

St Guthlac's Church

October
2025

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The Wild Worship Service in September.

June Bird

Many of you attended the lovely Funeral Services and celebration of June's life on Tuesday 16th September.

Phil and family would like to thank all those who assisted in some way and shared their very happy memories of June, known for her joy in life, music cake, friendship, love and the sure steadfast faith that was her bedrock throughout life. She never faltered in her belief that Jesus walked beside her and upheld her through all the pain and suffering of recent years, confident in her salvation and welcome in heaven.



The Welsh dragon which greeted the mourners

A Harvest Festival poster with a yellow background. It features pumpkins, wheat, and berries. The text reads: "Harvest FESTIVAL", "Join us for our all-age Harvest Festival Service", "Sunday 5th October 2025", "10am". In the top right corner is a logo for St Guthlac's Church, Market Deeping, featuring a heart shape with a cross inside.

Harvest FESTIVAL

Join us for our all-age
Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 5th October 2025
10am

St Guthlac's
Church
Market Deeping

Rector
Rev'd Georgina Holding.

01778 342237.

 St Guthlac's, Market Deeping.

 www.stguthlacs.org.uk



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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,

As we move into October, the days shorten, leaves turn golden and brown, and hedgerows are full of fruit. There is something about the autumn season that encourages us to notice the changing beauty and abundance within creation, and of course to give thanks for this.

Harvest, at its heart, is about gratitude. It is an opportunity to remember that all we have is a gift from God – the food on our tables, the shelter of our homes, the company of family and friends. On Sunday 5th October 10am, at our Harvest Service, we will gather to offer our thanks, not only for the harvest produce, but for all the ways God provides for us. It is also a time to remember those whose life's do not feel so abundant, and to share what we can so that others may know God's provision through our generosity. In the simple act of giving, whether that is food or a financial donation, we are reflecting God's call to care for the world and Jesus' call to love our neighbours.

The following Sunday, 12th October 4pm, we will celebrate another very special service – our Pet Service. While this might seem different from Harvest, in many ways it continues the same theme of thanksgiving for God's creation. Pets are not just animals who live with us - They are faithful companions who bring us joy and companionship. They also remind us to be good stewards of the animals entrusted to our care. Bringing them together in church is a way of recognising their place in our lives and of blessing the bond between us and them. It is a joyful service, full of wagging tails and perhaps the occasional bark, or even a meow or chirp(!), which reminds us of the richness of life God has given us.

October then, is a month that invites us to pause and give thanks. We pause to appreciate the fruits of the earth, the companionship of one another and all creatures, and for the many ways God's love is revealed in our daily lives. Pausing to say thank you also reminds us that even in seasons of change and challenge, there is always something of God's goodness to be found.

With all best wishes and prayers,

Rev George Holding.



Churchwardens' Notes.



Dear friends,

Summer is over, the weather has turned autumnal, and we're all back from our summer holidays. Thoughts turn to winter! When do we put the central heating on?

Talking about heating leads to news on the heating project. Three-Phase power is going in now and will be in by the time you read this. The old boiler has been removed. The chandeliers and wall heaters will be installed mid October and there are plans to recognize this in some way.

We still have to raise a little more money and one way is the Grand Prize Draw. Over 500 tickets have already been taken to sell and we have banked nearly £600. The first prize is a wheelbarrow full of bottles of (mainly) alcohol. If you haven't taken any tickets yet, or have already sold the ones you've taken, please see me (Nick Evans) to get some more. We've been given a few bottles towards the prize already. If you can manage to donate a bottle, there's a box near the welcome desk – thank you very much.

An art talk is being organized, given by Paul Bainbridge, a member of the choir and local sculptor. Tickets will soon be available. If you have any contacts with local groups, please advertise the talk there.

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The Grand Prize Draw will be held on 28 November at a wine tasting in the Green School. Tickets at £20 per person will soon be on sale. Come along and bring your family and friends who have probably bought tickets to find out who has won the wheelbarrow (and the bottles) and enjoy some great wines knowledgeably introduced by wine connoisseur, Nigel Bacon.

The course, "To Love and Serve the Lord", led by Rev Mark from the Priory Church, will be continuing in October (last session – 13 October). It is so encouraging to see so many from St Guthlac's attending – some who have attended course before and some new faces. A real sign of spiritual growth. If you haven't made any of the September sessions, why not give it a go and see why so many of us have already attended. The meetings are on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm for refreshments, finishing about 9:00 pm.

Revd George is still suffering from a hoarse voice and is awaiting an appointment with the ENT department. Until then, she has been advised to limit her speaking, to give her voice a chance to heal. Please pray for her: this will be difficult especially as a mother of 2 young children. There will be a number of events, such as coffee after church, George will not be attending – to limit any speaking. October will be a busy month with lots going on. Any issues please speak to one of us.

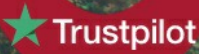
With our best wishes
Roger Stokoe & Nick Evans.

Prayer for the month

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; We thank you for the riches of your creation, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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It seems a long time since I have written about Mothers' Union, but it is only a couple of months. As I write we are still technically on our summer break from regular meetings but that doesn't mean there is nothing to report. A carload of us visited Bourne Mothers' Union for their Mary Sumner Day event on August 9th and enjoyed catching up with friends from other branches as well as partaking of the usual cakes and coffee.



Talking of cakes and coffee, we had our own coffee morning at the Green School on August 29th and although there were fewer of us than anticipated we had a good time eating, drinking and talking. The raffle raised a good amount for the Summer of Hope appeal. The book and jigsaw stall was popular in the sense that we were given a lot of books and jigsaws, but sales were slow. However, it means that Henry now has a rejuvenated stock for the church coffee mornings (regular attendees please note!)

Before I leave August, I must mention the sad death of June Bird, a committed member of our Mothers Union. June died peacefully at home on Friday August 22nd with family and friends in attendance. Her funeral on September 16th was an occasion to celebrate her deep Christian faith and her positive approach to life. The church was full, a testament to the love she inspired in so many and we raised the rafters with some good Welsh hymn tunes.

September's meeting has not taken place at the time of writing but looking ahead to our October meeting on the 16th we will be doing some Christmas craft. Exactly what this will entail I've yet to decide but I'm sure it will be a fun packed evening. Do remember that our meetings are open to all, members and non-members, men and women alike.

Kate Brown kabstg@btinternet.com 01778 343981.

Ladies' Guild.

from Jean Jones

Our Ladies Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Green School at 7.30pm. We generally have a speaker although some meetings are for meals out or an outing. We are happy to welcome new members and are happy to have anyone attend for a visitors fee of £4.

By the time you read this we will have had our September meeting but would happy for guests to come on 28th October when our speaker will be Alan Lambert talking about his life as a detective.

You can ring one of the committee members or just come to the meeting.

Our Committee Members are;
Julie Bacon 01778 342737,
Jean Jones 07976810654,
Ann Lymburn 01778 703269,
Carol Moore 01778 342979,
Liz Parkinson 01778 347020.

An interesting submission from Jeff Evans,

This is England's oldest written joke;

A lone Roman Legionary was treading the Via Appia, returning to his unit after a period of leave. With growing thirst he was pleased to come upon a wayside taverna. Entering the establishment he approached the owner. "Good landlord," he said, "Please to serve me a MARTINUS." "Do you not require a MARTINI?" the landlord asked in good faith. "No, I want only one," was the Legionnaire's reply.

.....unless you know otherwise.....

Church Flowers

from Anne Guthrie,

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church throughout September, especially Susanne who took on most weeks, and Pam for the pedestal for June's funeral. The Green School was decorated with fresh flowers this month for the funeral and The Glebe Singers's concert by Liz P and Janis. Thank you also to Heather and Kevin who refresh the tubs outside the Green School and church.

At the beginning of this month we celebrate the Harvest Season with the All Age service on Sunday 5th October. This year everyone is invited to fill a small vase with flowers, from the garden or hedgerows, and if you have any produce from your gardens and allotments we are always pleased to celebrate and give thanks for them. Pam will be very busy through October as she is arranging flowers on behalf of June Garland and towards the end of the month Pam is responsible for the flowers at our service of All Souls to remember our friends and family who have died.



We would appreciate offers to arrange flowers for weeks 9th & 16th November, weeks 23rd & 30th November as there is no one on the rota for these times. Then we will be into the season of Advent and another year is nearly closing. Sorry but the weeks vanish so quickly.

If anyone would like to donate or sponsor flowers in memory or celebration, please contact Anne Guthrie.

St. Guthlac's Church Organ Bursary awarded to Daniel Fowler

As part of the 2019 organ refurbishment here at St. Guthlac's Church, National Lottery funding was secured to restore the organ and to encourage the next generation of organists. From this grant, the Organ Bursary was established, offering a year of free lessons, practice opportunities on the church organ and experience playing for services.

Due to the Covid pandemic bringing so many things to a halt, we were not able to advertise this opportunity until this year.



We are now delighted though to announce that the year's organ bursary has been awarded to Daniel Fowler. We look forward to supporting Daniel as he develops his skills and contributes to the musical life of St. Guthlac's. Well done Daniel, and thank you for taking on this exciting opportunity!

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Friday Crafting

Contact: Anne Guthrie / Kate Brown.

The Friday Crafting Group has planned a range of activities until Christmas. We meet on alternate Friday mornings in The Green School from 9.30 – 11.30 , there are refreshments, time for social chat and the chance to pursue your own craft interests or participate in the planned activity. We welcome everyone – not just those who are skilled but those who enjoy trying something new or would just like to drop in occasionally. The group is very supportive of each other and always ready to help. Cost £5- per session.

- 26/9/25 Christmas card making (Kate)
- 10/10/25 Felt pumpkins (cost £10- as additional materials and tutor , Eve)
- 24/10/25 Autumn theme – wreaths and leaves (Carol /Anne)
- 7/11/25 Christmas fabric decoration (Janis /Anne C)
- 21/11/25 Decoupage (Meg / Nina)
- 5/12/25 Paper book folded candle (Clare)
- 19/12/25 Christmas church flowers and social.

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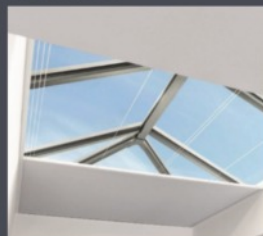
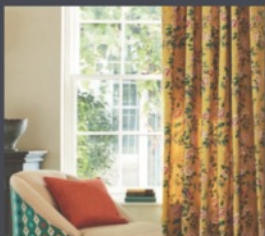
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when	sidespeople	readers	servers	offertory
		5 October		
10.00 am	Joy Elliman Roger Clarke Di Wheatley	All Age Service	G Bacon	Dorothy Harriss, Iris Newson
		12 October		
10.00 am	Kay Roberts Henry Roberts Chris Warren	Scott Miller	J Ward D Fowler C Fowler	Janice Hewitt Kay Bunn
		19 October		
10.00 am	Janis Hewitt Lyll Seale Keith Warren	Julie Bacon	N Bacon	Nettie Mitchell Linda Bates
		26 October		
10.00 am	Carol Cooper Lorna Mellowes Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	Henry Roberts	A Gray L Ward C Gaughan	Lyll Seale Geoff Chambers
5.30 pm	David Betts	Dorothy Harriss		

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Calendar of Services and Events

October, Year C

Sunday 28th September	Creationtide 4, Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity
	8:00 am Said Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am Parish Holy Communion
	1 Corinthians 10: 23 – 31, Matthew 5: 43 – 48
	12:00 noon for 12:30 Parish Lunch at the Bull
	6:30 pm Evensong
	2 Kings 6: 8 – 17, Matthew 18: 1 – 6, 10
Monday 29th	7:30 pm To Love and Serve the Lord Course in the Green School
Wednesday 1st	10:30 am Said Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd	7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 3rd	6:30 pm Choir Practice
Sunday 5th October	October Harvest
	8:00 am Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am All Age Holy Communion
	Readings to be confirmed
Monday 6th	10:00 am Prayer Meeting in Church
	7:00 for 7:30 pm Love and Serve the Lord course in the Green School
Wednesday 8th	10:30 am Said Holy Communion
Thursday 9th	7:30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 10th	9:30 am – 11:30 am Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 11th	10:30 am Coffee Morning in the Green School
Sunday 12th	Dedication Sunday
	8:00 am Morning Prayer
	10:00 am Parish Holy Communion
	Ephesians 2: 19 – 22, John 10: 22 – 29
	4:00 pm Pet Service
Monday 13th	7:00 for 7:30 pm Love and Serve the Lord course in the Green School
Wednesday 15th	10:30 Said Holy Communion
	2:30 pm Rose Lodge

Thursday 16th	6:30 pm	Mothers' Union in the Green School
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 17th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 18th	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 19th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		2 Timothy 3: 14 – 17, Luke 18: 1 – 8
	6:00 pm	Churches Together United Service at the Methodist Church
Wednesday 22nd	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 23rd	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 24th	9:30am – 11:30 am	Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 25th	12:00 pm	Soup and Social in the Green School

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

Diary Dates

Sunday November 2nd	4:00 pm Memorial Service
Sunday November 9th	Remembrance Sunday
Friday November 28th	Wine-tasting Evening
Date to be confirmed	A talk on sculpting figures for Madame Tussauds

Parish Directory

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Chuckle With Charlie

I said to my gym instructor, "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said, "How flexible are you?". I said, "I can't do Tuesdays."

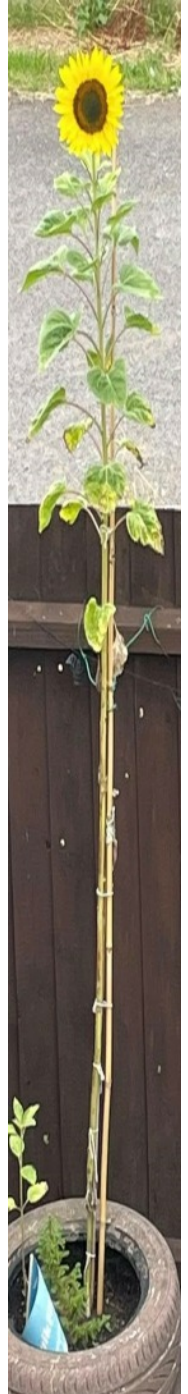
I went into a pet shop. I said, "Can I buy a goldfish?" The guy said, "Do you want an aquarium?" I said, "I don't care what star sign it is."



The theme of this Floral Decoration is
"The Year Of The Oak Tree 2025".

The Magazine.

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue. Copy for the November magazine is required please not later than Wednesday 22 October. Thank you.





PET SERVICE

All creatures great and small welcome!

12th October 2025 - 4:00pm

Bring along your pet
for it to be blessed during the service.



St Guthlac's Green School

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