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



*Dear Friends,*

As I write this month's reflection, I find myself thinking back to a recent trip in Easter week, to the Peak District, where I had the joy (and challenge!) of walking the Great Ridge. The Great Ridge includes Mam Tor (517m), Hollins Cross (392m), Back Tor (538m), and Lose Hill. Walking along the Great Ridge to get all these different hills at once was so amazing!

This trip was with a very close friend from Ely, as we walked, as we talked, as we stood there, we found ourselves saying, 'How awesome is the creation of God.'

Standing up on the Great Ridge, on a lovely sunny day we had, I was struck by the views on every side. Looking down towards Edale on one side and Castleton on the other, you can see for miles. Hills rolling into the distance, fields patchworked together, and a vast sky above it all — it's the kind of view that stops you in your tracks. And of course, made us stop many times, to pause, to pray, to be thankful for each other, to be thankful to God.

There is something deeply moving about seeing that far. It gives a real sense of perspective — of how big the world is, and how small we are within it. And yet, at the same time, it fills me with a sense of awe at God's creation.

It brought a modern worship song to my mind, *King of My Heart*:

"Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,  
the fountain I drink from, oh, He is my song...  
Cause You are good  
You're good..."

Standing there on the Great Ridge, those words felt especially real. The mountains and hills around me weren't just beautiful — they pointed beyond themselves to the One who made them. The One who is strong, steady, and unchanging. But more than that, it reminded me that the same God who shaped those hills and valleys also knows each of us personally. The God of the wide horizons is also the God who walks closely with us in our everyday lives — the one we can run to, the one who sustains us.

We don't all get to stand on a ridge and look out for miles, but we are all invited to notice — to pause, to look around, and to be reminded of God's presence in the world He has made. So, this month, perhaps take a moment — whether on a walk, in a garden, or simply looking out of your window — to notice something of creation. Let it draw you into that same sense of awe and remind you of the God who is both vast and near.

**“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.”**

— Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

Blessings,  
*Andrew*

## Ascension Day

We are celebrating Ascension Day with our friends at The Priory Church, Deeping St James.

Ascension Day commemorates Jesus departing earth into heaven. It takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday and marks the end of Jesus's resurrection appearances.

All are welcome to join us on Thursday 14th May, 7:30pm for an Ascension day service of Holy Communion, at The Priory Church.

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**Starting on Monday 20th April**, 7:30pm, in the Green School. If you missed the first session or two, you are still welcome to join us - Please come along when you can.



**Pimms and Hymns  
The Rectory Garden**

**Sunday 14th June - 4pm**

St Guthlac's  
Church  
Market Deeping



## Churchwardens' Notes.



Dear friends,

I have heard it said that, if you want to make God laugh, you should tell Him your plans!

In the lead up to Lent I thought, this year, I would try and visit different services at St Guthlac's as , so far, apart from a few special evensong services, I have only really attended the 10:00 am service on Sundays. Ha ha! I then went into hospital for what I expected to be a one night stay following my back procedure and was discharged 17 days later with suggestions to arrange for a cardiology consultation!

I now seem to qualify for a care package. The morning carer can turn up anytime between 07:30 and 11:00! But, last Wednesday, we persuaded the carer to come by 08:30 so I could make it to the service at 10;30. I'm so glad I did (and sorry not to have been before) as it was a lovely service and everyone so friendly and caring. Lent may be over for 2026 but I am now getting the opportunity to get to more of the services at St Guthlac's and meet with more of you.

The masonry bees have returned to St Guthlac's. These are harmless and should move on shortly but they are being monitored.

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The Garden Fete will soon be upon us and we will be asking for help and donations. The tombola stall will require bottles of any shape, size and contents. Please direct any contributions towards Dave and Rachel Hand. If you have a favourite restaurant or hairdresser and feel able to ask them for a voucher towards a meal or treatment, then Helen (silent auction) or Paul & Carol (voucher tombola) would love to hear from you. Anne Guthrie is running the auction this year and would be delighted to receive prizes.

There will be other stalls wanting donations. We would just ask that you approach the stall holders with your donations and not just leave them at the back of church.

And if you're new to St Guthlac's and would like to get involved then please speak to me {Nick Evans\*}.

With every blessing  
Nick Evans & Roger Stokoe.

\* the one on the left.

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## Christian Aid Week: 10th – 16th May

### **Where hardship means hunger .....urban farmers can grow hope.**

In the crowded and bustling settlements of Nairobi, most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. It's a precarious and frightening daily struggle that no family should have to face. But with tools and training from our partner, Beacon of Hope, parents are farming vegetables in a small city plot to feed their families and earn an income.

### **Growing hope in a small city space**

For Fridah Moraa, this pressure is constant. She is a recently widowed grandmother and the sole provider for her family. Rent, school costs, water and food all depend on what she can earn. She says, "When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food. Now I'm responsible for everything." Fridah lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water and space is extremely limited. Many families in Dagoretti manage just two meals a day. Some manage only one. To support her family, Fridah sells vegetables at a market stall. With no refrigeration or storage, she travels long distances to buy produce, six days a week. Some days she earns enough. Some days she does not. "Sometimes I don't know how I'll buy food. I don't know how I'll feed my family", she says.

### **A small plot with big impact**

Fridah's situation began to change when she joined Imarisha Kilimo, an urban farming project run by Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope. At first, the idea felt impossible. 'I was wondering, where can someone farm here in Nairobi?', she said. Through training, tools and seeds, Fridah learned how to grow food in small city spaces, right where she stood, using cone gardens, making compost, and conserving water.



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**Belinda Kasudi** and her husband, David, also live in Dagoretti with their five children in a one-room rented home. Space is tight and income uncertain. Work in the settlement is unreliable; without work, there is no money and then no food. Saving for emergencies once felt impossible. "Everything here needs be paid for, we even buy water. Providing enough food for the children is very difficult", she says. Belinda was already part of a women's savings group when she heard about Imarisha Kilimo, a project supporting women to grow nutritious food in the city. She welcomed the chance to learn new skills.

Through the project, Belinda received tools, seeds, and a cone garden. This space-efficient design allows many plants to grow in a very small area. 'That's a blessing because it's very difficult to find a place to grow food here in Nairobi.' Belinda's urban farm now produces spinach, beetroot, maize, and local vegetables. When she sells what she does not need, she earns money for school costs and household essentials. 'When I sell vegetables, I earn a few coins, I can pay school costs. I don't have to beg for money.' Her independence has changed how she sees herself. She said, 'As a woman, you don't have to be dependent on the man for everything.'

Belinda now grows organic produce and knows exactly what she is feeding her family. Her children help on the plot and learn alongside her. Belinda now supports other urban farmers and hopes to become a leader in her community. With income from her urban farm and new budgeting skills, Belinda is saving for their education. 'Knowing that I can grow savings and use them for needs that come up has really helped me.' Her story shows what can happen when women are trusted with the tools and training to lead change themselves.



## Christian Aid Week: 10th – 16th May

### Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th May from 10.30am in the Green School will raise funds for Christian Aid. There will be the usual delicious refreshments, stalls selling cakes, books and jigsaws, and miscellaneous items stall, plus a raffle with some Fairtrade items. £4 for a drink and cake and an extra 50p if you have a refill! You are assured of a warm welcome and sociable company so please do join us.

### Christian Aid Lunch

We invite you to join us at our monthly lunch on Saturday 23rd May from 12noon in the Green School which will raise funds for Christian Aid. Delicious soup, bread and cheese will be on offer, with a cup of tea or coffee and we ask for a donation of £5 but hope you will be more generous with your donations if possible. Many thanks.

Thank you so much for your support.

Dorothy Harriss.



#### **How to Donate to Christian Aid Week**

To donate, use the QR code by simply pointing your smart phone at it.

Go online to Christian Aid and follow the instructions there.

Bring your card to Church and make a donation via the SumUp device.

# Together Day

Join us for a relaxed day together, on **Saturday 27th June, 10am-3pm** at Edenham Retreat House, Bourne.

This is an opportunity to spend time together, enjoy some activities, and reflect on how God has made each of us uniquely.

We'll share food, laughter, and a short time of worship, as we discover more about our different strengths in fun and engaging ways, helping us grow as individuals and as a community.

All ages are welcome. Activities will be at different paces, so there's something for everyone, including games for children.

Hot drinks and cake will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. There will be a dining room indoors and picnic blankets outdoors, depending on your preference.

Just £10 per family (whatever your family size). Lift sharing will be arranged. Book with Rev George.

We really hope you can join us for this engaging and enjoyable day together!

## Afternoon Tea Social Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

We plan to hold an Afternoon Tea social occasion on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7 Suttons Lane, Deeping Gate. Hopefully the weather will be sunny and dry and people can enjoy chatting and eating in our garden.

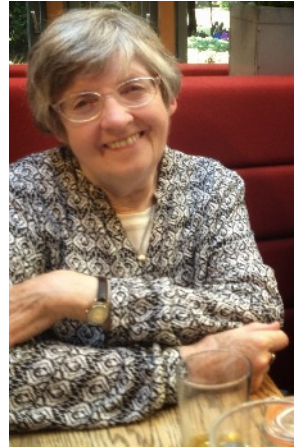
All welcome and further details to come. Anne & Greg

# Jenny Morton, Joan Meadows and Ivy Pringle

from Kate Brown,

In the space of just under three weeks either side of Easter we said farewell to three of our church family. All three women had lived a long and full life but sadly had spent the last few years of their lives in poor health with Jenny being housebound and both Joan and Ivy living in care homes.

Jenny Morton was a local woman, born and raised in Peterborough before moving to Market Deeping after her marriage to John. She was part of many groups in the Deepings and she enjoyed the social events at St Guthlac's being a regular attender at the monthly coffee mornings. She attended church services from time to time, principally evensong. Jenny was a quiet, caring person who supported people unobtrusively in practical ways. Despite difficulties in her life including the tragic loss of her only daughter aged just two, she remained a cheerful and positive person throughout. Jenny was devoted to her family, husband John, who predeceased her and sons Richard and Peter. Her funeral took place on March 26th.



Joan Meadows was also a local woman in that she was born in Lincolnshire. However, she was raised in West Wales when the family moved there during WWII. It was while visiting family in Peterborough that she met her husband Brian who was also visiting family connections there. They married and eventually settled in Deeping in the cottage opposite the rectory. Joan worked in a variety of places before finding her vocation as a nurse. She was also a person with many interests, gardening and baking among them, but bowls was her real passion. She loved getting involved with social events at St

Guthlac's and helped in many ways. Brian predeceased her but she is survived by two sons and a daughter. Her funeral took place on March 30th

No one who heard Ivy Pringle speak would have mistaken her for a local woman; she retained her delightful Lancashire accent to the end of her life. She met her husband Jim, a native of Edinburgh when he moved south for his work and after a whirlwind courtship they were married in Manchester. Ivy's early life was not easy and as a result she could be quite diffident, but despite (or even because of) this she enjoyed and was good at amateur dramatics, passing this love down through the generations. At St Guthlac's we will remember Ivy for her gifts of welcome and hospitality; she brought a lot of love to many people. Jim predeceased her as did her elder daughter Helen. She is survived by her younger daughter Rhona and her granddaughter Ashley. Her funeral took place on April 15th.



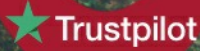
When writing about Jenny, Joan and Ivy I was struck by the similarities between the three women. All were devoted to their families who formed the focal point in their lives, but all had an abundance of love and care which they shared with all they met and all were deeply rooted in their community. They were happiest in the background, doing the necessary work of caring, cooking, cleaning and making life comfortable and pleasant for others. We

## Bereavement Cafe

Thursday 7th May in The Green School 10.30 to 12.00

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# Easter with Churches Together

from Kate Brown,

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar when we celebrate the death and triumphal resurrection of Jesus. In fact we sometimes call ourselves "The Resurrection People". So, it is appropriate that over the Easter season Churches Together have a number of events and services that we jointly experience.

We started in Lent with each church taking a turn to host a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese with donations going towards Christian Aid and Cafod. Those who attended enjoyed the delicious soups, the fellowship and were generous in supporting the two charities. At the time of writing it is not known how much was raised but we expect it to be in excess of £1,000.

Still in Lent the Good Friday Walk of Witness took place as usual, starting from St Guthlac's Church and ending at the Methodist Church in Deeping St James. The walk was led by a drummer whose loud beat enabled us to walk at a steady rate, not so fast that the stalwarts carrying the cross were unable to keep up but fast enough to mean we reached the Methodist Church just as their service was coming to an end. All the churches were represented on the walk and at the service making this a truly Churches Together experience. Our thanks go to the Methodist Church for providing the cross, the drum and the hot cross buns.

Naturally each church celebrates Easter in its own way and in its own setting but the week after Easter saw us all coming together again for the early morning lakeside service at Deeping Nature Reserve. This short service, based around the post resurrection appearance of Jesus at Lake Tiberias was followed by a bring and share breakfast. So generous was the breakfast provision that I'm sure most of us could have comfortably missed lunch although I suspect that not everybody did!

Although not a strictly Churches Together service St Guthlac's have again been invited to celebrate Ascension Day with a service at the Priory Church on Thursday May 14th at 7:30 pm. If you would like to go but have no means of getting there do ask around, there are bound to be plenty of people with spaces in their cars.

Finally, we conclude the Easter season with a joint service at Pentecost. Do come along and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with a service at St Guthlac's on Sunday May 24th at 6:00pm. The preacher will be the minister from the Open Door Church, all the churches will be participating in the service in some way and there will be refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with one another afterwards.

## Concert Saturday 16th May

7pm in St Guthlac's church, tickets £20.00

Nataliia has expanded from gardening and volunteering at Cherry Tree park (11 cherry trees, 100 lavender bushes and 600 tulips bulbs planted) into music promotion. We enjoyed a lovely concert by a Ukranian pianist Yaroslav Oiinyk recently at the Coronation Hall. Now you can hear Yaroslav and a saxophonist, Alex Smirnov at St Guthlac's church. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our Ukranian friends who have found a safe place in Market Deeping and Peterborough.

Nataliia came to Market Deeping in May 2022 with her daughter and mother under the housing Ukranians scheme. She is phenomenal at creating order out of chaotic gardens and several of us amongst the church community benefit from her endeavours , alongside many other people in the local community. Please come and enjoy the music – check them out on the internet.

## Evening Service times

We're having a slight change of evening service times taking place from May:

- Our Sunday evening services throughout summer time, will take place at 6pm.
- When we get to winter time (when the clocks change), we will move to our Sunday evening services to take place at 5pm.

So join us in May for Evensong on 10th May, and a Pentecost Service with Churches Together on 24th May, both at 6pm.



# The Garden Fete

Members of the Garden Fete planning group have been hard at work planning for the Garden Fete on Saturday July 11th.

Businesses who generously supply many raffle or tombola prizes have been or will be contacted in the near future. Stall holders and those who organise games and other activities have been contacted and have begun to assemble their teams. Most of them would welcome extra help so if you are new to St Guthlac's and would like to help in this way please contact Nick Evans, Susanne Denton or myself Kate Brown and we will point you in the right direction. This year we are looking for additional helpers for refreshments. If you are fit and strong or have someone in your family who is and who would be able to help move stuff to the right place in the morning or help assemble gazebos or could help with disassembly at the end of the afternoon we would LOVE to hear from you. We know the magazine is read by many beyond the immediate church community so please do get in touch if you feel this is the one annual event you can support in any way.

I assume you all read last month's article and have been stockpiling books and jigsaws, looking out stuff that the Ladies Guild could sell and been enjoying the recent balmy spring weather sowing seeds and taking cuttings of plants. This month I want to talk about the children. Have your children or grandchildren outgrown last year's books and toys? If they can be persuaded to part with them, we will happily put them on our toy stall for some other lucky family to buy them and cherish them. We have lots of children's games that require small prizes either for winning or as consolation prizes. As mentioned last month, little bags of sweets are good for this and so if you can buy one of those multi-packs this month or next we would be grateful. If you come across a large (or even very large) cuddly toy that we could offer as a prize for the "name the cuddly toy" draw we would like to hear from you.

And finally, if you have a totally new and brilliant idea for an attraction at the fete that you are really keen to try out do let us know. We are open to all your weird, wacky and wonderful ideas



# The Garden Fete

and will do our very best to find a way of using them, if not at this year's fete, then at subsequent fund-raising events.

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Susanne Denton [susanne.denton@live.com](mailto:susanne.denton@live.com)

## Raffle at the Fete

There are a number of stalls at the Fete that include elements of a Raffle eg the Silent Auction, Wine/Water game , pick a voucher, tombola etc. This year on the named Raffle stall we thought that we would ask people to fill a basket and then there would be about twenty interesting baskets for prizes. Please volunteer to take a basket and return to Jean Jones or Anne Guthrie in time for the Fete. Ideas for themes ; birds, pets, beauty, gardening, drinks, biscuits .

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## Flowers

from Anne Guthrie,

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Many of you brought flowers or plants creating a wonderful spring feeling or new life and growth alongside the Resurrection. We also thank those people who gave money, often anonymously. Joanne has tidied up after Easter and provided a new pedestal arrangement. During May we look forward to Jean Jones and Kay Bunn providing the flowers. Claire, Chris and I participated in The Deepings Flower Club DIY workshop this week – using tiny pin holders, chicken wire and re using oasis to create our arrangements in the interests are being more eco friendly.

Claire suggests that we look out for big vases that we could fill and use for flower arrangements , maybe search your homes and charity shops. More eco credentials : Kate used wild flowers from the graveyard in the tiny Easter gardens and the small cases on the cross, while Pam used foliage from around the church in her arrangements.

# *Ladies' Guild.*

At their March meeting members heard about the local charity Deep in Kindness from its founder, Rachell Culfe.

She explained how it had all started with a request to help someone who would be alone at Christmas by supplying a Christmas dinner. This was done and she now provides numerous Christmas dinners each year with the help of a list of volunteers.

She runs day trips to the coast for families who wouldn't normally get the opportunity to go and runs various activities including a singing group and craft group.

Going forward she will be having stands at local fetes during the summer promoting their activities and gauging where there are places in the local community which need more help and support.

Members had donated Easter Eggs to be given to local children who wouldn't usually get much for Easter and gave these to Rachell to distribute. After responding to several questions, a vote of thanks was given by Ann Lymburn.

Next meeting – 28th April – talk about the work of the Langdyke Trust. Visitors welcome.

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I'm sorry I wasn't able to hear Rev Annie talk about hospital chaplaincy in March but I know that those who were there found it very interesting. It must have been fascinating because people had to be shooed out of the Green School eventually and would clearly have stayed even longer. Thank you Rev Annie for coming to talk to us. Rounding off the March news, several of us went to Bourne for the Lady Day Service and cluster get together.



After the communion service we heard our new diocesan president Isabel Glenister speak about her vision for the MU in Lincoln. We are lucky to have yet another inspiring and capable person to lead the organisation.




On to the next month and due to the vagaries of the calendar I am able to report on the April meeting which unusually took place before this magazine deadline. As we hadn't been sure when Ivy's funeral was to be held, we didn't book a speaker but had a meditative session looking at the Christian symbolism involved in an Easter Garden as I constructed one from scratch. Those who were there enjoyed it and it was good to see one of our members who now lives in Rose Lodge at the meeting as well as several others we haven't seen for a while. Moving to a morning does seem to have made them more accessible to people who find evening meetings difficult.

In May we will have the last regular meeting until September when Hazel Whitfield comes to talk to us about researching family history with reference to her own very interesting ancestry. Are you intrigued? Then come along to the meeting on Thursday May 21st at 10:00 to find out more.

We are currently trying to plan a summer outing but in the meantime do make sure you have Tuesday June 30th in your diaries for the summer Tea Party.

Kate Brown 01778 343981 kabstg@btinternet.com



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# Friday Crafting in The Green School

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Friday 24 April – paper collages

Friday 8 May – card making

Friday 22 May – flower corsages/button holes

Friday 5 June – unknown!

Friday 19 June – summer bunting for the fete

Friday 3 July – Origami box & zentangles

Contact: Anne Guthrie 07979106822 or Kate Brown 01778. 343981



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		3 May		
10.00 am	Joy Elliman Roger Clarke Di Wheatley	All Age Child Reader	A Gray D Fowler C Fowler	Dorothy Harriss, Iris Newson
		10 May		
10.00 am	Kay Roberts Henry Roberts Chris Warren	Sylvia Coke-Woods	G Bacon	Janice Hewitt Kay Bunn
6.00 pm	David Betts	Dorothy Harriss		
		17 May		
10.00 am	Janis Hewitt Lyll Seale Keith Warren	Keith Warren	J Ward L Ward C Gaughan	Nettie Mitchell Linda Bates
		24 May		
10.00 am	Carol Cooper Lorna Mellowes Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	Helen Evans	N Bacon	Lyll Seale Geoff Chambers
		31 May		
10.00 am	Dorothy Harriss Kay Bunn Keith Warren	Nigel Coke-Woods	A Gray D Fowler C Fowler	Henry and Kay Roberts



## *Chuckle With Charlie*

We have a big problem with drugs at our school.....especially Class A.

CI've watched Mary Poppins so many times I'm now suffering from a condition with my sight, Umdiddleiddleiddleumdiddle Eye.

# Calendar of Services and Events May, Year A

Friday 1st 6:30 pm Choir Practice

## Sunday 3rd May

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am All Age Holy Communion  
Acts 7: 55 – end, John 14: 1 – 14

Monday 4th 10:00 am Prayer Meeting in the church  
No Bible Course

Tuesday 5th 10:00 am– 2:00 pm Prayer Walk and Lunch

Wednesday 6th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 7th 10:30 am Bereavement Café

2:00 pm The Laurels

7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 8th 9:30 – 11:30 Craft in the Green School

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 9th 10:30 am Coffee Morning in the Green School

## Sunday 10th

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Start of Christian Aid Week

8:00 am Said Holy Communion

10:00 Sunday Club in the Green School

10:00 am Parish Holy Communion

Acts 17: 22 – 31, John 14: 15 - 21

6:00 pm Evensong

Zechariah 8: 1 – 13, Revelation 21: 22 – 22: 5

Monday 11th 7:15 pm Bible Course session 3 in the  
Green School

Wednesday 13th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 14th 7:30 pm Ascension Day Service at the  
Priory Church

Friday 15th 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 16th 2:30 – 4:30 pm Messy Church in the Green School

7:00 pm Concert in Church Yaroslav Oliinyk

## Sunday 17th

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Said Holy Communion

10:00 am Sunday Club in the Green School

10:00 am Parish Holy Communion

Acts 1: 6 – 14, John 17: 1 – 11

2:30 - 4:00 pm Scones and Strawberry Tea at the  
 Priory Church Hall for Christian Aid

Monday 18th 7: 15 pm Bible Course session 4 in the  
 Green School

Wednesday 20th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion  
 2:30 pm Rose Lodge

Thursday 21st 10:00 am Mothers' Union in the Green School  
 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 22nd 4th 9:30 - 11:30 Craft in the Green School  
 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 23rd 12:00 pm Soup and Social in the Green School

### **Sunday 24th**

### **Pentecost**

8:00 am Said Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Sunday Club in the Green School  
 10:00 am Parish Holy Communion  
 Acts 2: 1 - 21, John 7: 37 - 39  
 6:00 pm Churches Together Service at  
 St Guthlac's

Monday 25th No bible Course

Wednesday 27th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 28th 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 29th No Choir Practice

### **Sunday 31st**

### **Trinity Sunday**

8:00 am Said Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Sunday Club in the Green School  
 10:00 am Parish Holy Communion  
 2 Corinthians 13: 11 - end, Matthew 28: 16 - end

## **Diary Dates**

Saturday June 6th Afternoon Tea at 7 Suttons Lane  
 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday June 14th 4:00 pm Pimm's and Hymns

Saturday June 27th Together Day at Edenham Retreat House  
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday June 30th Mothers' Union Tea Party in the Green School  
 2:30 pm

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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 Church Logo in flowers

The Easter Cross

Clay crosses made at Messy Play.





Easter Morning pictures

Lighting the Fire at church

Sunrise and breakfast at the Lakes.

