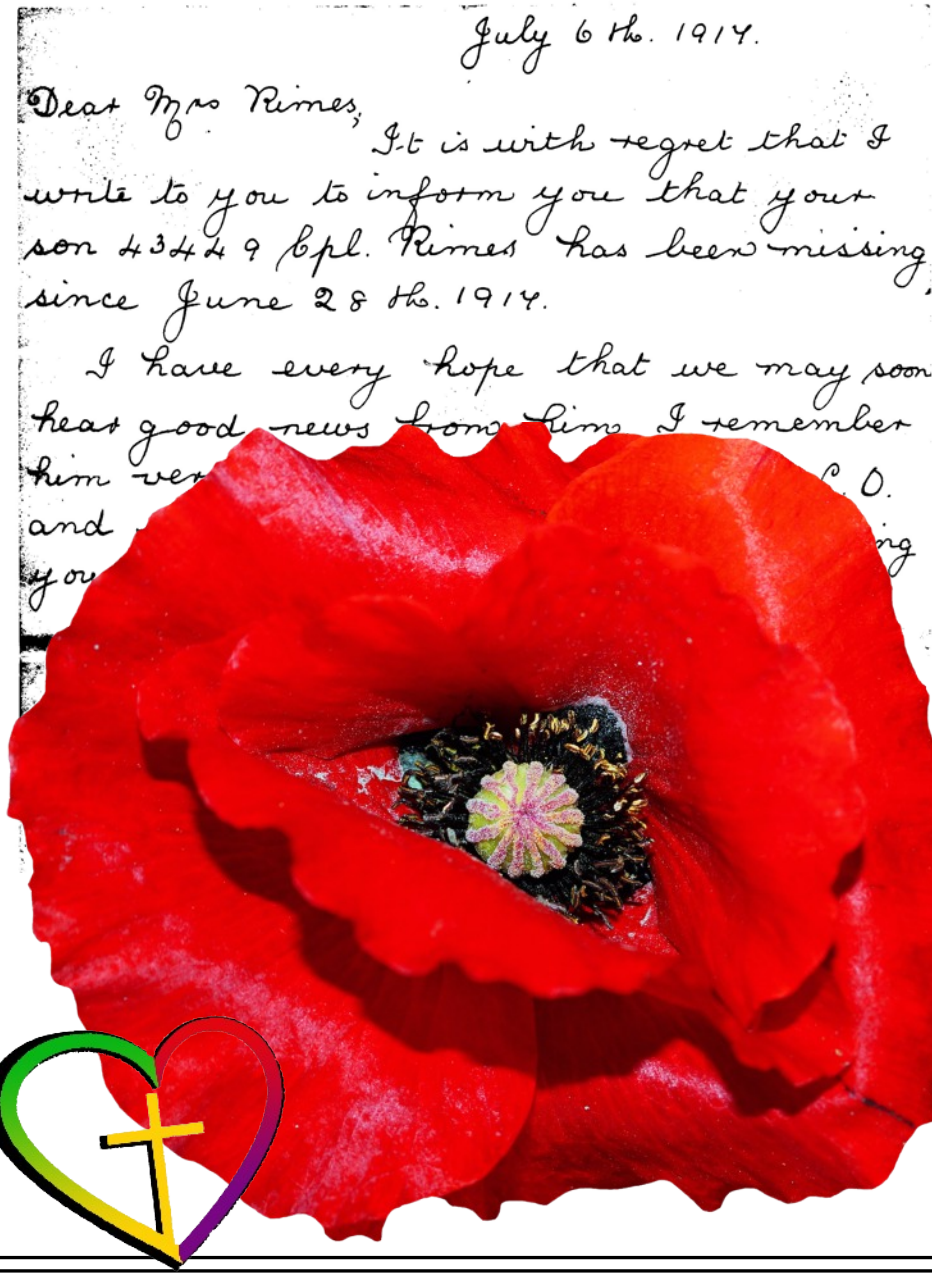
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Rector, the Rev'd Georgina Holding 01778 342237.

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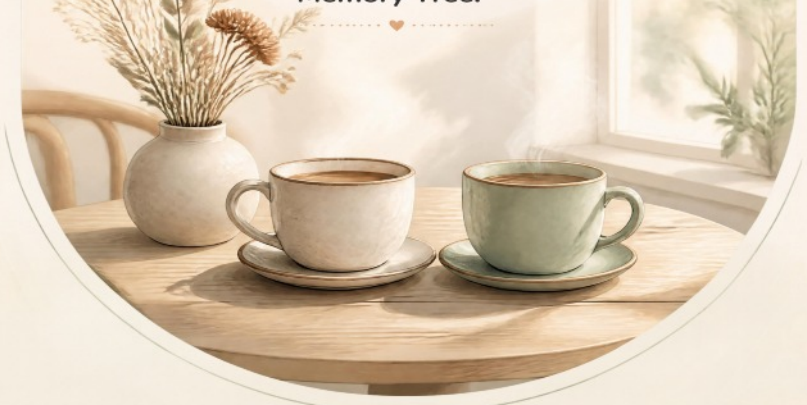
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Whether you are grieving yourself or supporting someone who is, you are warmly invited to join us. just come along to listen, share, or simply sit with others who understand.

Bereavement Café

Nov 5th ~ Come and share a memory, a story, or a few words about someone special you've lost.
Dec 3rd ~ Come and be with others who understand, and add the name of someone you hold dear to our Memory Tree.



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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.

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The Magazine

Thank you to all who have contributed, the next magazine will be December with a copy date Wednesday 18 November.

In the next magazine there will be a reminder of how to pay in advance for the 2027 magazines.







Dear Friends,

November is the time of year when the nights draw in and darkness comes early. So we close the curtains on the world outside and turn inwards, pausing to remember and reflect before the world becomes busy again with Christmas lights and preparations. It becomes the season of Remembrance, when we come together to remember and give thanks for the courage of those who gave their lives to gain our freedoms on Remembrance Sunday. To recall that their courage was shown in the face of uncertainty of the outcome, but in hope that they would help to gain the victory. We also pause to remember those we have loved who have gone before us into the presence of God, to give thanks that we have known their love and laughter in our lives, and to recall how they tried to make the world a better place. The ordinary saints we know and celebrate on November 1st in the Memorial Service.

In the November dark evenings when those curtains are closed and the trees begin their winter sleep, perhaps still clinging to the last of their leaves, we might pause and think back over the wild extremes of weather we have experienced this year, hoping that the winter storms will not be too fierce. There has also been turbulence in many places this year in the world beyond our curtains. Maybe we might reflect on what we might be able to do in the future to start to heal our world and restore God's Creation, not being certain of the outcome but having hope and putting that hope into our actions.

November is perhaps a time to sit with God and allow Him to speak to us in our hearts, to comfort us, to strengthen us and inspire us to work with Him and to believe that there is hope ahead for us and for the world. And so we may take a breath and look forward to those bright lights on our mental horizon which tell us that

Christmas will soon be here, and the child who is the light and hope of the world will be born and celebrated. In our dark times it is he who brings warmth and light to our hearts, and who encourages us to once again venture out into a world of the lost and lonely waiting for us to bring them hope.

Yours,
Sylvia C-W.

Bereavement Cafe

This is a community group for all – those who have a faith and those who don't - those who have lost partner, child, parent; those who face or live with terminal illness .

Thursday 5th November – sharing happy memories
Thursday 3rd December – sharing ideas to cope with Christmas and festivities

We will have had a whole year of Cafe sessions in December and hope that anyone grieving recently or from long ago will feel a sense of community with people who listen, sympathise, suggest ideas to help in living with loss and can share laughter and hope . You are welcome to come each month or occasionally, 10.30 – 12.00 in The Green School.

And anyone can put names down to be read out in memory at a short service of music, candle lights and reflection on Sunday 1st November at 4.0 in St Guthlac's.



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Churchwardens' Notes

Nick Roger



We hope that all is well with you and your families.

I have just returned from church where we had a very interesting and thought provoking sermon from Colin Tomlin, Lincoln Diocesan Head of Generosity. Our Christian faith is rooted in a generous, loving God. In thanks to God for his generosity, and in seeking to follow his ways, we aspire to live our lives generously - generously offering our time, skills and money to support God's work. Please find time to think how you can help the church's mission and ministry.

October has been a busy month and started with the harvest service followed by some tidying up, weeding and bulb planting along the main path to church. A big thank you to all concerned and it has made such a difference when you approach and turn into church.

Following this we had the relaunch of the Friends of St. Guthlac's and a very successful launch evening was held. Again a big thank you to all involved. We have established and re-established contacts with people and businesses near to church and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

We also had a successful quiz evening and another big thank you to all involved.

We had a visit from the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) who came to look at the new heating and lighting.

The clock appeal has now reached its target and we have been in contact with the clock company to arrange for the repairs to commence. When we know more we will let you know.

In November we have a visit from the Bishop on Safeguarding Sunday (15th) and hope that as many of you that can will attend.

With best wishes from Nick and Roger.

St. Guthlac's Church would like to thank Peter Page for his recent generous donation of an electric organ.



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 8th 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. Thank you for understanding.

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*Alter*nativity

Would you like to start the season of Advent in a spirit of quiet contemplation with a thought-provoking liturgy, gentle Taize chants and rich symbolism or would you like to share Christian fellowship with one another over a simple yet satisfying three course meal? Why not do both and attend the *Alter*nativity event in the Green School on Sunday November 29th at 12:30 pm.

It is almost twenty years since we first ran such an event at St Guthlac's and those who have been in the past have found it a moving and enjoyable occasion. The set up is similar to the Maundy Thursday service and meal with the liturgy, readings and music all integrated with food and fellowship but as we are doing this after the usual Sunday Service it won't include Holy Communion.

As we will be at the start of Advent and still some weeks away from Christmas (a season often characterised by over-consumption), we will provide a simple vegetarian meal prepared from local ingredients where possible and fair-trade products where these are available. There is no set charge, but you will be asked to make a donation to cover the cost of the meal with the surplus going to support Water Aid.

Look out for the signup sheet at the back of church later this month.

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Hymns of Praise

from Anne Guthrie,

Please consider trying different services beyond the regular 10.0 Sunday morning, as it was such a shame that so few people came to sing and rejoice with the community group members who had chosen special Hymns to share. Before each hymn there was an explanation of why it had been chosen , why it brought back special memories and some fascinating anecdotes.

Morning has Broken was a love of Judy Stevens and she reminded us of hearing it played by Cat Stevens as well as in school assemblies. This was followed by Amazing Grace chosen by Steina, of W P Legal who couldn't be with us, so Rev George explained how this hymn reflected change from slavery to repentance for inflicting such suffering on fellow people. In my head I also see the kilted bands playing with Paul McCartney in the wilds of Scotland.

Geoff Chambers representing the Volunteer Drivers chose Lord of all Hopefulness in memory of attending the funeral of a respected and inspiring teacher, a hymn that gives comfort and hope. We had a talk from Steve Holt of the Lions explaining their community service and charity work backed with fun and social events.

June Davies of the choir had chosen Restore our Lord a soaring hymn that reminded her of past worship and choirs . Followed by Phil Dilks, representing the British Legion, choosing the wonderful Jerusalem for the sense of country and service in government and the forces. To me it always seemed to be specifically about the cotton mills of the northern town where I was brought up and school assemblies encouraging us to go out into the world.

The mayor Debbie Jones concluded the Hymn choices with Glory, Glory Hallelujah. She said that it represented the continuity of Sunday school when as the child of a Forces' family she moved around but this was continuity and also reminded her of her Dad serving in the Middle East.

At the September coffee morning we were pleased to welcome Ann Northen from Bourne who is the diocesan MU rep. She orders the Mothers' Union merchandise from the headquarters in London and she brought along a selection of cards and other items for sale and took our orders for next year's diaries and calendars as well as Christmas cards.

At our October meeting we had a craft session, and we were pleased with the Christmas cards we produced: one showing a deer in a wintery wooded background and the other showing poinsettia blooms. Needless to say, cake was consumed and gossip exchanged while we worked.

Last month also saw the MU retreat at Heighington which two of us attended. The day started and ended with worship and there was a short session of prayers at midday before we ate our packed lunches. The rest of the day was taken up with a carousel of different activities with one room set aside for craft and another for quiet activities that could be done individually or in pairs. There were opportunities to write a collect, reflect on randomly chosen Bible verses, decorate a paper labyrinth, and search for hidden objects in a sand box, reflecting on the images and thoughts inspired by them. Unfortunately, we couldn't use my portable labyrinth as the room was not large enough to accommodate it and it rained ceaselessly (the only day that week!) preventing outdoor use. Those who attended the day found it a refreshing experience.

This month sees the Winter Council meeting in Washingborough on Monday 16th and our monthly meeting at 10:00 am on Thursday 19th when we will focus on the MU Wave of Prayer and the 16 Days of activism against gender-based violence, a cause championed by the MU.

Looking ahead we will celebrate Christmas in December and then hold our AGM in January (look out for information about the subs next month)

Kate Brown 01778 343981 kabstg@btinternet.com

(There are pictures inside the back cover of this magazine)

Ladies' Guild.

In October we welcomed Beki Tolliday from the charity RNIB who talked about 'Awareness to Action'.

Coming up at our meeting on 24th November we will be hearing from a member's son who will be talking about Anglia Water.

Our Christmas party with entertainment from the ukulele band will complete our year on 15th December, an earlier date than usual.

If you would like to join us please contact one of these members;
Our Committee Members are Julie Bacon 01778 342737, Jean Jones 07976 810654, Ann Lymburn 01778 703269, Carol Moore 01778 342979, Liz Parkinson 01778 347020.

Safeguarding News

from Anne Guthrie

Thank you to everyone who joined us early on Saturday 3rd O ctober to hear Rev George praise the work of all our volunteers and explain that we are very conscious of the need to keep ourselves and each other safe – both practically eg do you keep your phone close in case you get stuck or fall? and emotionally through knowing when to ask for help or guidance.

Rev Mark Williams from Priory church then led two Safeguarding courses – Basic Awareness and Foundation - for people who preferred to share the learning in a group setting.

Sunday November 15th is designated Safeguarding Sunday and we will have the pleasure of hearing Bishop Nicholas preach . There will also be displays on the church notice boards and a couple of people will have attended a Lincolnshire Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 7th November.

Crafts & Food

Messy Church

St Guthlac's Church
Market Deeping

Join us on the third Saturday of the month
2:30pm - 4:30pm
in the Green School, Church St.

Everyone is welcome!

Sat 21st November - Advent themed

Sat 19th December - Christmas crafts & more

Story and singing



Games & activities!

St Guthlac's Green School

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

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

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

Please contact Roger Clarke on 07902 928782 or email greenschool@stguthlacs.org.uk for the Conditions of Hire, and with any questions you might have.
We will be happy to offer a viewing if required.

St Guthlac's Church
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Christmas Services

Christingle Service – 6th December 4pm

Receive a Christingle orange at this joyful service for all ages

Community Carol Service – 20th December 5pm

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

Crib Service –Christmas Eve 4pm

Come along to a very festive, family-friendly service

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service 11:30pm

A traditional way to start Christmas with carols & prayers

Christmas Day all-age Holy Communion Service 10am



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Congratulate, Celebrate and Commemorate

Some of you have noticed that we have started to include short obituaries of church members and former church members in our magazine and we will continue to do this. It helps people who have been unable to attend the funerals to remember affectionately those who have been connected with St Guthlac's over the years. This month we will start to include a brief mention of those who have been married or baptised over the preceding month and also include any special achievements and anything worthy of congratulation or celebration. Do let Kate Brown know of any special birthdays, anniversaries or achievements so they can be included here.

Kate Brown kabstg@btinternet.com

We congratulate Bea Williamson on her BTEC result and wish her well in her studies at The University of East Anglia;

We congratulate Emily Denton on her A level results and wish her well in her studies at Loughborough University;

We congratulate Luke Denton and Daniel Fowler on their GCSE results and wish them well in their A Level studies at The King's School;

We celebrate with Victoria Hand and Louis Richard-Wood as they begin their married life together following their wedding on August 22nd;

We welcome Lachlan William Jarvis following his baptism on August 9th;

We welcome Margot Elizabeth Codd following her baptism on September 20th

We commemorate Noel Symonds laid to rest on August 6th;

We commemorate Grant Wilmot laid to rest on September 18th.



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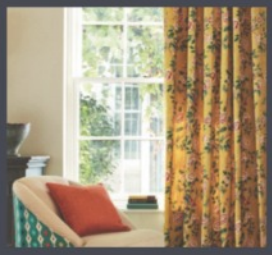
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Flowers

from Anne Guthrie,

Thank you for all the lovely contributions towards decorating the church over the Harvest weekend at the start of October and it looked beautiful for the primary school Harvest services as well. Special thanks to Liz Miller and Marilyn Brown for their pedestal arrangements.

The gardening and bulb planting session after the Harvest service gave Julie and I the idea of asking people to try growing hyacinth bulbs for Christmas, we are imagining the scent of hyacinths floating across the church. Julie provided white bulbs but she is also hoping for some blue ones in the Lady Chapel and has ideas for bulbs in the colours of the Advent candles. Thanks also go to Peter Davies who has kindly taken the metal Advent wreath home to clean up past candle drips and he has made new ones for this Advent. We set the candles amidst greenery and its very tricky fitting candles and vegetation together.

Towards the end of October June Garland provided flowers in memory of her husband . The Memorial service is held on Sunday 1st November followed by Remembrance Sunday when Julie will provide flowers and poppies. Kate will provide the flowers, in memory of Ted and Isabella, for the end of November. The church is then cleared for Advent, a time of reflection and preparation before we celebrate Christmas with worship music and flowers.



Something Old, Something New

Intrigued by the title? If so, come along to the Wine Tasting event on Friday 4th December when our resident wine expert Nigel Bacon will be providing us with 10 wines to taste. Tickets at £15 will be on sale from Sunday 1st November.

See next month's magazine for more details.

Christmas Cards

For some years now we have encouraged congregation members to send just one Christmas card to all the congregation and give a donation to Water Aid in lieu of money spent on cards. The display board at the back of church will be cleared ready to display all the cards from the beginning of Advent so cards can be brought in from Advent Sunday, November 29th. Cash donations to Water Aid can be put in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate and I'm sure our treasurer Julie Bacon will be pleased to advise you about other ways of donating including using gift aid to increase the value of your donation if you are a tax payer.

Friday Crafting

from Anne Guthrie,

October saw us creating decorative Alphabet letters (see inside the back cover) to hang on Christmas trees and then Clay tags for gifts or decorations.

November 6th will be led by Ann- Marie in a dried flower workshop, so if you suffer form asthma or hay fever this should be an alternative to fresh flowers and sneezes or breathlessness.

On the 20th November Janis and her friend Anne will show us how to create beautiful fabric cards.

Remember all are welcome at our sessions – alternate Fridays 9.30-11.30 in The Green School, £5- towards cost of hiring the hall, refreshments and some materials.

Contact : Anne Guthrie 07979106822 or
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Chuckle With Charlie



School teacher talking to pupil (Jimmy Wright) who has just spelt the word "rite" incorrectly. "Right Wright. Write rite right, right away!"



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		29 November		
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10.00 am	Linda Bates Chris Warren James Ward	Jean Jones	D Fowler C Fowler N Bacon	Kay Roberts Henry Roberts

Calendar of Services and Events, November Year A

Sunday 1st November		**All Saints**
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion Revelation 7.9-10 and John 13.34-35
	4:00 pm	Memorial Service
Monday 2nd	10:00	Prayer Group
Tuesday 3rd	2:00 pm	The Laurels
Wednesday 4th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 5th	10:30 am	Bereavement Café
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 6th	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Craft Group in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 8th November		**Remembrance**
	9:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	No Sunday Club in the Green School	
	10:30 am	**Remembrance Service** Micah 4:1–5 and Luke 13:10–17
Wednesday 11th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 12th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 13th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 14th	10:30 am	Coffee Morning in the Green School
Sunday 15th November		**Safeguarding Sunday**
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion 1 Corinthians 13.4-13 and Matthew 25:31–40
Wednesday 18th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
	2:30 pm	Rose Lodge
Thursday 19th	10:00 am	Mothers' Union in the Green School
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 20th	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Craft Group in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 21st	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 22nd November		**Christ the King**
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		John 10:11–18 and Ephesians 1:15-end
	5:00 pm	Evensong
		2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7, Matthew 28: 16 - end
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	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 28th	12:00 pm	Soup and Social in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Concert by pianist Yaroslav Oliinyk in Church

Sunday 29th November		**First Sunday in Advent**
	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		1 Cor 1: 3 - 9 and Mark 13: 24-end
	12:30 pm	"Alternativity" Lunch in the Green School

Diary Dates

Friday 4th December 7:45 pm
"Something old, something new!"
Wine Tasting Evening in the Green School.
Tickets on sale from November 1st

Sunday 6th December	4:00 pm Christingle
Sunday December 20th	5:00 pm Community Carol Service

Looking ahead to 2027

February Jazz Breakfast, Pancake Party and Beetle Drive
March St Patrick's Day Meal

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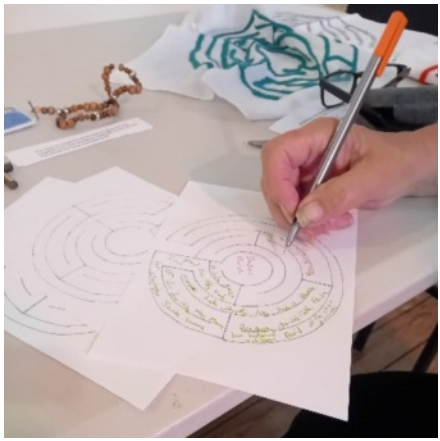
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Messy Church craft;
window and lanterns









Mothers' Union;
above - making the Labrynth;
left - Christmas decorations;
below - Christmas cards.





The Sunday Club Table

St Guthlac's
Sunday Club



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Sunday 18th October	10.00am Sunday Club in the Green School
Sunday 25th October	No Sunday Club (as half term) — Have a great half term!
Sunday 1st November	All Age
Sunday 8th November	No Sunday Club (as Remembrance Sunday) — We remember
Sunday 15th November	10.00am Sunday Club in the Green School
Sunday 22nd November	10.00am Sunday Club in the Green School
Sunday 29th November	10.00 Sunday Club in the Green School

Fun ♥ Friends ♥ Faith ♥ For a Brighter Tomorrow

All are welcome!

"Let the little children come to me" Mark 10:14