bombay to Bond** – with crime novelist Vaseem Khan.
- **Writers' Workshops Day** – with literary agent Francesca Riccardi, industry expert Sara-Jade Virtue and author Darren O'Sullivan on how to get your writing published.
- **History and Natural History** – with authors Janys Thornton, Melanie Backe-Hansen, Jeff Rozelaar, Michael J. Warren and Rory Waterman.
- **Romantic Fiction** – with Milly Johnson.
- **Murder at Molecey** – with Ross Greenwood, T.M. Logan, Tim Sullivan, Debbie Howells, C.L. Taylor and Tom Hindle.
- **Folk on Friday** – with Rory Waterman, and music from The Lincolnshire Poachers.
- **Messing About on the River** – with Jo Bell and Julia Jones
- **The Friendship of Jane Austen and Martha** – with Jane Glennie
- **Adapting Classics for the Stage** – with dramatist Laura Turner.
- **Crime author Elly Griffiths** will bring the festival to a close.

Books available to purchase at each event, including authors' latest releases.

Also, **Children's Story Time** (Saturday, 2 May, Deepings Library) will feature award-winning author Hannah Gold.

Short Story Competition

The theme is 'Hidden Treasures' (categories 8–15-year-olds, 500 words, and adults, 1,000 words max). Closing date: Monday, 9 March 2026.

Visit: deepingsliteraryfestival.co.uk for information and tickets.

Eco spring cleaning

from Liz Gray,

As the days grow longer and the first small signs of spring appear, we start to feel the urge to open the windows, shake out the rugs, and freshen up our homes. Spring cleaning can be more than a practical task—it can be a ritual of renewal. It is an opportunity to reflect on how we care not only for our homes, but for God's creation. This year, why not embrace **eco-friendly spring cleaning** as this expression of faithful stewardship?

Creation Care Begins at Home

In Genesis 2:15, we are told that God placed humanity in the garden "to work it and take care of it." From the very beginning, caring for the earth was a human responsibility. Now, more so than ever, people are becoming aware of this duty. We tend our gardens, use outdoor spaces and visit nearby waterways. We care about what happens to these places. Eco spring cleaning is a simple, practical way to live out that calling. By making thoughtful choices in how we clean, declutter, and refresh our homes, we reduce harm to the environment, modelling responsible stewardship for our families and communities.

Rethink What We Use

Many conventional cleaning products contain harsh chemicals that can affect indoor air quality and end up in our water systems. One change you could make this spring could be to consider:

- Using natural alternatives like vinegar, baking soda, and lemon.
- Choosing eco-certified or biodegradable cleaning products.
- Refilling bottles instead of buying new plastic containers.
- Making simple homemade cleaners with safe ingredients.

Many local shops sell 'eco-friendly' cleaning products. Vine House Farm offers products that are environmentally friendly, where you can refill your bottles. These small shifts can make a significant difference over

time. They also remind us that “clean” does not have to mean “chemical.”

Declutter with Compassion

Spring cleaning often involves sorting through cupboards, and storage boxes. As a family, we were often guilty of throwing away unwanted items with little thought, just trying to get the job done quickly. We now try to approach the process thoughtfully. Before throwing items away, asking a few simple questions. Can this be donated? Can it be repaired? Can it be recycled?

Clothing, books, furniture, and household goods may become answers to someone else’s prayer. Many local charities, shelters, and community centres welcome gently used items. In this way, decluttering becomes an act of generosity rather than waste.

Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice

Eco-friendly cleaning also means reducing waste in everyday routines. If we all make a few small changes, we can make collectively make a big difference: swapping disposable paper towels for washable cloths, repairing instead of replacing, composting or planting herbs on a windowsill. Each small act reflects gratitude for what God has provided.

A Spiritual Spring Cleaning

While we scrub floorboards and dust shelves, spring can also prompt a gentle spiritual inventory. Are there habits we need to let go of? Attitudes that need freshening? Just as we clear physical clutter, we can invite the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts. Eco spring cleaning can become a visible sign of this inner work—reminding us that renewal, both spiritual and environmental, is possible through God’s grace.

A Witness to the World

This spring let’s all demonstrate that faith is not confined to Sunday worship, but extends into kitchens, garages, gardens, and community spaces. As you open your windows and let in the fresh air, consider

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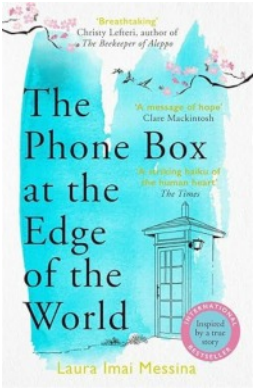
how your cleaning routine can reflect love for God, neighbour, and creation. Eco spring cleaning is not about perfection. It is about intention—choosing, in small daily ways, to tend the garden we have been given.

May this season of renewal bring freshness to your home, your heart, and the world God so lovingly made.

Book Review

by Anne Guthrie,

The Phone Box at the Edge of the World by Laura Imai Messina



This book had been sitting on my shelves for several months before Christmas , I had bought it amongst a collection of books to read during holidays and health recovery. However I kept putting off opening it as it looked somewhat harder to read than the lightweight romantic fiction or juicy murders that I tend to choose first. Once I settled into reading this book in the cold days after Christmas I was mesmerised by the story and the quirky layout (not ghastly pages of computer text just brief information adjacent to a chapter).

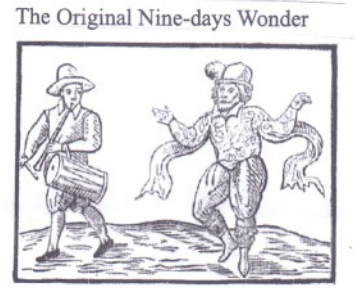
This is a fictional story set in Japan but based upon a real garden in Japan. People who have experienced loss make their way to the Phone Box and talk into the receiver ..... the phone is not connected but it gives people the chance to pour out their thoughts. I know that the premise seems weird but give the book a try - Yui has lost her mother and small daughter in the tsunami and the other main protagonist has lost his wife through illness. It isn't a gloomy story but one of working your way through grief and into acceptance and a new way of living. I was so taken once I had read the book that I went online to order copies for friends and relatives! Let me know what you think if you read it for yourself.

The Nine Days Wonder?

from Jeff Evans

I have always considered the expression 'Nine Days Wonder' to refer to a passing fancy, a short-lived fad, until I was given the opportunity of taking part in a re-enactment* of an historical event, namely a Morris Dance from London to Norwich in the year 1599 by Will Kemp (who always claimed 'Kemp with a e') the comic actor or clown in the Lord Chamberlain's Men Company of actors at the Globe Theatre in the time of W. Shakespeare.

In those days it was the custom for the clown to have twenty minutes or so to do his own comic turn at the end of a play while the audience was dispersing; also to take a comic part in the play such as Shakespeare's Dogberry for example.



Will Kemp even chose on occasion to interrupt Hamlet's tragic speech by coming on stage pulling a dog on wheels! So of course the two Wills quarrelled; and when theatres were closed by law for the forty or so days of Lent Kemp was out of work. He resigned his shares in the Company and set up a wager that he would dance the Morris all the 117 miles to Norwich where a relation of his was Mayor; the feat of his to be completed in only nine days during Lent. Being an accomplished 'Morrice Dauncer' he even had a jig named after him, The Buffoon.

His entourage was to consist of a referee George Sprat, as well as a servant William Bee, with Thomas Sly on pipe and tabor…. He was to spread his dancing over twenty-seven days with days set aside for rest and business.

He set off from Whitechapel on the first Sunday of Lent, being showered with sixpences, took rest at Romford, danced through Essex; in Chelmsford dancing a jig with a maid sporting, like him, the long-sleeved fashion of dress for dance of the period; then through Braintree seeking ways free of potholes (as one does)!

In Sudbury, Suffolk, a boasting butcher offered to accompany him as far as Bury but gave up the dance after a short distance! Then came Melford and Clare where he was accommodated and rested by a worshipful Gentleman Master Colts in his home (still remaining today). This man's fool danced with him on the road some way afterwards.

Then he met a lass who he called Merry Maid Marian with "cheekes well fed and sides well larded, browne browes with sweating varnish" who borrowed "belles for the morrice daunce" with him. He penned a verse to her attributes and gave her a crown** to buy a drink.

En route to Bury Kemp was invited into the house of a bountiful Mistress Evere, widow of a Yeoman who had died rich, and enjoyed, with thirty or so merry Gentlemen a plentiful variety of good fare.

Kemp's feat (feet ?) ended on the ninth day of dance on entering Norwich where he jumped over the churchyard wall and was welcomed by the Mayor Master Roger Wiler with the city Whifflers and other civic dignitaries. And thus he was granted the freedom of the City.

Was Will Kemp right when he claimed that people would remember him and his venture long after they had forgotten "Shakerags and his boring old tragedies".

*The re-enactment was achieved in the year 2000.
**A crown was 5 shillings = 25p.

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Ladies' Guild.

By the time you read this we will have had our January meal. Some 24 members enjoyed a delicious two or three course meal at The Horseshoe Thurlby. There was a good atmosphere across the tables and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our next meeting in February is a talk on peregrine falcons and the evening on 24th March is a talk from Rachell Culfe on the setting up of Deep In Kindness. Visitors are welcome to attend for a small charge. Just come along and you will be welcomed.

Our Committee Members are: Jean Jones 07976 810 654,
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Carol Moore 01778 342979, Liz Parkinson 01778 347020.

The Bereavement Cafe

The Cafe meets on the first Thursday of the month –
5th March and then 9th April.

Everyone is welcome whether you have lost someone recently or long ago, and it is also a place that offers support to those facing loss either through terminal illness or dementia. It is open from 10.30 to 12.0 for drinks, cake and lots of talking and remembering with laughter or sadness. Last month we had a talk from the nurse responsible for The Respect form that people can complete with a view to their wishes , maybe you would prefer not to be resuscitated or to stay at home or only go to hospital if you have a broken limb. Many of us had not heard about a scheme where you keep a note of all medications, ill health and wishes in a bottle in the fridge – a bottle provided by Rotary and paramedics called to the house know to look for one. A lady from the Sue Ryder hospice /charity also visited and said that they were establishing bereavement groups in local communities – there is one based at The Sugar Mill pub in Bourne and another at a garden centre near Stamford. Please refer to the Sue Ryder website for more information but they operate in a similar way to our cafe with space to talk and process grief.

At the time of writing February's meeting on the theme of Lent has yet to take place at our new meeting time of 10:00am so I have no idea how many members managed to set their internal clocks for morning rather than evening; most of us I hope.

Looking to this month we have the World Day of Prayer Service at St Guthlac's on Friday March 6th at 2:30 pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Green School. It is always good to welcome friends from the other churches in the Deepings to this service where we learn more about the lives and worship of people from other countries. This year the service has been prepared women from Nigeria on the theme "I will give you rest, come" and tells of some of the burdens borne by the inhabitants of that country and the hope that their faith gives them. Do join us if you are able.

Our branch meeting will take place on Thursday March 19th at our new time of 10:00 am. We are delighted to welcome Rev Annie Billson who will talk about hospital chaplaincy and other forms of pastoral care. This meeting is open to all, members and non-members alike. Then as mentioned last month we have been invited to join members of the Bourne and Ness group Mothers' Union branches for the Lady Day Communion Service on Wednesday March 25th at 2:30 in the church hall.

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Church Flowers

from Anne Guthrie,

Thank you to Kate and Janis for flowers in memory of parents and husband. We welcome Morag to the flower team and she refurbished the big pedestal with lovely colourful flowers after the Christmas season. Marilyn is also welcomed to the flower team and she extended the lovely bell ringers display with yellow roses. Our Christmas displays lasted well into the New Year, the chill of the building does extend the flowers' lives but I'm not so sure about our own! Now we are into Lent and there are no flowers until Easter weekend. As Easter is at the very beginning of April, please look ahead to bringing flowers to decorate the church on Saturday 4th April.

Nigel Bacon attended General Synod and came across a motion about flowers in church – suggesting that oasis should be phased out due to the detrimental effects on the environment as it decays plus making use of British home grown flowers where possible. At St Guthlac's church we have tried to greatly reduce our use of oasis and we welcome vases of flowers, planters and baskets but using oasis for formal arrangements has continued. When our present supply is finished I will buy biodegradable oasis for the occasions when people prefer to use it. The trio of vases that June and Peter filled at Christmas for the choir window sill were beautiful and Clare has suggested that we look for a wider range of vases to use.

As a mere male and erstwhile flower arranger's husband may I add to Anne's article? Two years ago the RHS banned floral foam which has affected exhibits in Village Shows such as Glinton. Substitutes are plastic-coated chicken wire and dried floral moss, both of which are available up the road at Waterside. I also subscribe to the argument that the infrastructure of importing flowers from, for instance, African countries does benefit the people involved by utilising spare land and providing local employment. GFT.

Friday Crafting

During February we completed a range of lovely decoupage boxes under guidance from Nina and finished the month with decorating fabric bags led by Janis and Anne Cassisdy. All are welcome to join us , to try the craft on offer or to sit and work on their own projects amongst good company. £5- towards hire of the hall, some materials and refreshments, 9.30 -11.30 in the Green School.

March is very busy : Friday 13th March Zentangles – a form of 'doodling' ; Friday 20th March Felting ; Wednesday 25th March Spring printing workshop at the Wildflower cafe; Friday 27th March Spring/ Easter wreath. If you would like to join the Felting session or The Wildflower afternoon please let me know as there are limited numbers available.

Anne & Kate.

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		22 March		
10.00 am	Carol Cooper Lorna Mellowes Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	Julie Bacon	J Ward L Ward C Gaughan	Lyall Seale Geoff Chambers
		29 March		
10.00 am	Dorothy Harriss Kay Bunn Keith Warren	Dramatized Gospel Readding	N Bacon	Henry Roberts Kay Roberts

Chuckle With Charlie

It's difficult to say what my mum does for a living.....she sells seashells on the seashore.

My grandad used to supply Filofaxes for the mafia. He was involved in very organised crime.

Calendar of Services and Events March, Year A

Sunday 1st	**Second Sunday of Lent**	
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion
	Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17 and John 3: 1 – 17	
Monday 2nd	1030 am	Prayer meeting
	7:30 pm	Lent Study Group in the Green School
Wednesday 4th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 5th	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Bereavement Café in the Green School
	2:00 pm	The Laurels
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 6th	2:30 pm	World Day of Prayer in the Church
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 7th	12:00noon	Lent Lunch at The Priory Church
	7:30 pm	Peterborough Cathedral Choir concert in the Church

Sunday 8th	**Third Sunday of Lent**	
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		Exodus 17: 1 -7 and John 4: 5 - 42
	5:00 pm	Choral Evensong followed by refreshments in the Green School
	Joshua 1: 1 – 9 and 1 Corinthians 3: 9 – 11	
Monday 9th	7:30 pm	Lent Study group in the Green School
Wednesday 11th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 12th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 13th	9:30 – 11:00	Craft Group in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 14th	10:30 am	coffee morning in the Green School
	12:00 pm	Lent Lunch at The Open Door Church

Sunday 15th	**Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday**	
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion
	Colossians 3: 12 – 17, Gospel reading TBC	
Monday 16th	7:30 pm	Lent Group in the Green School
Wednesday 18th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion

	2:30 pm	Rose Lodge
Thursday 19th	10:00 am	Mothers' Union in the Green Schoo
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 20th	9:30 – 11:30	Craft Group in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 21st	12:00 pm	Lent Lunch at the Methodist Chruch
	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 22nd **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		Ezekiel 17: 1 – 14, John 11: 1 – 45
Monday 23rd	7:30 pm	Lent Study Group in the Green School
Tuesday 24th	7:30 pm	Ladies' Guild in the Green School
Wednesday 25th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 26th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 27th	9:30 – 11:30	Craft group in the Green School
	6:30	Choir Practice
Saturday 28th	6:00 pm	Bandless Barn Dance at the Open Door Church

Sunday 29th **Palm Sunday**

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Procession from the Rectory Paddock
		Parish Holy Communion
		Matthew 21: 1 – 11 and Matthew 27: 32 – 54
Monday 30th	7:30 pm	Compline
Tuesday 31st	7:30 pm	Compline

Diary Dates

Thursday 2 April	Holy Communion with bring and share meal
Good Friday 3 April	10.00am Walk of Witness from St Guthlac's
	10.30am Easter Children's Crafts in the Green School
Sunday 5 April	Easter Day
Sunday 12 April	7.00am Sunrise Service at Deeping Nature Reserve, bring breakfast and a chair.
Sunday 19 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church following the service.

Parish Directory

Secretary of Bell Ringers	Dawn Richie
Eco Church Coordinator	Liz Gray
Guthlac's Young Explorers	Andrew Mitchell
Safeguarding Officer	Anne Guthrie
Wellbeing Group Co-ord	Keith Warren
Friends of St Guthlac	Rev'd George Holdin
Stewardship Coordinator	Carol Cooper
Convener of Sidespeople	Keith Warren
Coordinator of Servers	Graeme Bacon
Lesson Reading Rota	Kate Brown
Flower Arranging Rota	Anne Guthrie
Church Cleaning Rota	Kay Roberts
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Mothers' Union	Kate Brown
Ladies Guild	Jean Jones
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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 Jazz Breakfast

Saturday 7 February

EASTER CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

A morning of crafts,
including the Easter Story
& Hot Cross Buns!

Good Friday -

3rd April 2026

@ the Green School (Church St)

10:30am till 12noon

St Guthlac's
Church
Market Deeping