

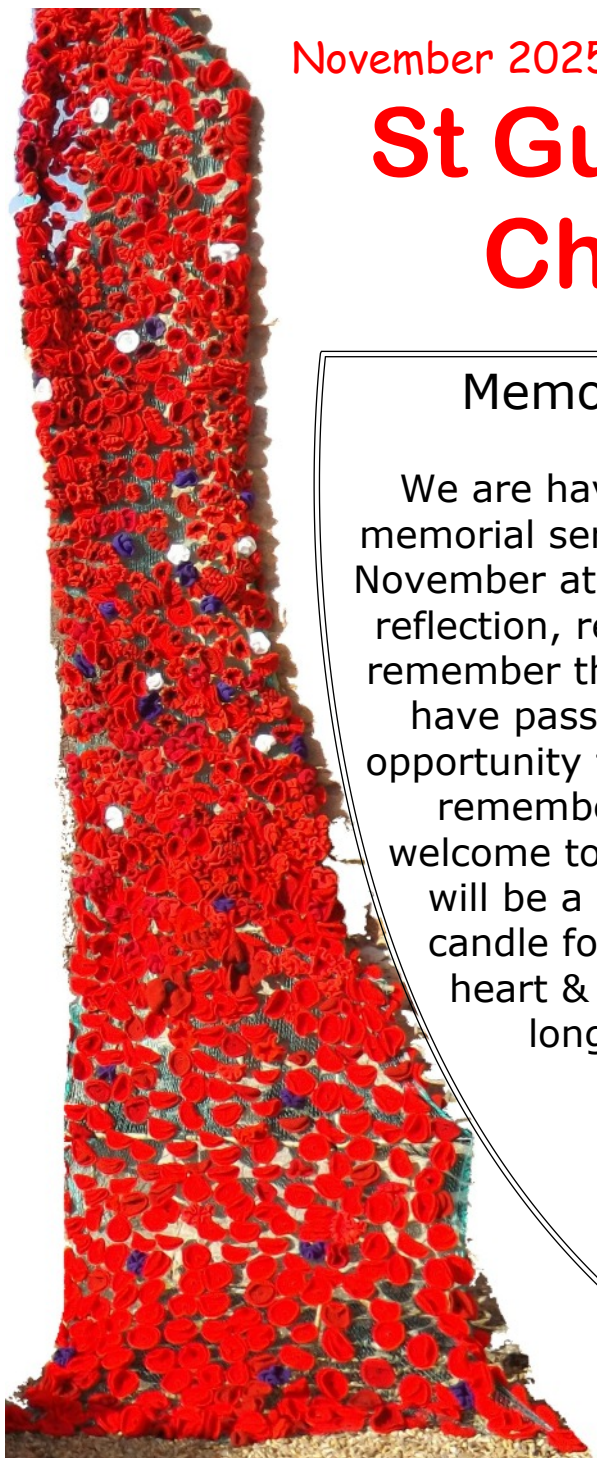
November 2025

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St Guthlac's Church

Memorial Service

We are having a short, quiet memorial service on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm; with a time of reflection, readings & prayer to remember those dear to us who have passed away. It is an opportunity to acknowledge and remember loss. You are welcome to join us, and there will be a chance to light a candle for anyone in your heart & mind who is no longer with us.





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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.



November: The Colours of Remembrance

Dear Friends,

As I write this article, we stand on the threshold of November, preparing to change our clocks and remember those who have passed, both those in service and those dear to us, during our annual Memorial service on the 2nd November and at our Act of Remembrance.

The smell of the air changes, with the much-loved bonfire smells for families, friends and everyone alike. Creation gives such incredible sights of the artist of the Creator, the trees, before they let go of their leaves altogether, treat us to one final burst of colour — gold, crimson, copper and flame.

Since being a child, a teenager, going on a walk with family and friends, I have always loved this time of year. There's something deeply beautiful about the changing of the seasons — even as the year moves towards its close. The bright greens of summer give way to the rich, warm tones of autumn, and though the days may be colder, creation seems to glow with a quiet, peaceful beauty. At the start of November, we wear our poppies, we pause in silence, and we give thanks for those who have given their lives for the sake of peace. Our church will feature an awe-inspiring display of poppies on the outside of the building, created by members of the congregation, and inside, crafted by the children and youth. The Act of Remembrance service we hold on Remembrance Sunday isn't only about the past — it's about shaping how we live in the present. We honour those who gave their all by choosing to live with compassion, courage, and kindness.

The changing leaves remind me that even in loss, there is beauty. The trees don't cling to what was; they let go, trusting that new life will come again. There's something of faith in that — a quiet assurance that God's cycle of renewal continues, God's never-ending love, God's never-ending grace, God's peace that surpasses our understanding, that peace of Shalom, that peace of wholeness, all of these continue and never end.

Jesus said,

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

— *John 14:27*

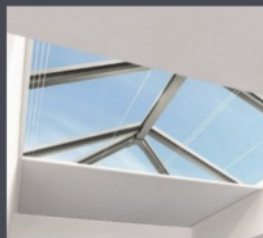
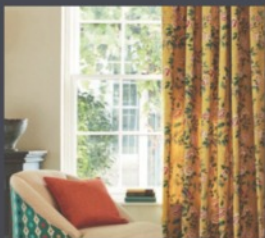
So as the nights grow colder and the days shorter, may we find warmth in our memories, beauty in the changing world around us, and hope in the steadfast love of God, who is with us through every season.

Blessings,

Andrew

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Remembrance Sunday

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

We will remember them.

We will be recognising Remembrance Sunday on the 9th of November with two services: A said Holy Communion will take place at 9am, followed by a Service of Remembrance at 10:30am.

It is wonderful that so many want to join us on Remembrance Sunday for this important occasion as we remember those who sadly gave their lives for us during the wars. Unfortunately, we do have an issue seating everyone within the church building itself, so seating for congregation is limited at the 10:30am service. We will be live streaming the service online, so should the church be full, you can log on to our YouTube channel and take part at home. Thank you for understanding.

*'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'*

Advent Study Group

This year during Advent we will be following the course provided by Lincoln Diocese entitled "Hearts on Fire" with sessions planned on Monday Evenings in the Green School at 7:30 pm

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

All are welcome to join the group for any or all of the sessions.



We resumed our regular monthly meetings in September with a service followed by social time. There weren't many of us and the service was not a Eucharist, so we decided to hold it in the Green School rather than the church and avoid the need to get up and move across the road for our refreshments. The coldness of the church may have influenced our decision, but we won't be able to use that excuse for very much

longer! One benefit of being in the Green School was that we were able to see a recording of June Bird reading the Gospel reading. This was made during the pandemic when all our services were online and it's still available on YouTube. It was lovely to hear June's gentle Welsh accent once more.

October's meeting has yet to take place at the time of writing, but the intention is to make some Christmas cards using paper folding techniques. Several of our members also belong to the Friday craft group which has already practised these techniques so I'm expecting some excellent results.

At November's meeting we will use the material put together for the Mothers' Union Wave of prayer since our meeting day coincides with the days allocated to our diocese. The Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation and every day throughout the year sees branches across the world take part in this wave, ensuring an unbroken chain of prayer. Later in the month sees the 10 days of activism against gender-based violence which is always supported by the branches across Lincoln Diocese.

A reminder that our meetings are open to all, not just MU members so if a particular topic or activity appeals do just turn up, you will be assured of a warm welcome.

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Ladies' Guild.

from Carol Moore

Our September meeting was well attended including some visitors who we hope might become regulars. Tea and cakes were enjoyed by all.

The October meeting "A Detective's Tale " an incite into the workings of the police by former Detective Alan Lambert.

Our November meeting will be a talk by Ajay Tegala and his work as a ranger in East Anglia . Visitors would be most welcome (£4) and we look forward to seeing you then.

For further information you can contact any of the committee

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Ladies' Guild Welcome Ajay Tegala to the November Meeting

"Raised in the Deepings, and Deeping School student, Ajay Tegala went on to become a wildlife ranger on the Norfolk Coast's Blakeney Point and more recently on Wicken Fen. He has written books about both nature reserves and appeared on multiple BBC shows from Springwatch to Coast. Expect behind the scenes tales of wild encounters and infectious enthusiasm for the natural world.

Ajay will be telling his 'East Anglian Ranger Tales' at St Guthlac's Ladies Guild on Tuesday 25 November at 7.30pm at The Green School. Everyone welcome to come along and join us on the night. Visitors - £4."

Johnny Appleseed

From Jeff Evans.



From time to time I recall memorable films I enjoyed watching in my youth, seemingly never to be repeated today (probably no longer in existence); films starring the likes of Roy Rogers, Buster Keaton and Old Mother Riley. What characters they were! Another was "Johnny Appleseed" featured in a cartoon film of 1948. He caught my boyish imagination as he strode along in a three-cornered hat and knee-britches, broadcasting apple pips from a leather satchel while apple orchards sprang up on either side of the pioneer trail....

I now find this Disney depiction shown here to be far from reality, apart from the leather bag which held not only apple seeds but also a bible, his favourite book.

In fact he always wore ragged shirts and trousers, a battered hat (often with a handmade peak of cardboard for protection from the sun) and on occasion a coffee sack with three holes cut for head and arms; never any shoes as the soles of his feet were as tough as hide. One winter he crossed the frozen ice of Lake Erie as he said, "Shoes make the feet colder." Then there was his long flowing hair. No wonder such a folk hero, real name John Chapman, was said to be 'funny-looking'. No photographs of him exist.

Born in Leominster Massachusetts in 1774 his epic began at the age of 11. As the solitary individual he preferred to be, he moved progressively west to Pennsylvania, Ohio, then Indiana with the incoming settlers, his dream was to plant so many apple trees that none would ever lack sustenance.

He collected apple seeds from cider mills, and being a shrewd dealer in land was able to establish numerous nurseries near the trails the immigrants would be using in their journey west. He repaired fencing and did maintenance on regular visits. Saplings were sold, given away or traded; sometimes for the settlers' cast-

off clothing. Soon apples and apple trees were in abundance, at one time he owned 1,200 acres.

Over the years his frequent visits to the settlements were looked forward to; he was a carrier of news, a preacher, and as a vegetarian he loved animals and the wilderness. He befriended the native Indians. He rarely accepted shelter in a house, preferring to sleep in the open by a camp fire.

He retired from a lifetime of dedicated work and fifty years of travelling in 1842 to stay with his younger half-brother Nathaniel in Ohio, and after a life of good health died of pneumonia in March of that year near Fort Wayne. Festivals in his memory continue to be held in Johnny Appleseed Park each Fall.

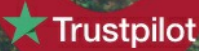
Social Group Activities

There are two activities planned for November. On Saturday 22nd Paul Bainbridge a member of our church choir will give a talk entitled "From Clay to Wax" in the Green School at 7:30 pm. Paul is an accomplished sculptor who has worked across a number of disciplines, but his illustrated talk will focus on his work for Madame Tussauds as a portrait sculptor. This promises to be a popular event and as tickets for this are limited you are advised to get them early. The ticket price of £12 includes a glass of wine and nibbles.

The second event taking place this month is another of our popular wine-tasting evenings hosted by Nigel Bacon. The ticket price of £20 includes the opportunity to taste 6 quality wines all chosen and introduced by Nigel. There will be nibbles to soak up the wine and a quiz to provide some entertainment between the serious business of tasting the excellent range of wines on offer. Tickets for this event must be bought in advance as they will not be available on the night. As an added incentive to attend the event we will draw the winning ticket for the wheelbarrow of bottles on the night. Tickets for both events are available from

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Caroline Pope and Pat Short

Last month saw the funerals of two longstanding members of our congregation. On October 6th we said farewell to Caroline Pope who had not only been a loyal member of St Guthlac's for many years but had also taught a number of our youngsters to play the piano. Following the service in church and at the graveside, family and friends met for refreshments in the Green School and to share memories of Caroline. There was a digital display of treasured family photographs and a book of condolence in which many recorded messages and memories which will be a comfort to Laurence, Matt, Helena and Jonathan in the weeks and months to come.

Just three days later on October 9th we then said farewell to Pat Short. We got to know Pat when she moved here about 20 years ago to help her daughter Jayne raise Lizzie, Alex and Tom. Pat wasn't able to attend church very often in her later years but still retained a deep affection for St Guthlac's. Harvest Festival was one of her favourite occasions and it was fitting that for her funeral she was surrounded by the autumnal flowers and fruits that decorated the church. Pat never lost her delightful West Country accent and would have been delighted to hear the Cornish national anthem that was played during the service.



Church Flowers

from Anne Guthrie

October was a wonderful time for flowers, beginning with the Harvest Celebrations at the start of the month . Elizabeth Miller and Pam Pearson produced stunning pedestal and pulpit arrangements full of autumn colours and all of you brought flowers to fill the windowsills, thank you. It's very much a case of ask our church community for contributions and hope the call will be answered – you always rise to the occasion . The church was then beautifully decorated with yellow and white flowers for Caroline Pope's funeral – a sense of happiness and celebration of her life amidst the sadness. Similarly , the autumn colours comforted the family of Pam Short at her funeral in her favourite season. October and November are full of memories . Pam produced a lovely pink and white basket arrangement in the memorial window to celebrate the memory of June Garland's long marriage. We thank Joy Elliman for sponsoring the pedestal at the Memorial service on Sunday 2nd November for her husband Geoff. The following weekend will be Remembrance Sunday with red poppies and white flowers, looking to remember the lives of all who served our country and also a vision of the peace we hope and pray for in a world continually torn by war and anger. We will remember June Bird at the Memorial service but also in the knitted poppies that she instigated.

November will finish with contributions from Clare Andrew who responded to my plea for arrangers to fill the remaining gap in the year. Suddenly 2025 will be coming to a close and I am thinking where has the year disappeared . No flowers during Advent as we pray, reflect and look ahead to Christmas. This year I will be asking the various church organisations to sponsor and provide Christmas arrangements on traditional themes of gold, red and green . If you are able to sponsor flowers or join our team of arrangers please let me know, as it is time to think ahead to 2026.

Friday Crafting Group

During October we have had a wonderful Felting morning where everyone produced a very realistic small pumpkin under Eve

Marshall's tuition. Eve is a talented professional artist and has agreed to come back on Friday 28th November to help us felt Fairies for Christmas – let Kate or I know if you would like to join us. The second meeting in October was a riot of dried autumn floristry as we made hanging decorations, these have inspired people to think of similar for Christmas and even adapting them to tiny tree decorations. The November meetings will take place on Friday 7th Christmas fabric decoration and bunting, Friday 21st Decoupage, with the addition of Friday 28th for Felting Fairies before 5th December and making a paper book folded candle. We welcome everyone, whenever you have time to join us – 9.30 to 11.30 in The Green School, alternate Friday mornings.

Safeguarding

Kate and I attended a very interesting conference organised by the diocese on 4th October – there were talks about Fraud scams, Domestic abuse and DBS certificates. A lot to absorb and I now have the presentation slides to help us reflect on we learnt. Sunday 16th November has been designated Safeguarding Sunday with the theme of Action Speaks Louder. To accompany this service there will be a display of Safeguarding materials on the Notice Boards.

You may be surprised at the scope of Safeguarding – it is not just about children but about everyone being aware of how easily some individuals may fall victim to domestic, emotional, spiritual or financial abuse. Remember that if you have any questions about aspects of Safeguarding please get in touch with myself as Parish Safeguarding Officer- Anne Guthrie. All conversations are confidential unless there is a need to inform appropriate authorities, otherwise it is between yourself, Anne and Rev George.

The Magazine

Thank you to all who contributed this month.
Copy for the December issue is required please not later than
Wednesday 19 November. Thank you.



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9.00 am		Kevin Dawson		
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Calendar of Services and Events November, Year C

Sunday 26th

Last Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Parish Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 9: 6- 15, Matthew 6: 19 – 24
5:00 pm Evensong
Ecclesiastes 11,12, 2 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

Tuesday 28th 7:30 pm Ladies' Guild in the Green School

Wednesday 29th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 30th 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 31st 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday 2nd

8:00 am Said Holy Communion
10:00 am All Age Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 8, John 6: 1 - 14
4:00 pm Memorial Service

Monday 3rd 10:00 am Prayer Meeting in Church

Wednesday 5th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 6th 2:00 pm The Laurels

7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 7th 9:30 am – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 8th 10:30 am Coffee Morning in the Green School

Sunday 9th

Remembrance Sunday

9:00 am Said Holy Communion
10:30 am Remembrance Service
Isaiah 2: 2 – 5, John 15: 12 – 17
4:00 pm Compline

Monday 10th 7:30 pm House group at 7 Suttons Lane

Wednesday 12th 10:30 am Said Holy Communion

Thursday 13th 7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 14th 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 15th 2:30 – 4:30 pm Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 16th

Safeguarding Sunday

8:00 am Said Holy Communion
9:45 am Sunday Club in the Green School

	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion 1 John 3: 16 – 24, Matthew 18: 1 – 10
	12:30 pm	Parish Lunch at the Stage
Monday 17th	7:30 pm	House Group at 7 Suttons Lane
Wednesday 19th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
	2:30 pm	Rose Lodge
Thursday 20th	6:30 pm	Mothers' Union in the Green School
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 21st	9:30am – 11:30 am	Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 22nd	12:00 pm	Soup and Social in the Green School
	7:30 pm	"From Clay to Wax" talk in the Green School

Sunday 23rd Christ the King

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion Colossians 1: 11 – 20, Luke 23: 33 – 43
	4:00 pm	Confirmation at the Priory Church Deeping St James
Monday 24th	7:30 pm	House Group at 7 Suttons Lane
Tuesday 25th	7:30 pm	Ladies' Guild in the Green School
Wednesday 26th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 27th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 28th	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
	7:30 pm	Wine-tasting Evening in the Green School

Sunday 30th First Sunday of Advent

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion Readings TBC

Diary Dates;

Sunday December 7th 4:00 pm Christingle
 Saturday December 13th Christmas Coffee Morning
 Sunday December 21st 5:00 pm Carol Service
 Wednesday December 24th 4:00 pm Crib Service

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Chuckle With Charlie

I went to buy a watch, and the man in the shop
said "Analogue?". I said "No, just a watch".

Had the worst day ever. I paid a joiner to build me a double bed
and he's done a bunk. It's one thing on top of another.

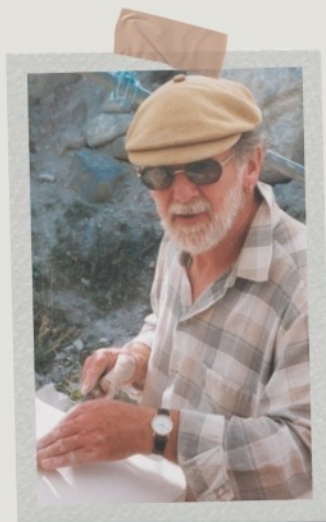
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Paul Bainbridge - A local sculptor

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**Paul's talk will focus mainly on his
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Flowers at Caroline Pope's funeral, see pages 12 and 13.