

A photograph of St Guthlac's Church. The image shows the stone tower with a blue clock face and Gothic windows, and the main church building with a crenellated roofline. The sky is blue with some clouds.

St Guthlac's Church

October 2026

70p

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to Restore the
Tower Clock...

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Julie Bacon

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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Dear Friends,

October is a month when we celebrate harvest and generosity. This follows the season of creation we celebrated in September, during which we considered how interconnected our amazing world is, and our place within it.

Some of you will know that I like to try to grow a few vegetables myself (which usually results in nothing growing for months and then having 20 courgettes in one week!). Every time I plant something, I am amazed at how small the beginnings are. At one service in September, we reflected on how small seeds of trees really are, and yet they grow into enormous trees which are big enough for animals to live in and for other plants to grow on or around. They become then, homes and places for life to flourish.

This is a wonderful image to help us reflect on our life together - the spaces we call home, the places we flourish, the welcome we offer others. We might not think we have much, but, small seeds also remind us that small things matter. It is not only the big projects, major donations or dramatic acts which make a difference -A smile, an act of kindness, a prayer said, person welcomed, or item recycled, all matter, and have a positive effect on our world, and grow into something bigger.

This is why a month of generosity follows so naturally from the season of creation -Because both ask us to consider our place in the world and in our community. So, as we celebrate harvest on 4th of October at 10am, we might also look beyond the food gathered in,

and consider more generally what we are planting for the future -What type of community we are growing, or would like to help grow; And, consider how we can help do so. We might ask ourselves, how our small actions are helping our community to grow and flourish? Or, what we could do to offer support to grow the community we wish to be a part of? Every little act, donation, or kindness matters and helps contribute towards something larger. Just as small seeds grow into enormous, life supporting trees, small acts of generosity, faithfulness, care and love can become a harvest far greater than we imagined.

With all best wishes,
Rev George.

Restoring the Church Tower Clock

Caring for an ancient building is an ongoing responsibility. While regular maintenance is always needed, from time to time major repair projects arise that need additional support. Our first project under the relaunched Friends scheme focuses on something many people in Market Deeping have already noticed: the tower clock has stopped. We now have the opportunity to restore this historic timepiece, repair worn components and install a modern automatic regulator so that it keeps accurate time.

Project cost: £11,438.40.

If you are able, we would be very grateful if you would consider making a one-off gift towards the Clock Appeal. Together we can bring this much-loved landmark back into working order for the whole community to enjoy once again.

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St. Guthlac's Church, a cherished part of Market Deeping's heritage, has been a place of worship for centuries.

The Friends of St. Guthlac is a community dedicated to preserving and enhancing this beautiful Grade 1 listed church. Every donation goes exclusively towards the care, repair, and conservation of the church building and its historic fabric.

An invitation to join The Friends of St Guthlac

As a Friend you will be part of this community of people. As part of your membership we will:

Invite you to our new annual Friends event, featuring a heritage talk or guided tour of the church with refreshments.

Recognise your support on a noticeboard within the church (unless you would prefer to remain anonymous).

Send email updates twice a year about how your support is making a difference.

Have the satisfaction of helping preserve one of Market Deeping's most important historic buildings.

To become a member of the Friends of St Guthlac please ask for an application form from the Church Wardens, or email admin@stguthlacs.org.uk.

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Churchwardens' Notes

Nick



Roger

Dear Friends,

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

As we address you as friends perhaps it is appropriate to start this article to let you know, if you don't already, that, after a break of a few years, we are relaunching The Friends of St Guthlac with the idea that money raised by The Friends will go towards maintaining our beautiful church.

Towards the end of August we, Roger & Nick, stuffed over 250 envelopes with a letter from Rev George inviting people to become Friends of St Guthlac and, with a little help from others, Roger delivered all 250 letters! The letter also referred to the first project for The Friends being the repair of the church clock for which we have been quoted just over £11,000.

Already the donations have been pouring in, either by post or via direct banking and today (10 September) we heard from the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Market Deeping Town Council that the Council have voted to contribute to the clock appeal. Together with other donations this means we are already just over halfway to raising the money but we still have the the rest to raise.

If you would like to be a Friend of St Guthlac or contribute to the clock appeal please speak to Roger (Nick is having a total hip replacement operation on 11 September and may be out of action for a few weeks).

The Green School floor was being repaired at the beginning of September and it should now be totally safe.

4 October is Harvest and an all-age service. There will be a hunt in the churchyard after the service for our young people. For

those able-bodied and willing, there will be an opportunity to look after a yard of the churchyard footpath borders. Please bring appropriate gardening tools and Roger will be supplying daffodil bulbs for everyone to plant. This will be "dress-down Sunday". Don't come to church in smart clothes!! Refreshments will be served at the back of church.

On Saturday 10 October there will be a quiz in the Green School. We are assured the questions will not be too hard! Please either come as a team (of 6 is suggested) or come alone and you will be able to join a team. Please bring your own drink and glasses and a "tray of 8". We understand this to mean if you're bringing sandwiches, you bring 8. Or if sausage rolls, you bring 8. Or you can bring desserts – but please, everything and anything you bring should be finger food. We look forward to seeing you there.

Probably before you receive this magazine, there's safeguarding training on Saturday 3 October, also in the Green School. This is open to all.

On Sunday, 18 October, the Diocesan officer responsible for generous living will be speaking to us at the 10:00 am service. Nick heard him speaking at a Deanery Synod meeting and was most impressed. Even if you don't normally come to the 10:00 am service, please consider making an exception and come on 18 October.

With every blessing,
Nick and Roger.



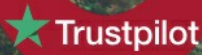
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Friday Crafting in the Green School

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There is a theme for each session,
but,

you are welcome to bring your own projects
or to just come for company

Come when you can

Contact:

Anne 07979106822

Kate 07910847840

Autumn 2026

We are looking ahead to Christmas and preparing early!

- Friday 25th Sept Christmas card making , various members of the group will bring examples to make
- Friday 9th Oct Wooden alphabet tree decorations / Anne
- Friday 23rd Oct Clay gift tags / Carol
- Friday 6th Nov Autumn flowers / Ann-marie
- Friday 20th Nov Fabric decoration / Janis
- Friday 4th Dec Book folding / Clare
- Friday 18th Dec Decorating St Guthlac's church for Christmas

Special Friday 11th December
Felt Bauble making with Eve Marshall



Peterborough Soup Kitchen Team 5.

Do you like to bake?
Would you like to help those less fortunate?

Team 5 of Peterborough Soup Kitchen has been going from our area with mostly Deeping volunteers for many years - at least 35 to my knowledge!

We currently need to have some more donations of cakes on a 4-weekly basis to hand out with soup and sandwiches, also made by kind volunteers.

We are very grateful to people who do this baking, as it helps to bring a little bit of extra care to what can be difficult lives.

Contact Jenny Turner if you could help.

Email: turner.j@hotmail.co.uk

07906936636

Dates for donation: 25/9, 23/10, 20/11, 18/12

An annual rota thereafter. Even a commitment to bake for one date would be very welcome.

Greenbelt

from Anne Guthrie

A sad goodbye this year to the festival's home for many years at Broughton House near Corby but all the talks are now free to download and listen - there may be time for some coffee and discussion over the coming months.



Kate and I were thrilled to find that Sylvia and Nigel have also been attending Greenbelt for many years - they managed to remain for the whole weekend amidst storms and winds but Kate and I didn't quite make it! However we briefly saw Andrew, he was volunteering and we met him in the rain whilst waiting for a golf buggy ride to the car park.

Ladies' Guild.

Our Guild Ladies met on 22nd September to start off our 2026 – 2027 programme. After a short service in church taken by Kate Brown, we moved over to the Green School for tea/coffee and cake. Our members were able to catch up with their friends and have a good chat. Our new programme was unveiled and we received some very positive comments about the content. Our October meeting will see Beki Tolliday from the RNIB talk about “Awareness to Action”.

If you would like to join Ladies Guild or come to this meeting, visitors are welcome for a small fee of £4 which will be deducted from your membership fee should you decide to join.

Our Committee Members are Julie Bacon 01778 342737, Jean Jones 07976 810654, Ann Lymburn 01778 703269, Carol Moore 01778 342979, Liz Parkinson 01778 347020.

Flowers

from Anne Guthrie,

We begin October with a celebration of Harvest and hopefully everyone will have brought goods for the Deeping Pantry and also flowers, plants or garden produce to decorate the church window sills. We also look forward to planting and gardening in the churchyard following the Harvest Morning Service October 4th. This is a lovely way to mark the end of the Creationtide Season and rejoice in the natural world. The first Sunday of Creationtide reminded us of the way in which tiny seeds can grow into huge trees and this is reflected in our growing community of Christian care and support for one another.

The flower team, supported by everyone for the Church festivals, celebrate week to week the happiness and peace that comes from the natural world. Thank you to Susanne and Clare for September flowers and for Ann-marie making a memorial arrangement to remember June Bird.

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.



Join us on the third Saturday of the month

2:30pm - 4:30pm

in the Green School, Church St.

Everyone is
welcome!

Sat 17th October

Sat 21st November

Sat 19th December



We also celebrated the marriage of Victoria and Louis with flowers , this was such a special wedding of one of church families. Dave and Rachel Hand and their daughters Victoria and Katy have been valued members for many years. If anyone knows people wishing to marry at St Guthlac's church we are able to organise flowers. October flowers including the Harvest pedestal will be the work of Elizabeth Miller and Pam Pearson, who will also arrange flowers donated by June Garland in memory of her husband and a long happy marriage.

Safeguarding

from Anne Guthrie,

All volunteers are encouraged to attend either in person or online a Basic Awareness safeguarding course. Moving forward there will be job descriptions for the various roles in church and references , to many of you this seems intrusive and an over the top reaction. However we must comply with the Church of England's recommendations. Although we feel that many of the horrible events described in the news are not a part of our life in Deeping it is important to take precautions and care to protect ourselves and those who are young or vulnerable.

Saturday 3rd October there will be a meeting at 9.30am to talk about general volunteering good practice at St Guthlac's and then Rev Mark Williams will work through the Basic Awareness and Foundation safeguarding courses for those who are prepared to remain in person.

Any questions please contact Anne Guthrie or Rev George.



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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 me 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 welcome Lachlan William Jarvis following his baptism on August 9th

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

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

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 commemorate Noel Symonds laid to rest on August 6th

We commemorate Grant Wilmot laid to rest on September 18th

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

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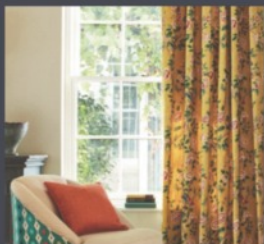
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As I write this there are cakes cooling ready for the September Coffee Morning when we will have a chance to catch up with one another and with friends from our wider congregation.

Looking ahead to this month we have our regular Thursday morning meeting on the 15th which will take the form of a Christmas craft session. As ever anyone is welcome to come along to this meeting; you do not have to be a member, a mother or even a woman to attend and we love to see visitors at our meetings. The exact nature of the craft has yet to be decided but all materials and tools will be provided.

Before this there is a retreat day for the diocese which is on Wednesday 7th at St Thomas Heighington near Lincoln, starting at 10:00am. I will be attending and can offer space in my car for anyone who wishes to attend. The day will include worship sessions and a series of multi-sensory activities and promises to be enjoyable and spiritually refreshing. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

Looking ahead, next month's meeting will use the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer material as a basis for a reflective morning looking at the work the Mothers' Union does in this country and further afield.

Kate Brown 01778 343981 kabstg@btinternet.com

This Kneeler is in St Guthlac's, stitched fifty years ago, so the Mothers' Union is now 150 years of age.



OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

Lyall Seale has been looking through folders of old church documents which were found in the vestry several years back. Here is another gem from the past.

A farewell sermon from a former curate in 1800 - note that it is for sale in Stamford and London at 1 shilling (£9 today).



The "Prefactory Advertifement" states that the author believes the doctrines it contains are juft; he knows the sentiments to be fincere. He has not endeavoured to heighten or fet off either with the flendours of artificial eloquence; wifhing to be felt rather to be admired.... etc etc.

Then follows 24 pages of sermon - on reading a couple of them at more than 2 1/2 minutes each it would have taken at least 1 hour!!!!!! He may have thought a lot of himself .. or was selling himself to his next parish in Stamford!

An explanation for younger readers; Lyall has transcribed this accurately. All those years ago when the letter 's' appeared within a word it was written as 'f', so 'juft' is actually 'just'.

Bereavement Cafe

We look forward to welcoming the group back into the Green School on Thursday 1st October 10.30-12.0 with refreshments, talking , listening and access to legal assistance .

Rev George has ideas for some small happy activities to help us remember loved ones. Please drop in if you are grieving whether recent or from long ago, there is no pattern of time limit on how each of us feel.

A
FAREWELL SERMON,
preached at
MARKET-DEEPING,

ON
Sunday, April 6th, 1800.

~~~~~  
*By the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Lascelles Carr,*

Late Curate of that Parish, and now Curate of the Parish of All Saints in Stamford.

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10.00 am	Roger Clarke Di Wheatley Suzanne Denton	A Child	J Ward D Fowler C Fowler	Dorothy Harriss,
		11 October		
8.00 am	Peter Hilton Simeon Parker			
10.00 am	Kay Roberts Henry Roberts Morag Miles	Di Wheatley	N Bacon	Janice Hewitt Kay Bunn
6.00 pm				
		18 October		
8.00 am	Peter Hilton Simeon Parker			
10.00 am	Lyall Seale Phillip Effington Sandra Upton	Keith Warren	G Bacon	Nettie Mitchell Linda Bates
		25 October		
8.00 am	Peter Hilton Simeon Parker			
10.00 am	Carol Cooper Geoff Chambers John Elliot	Keith Fowler	A Gray D Fowler C Fowler	Lyall Seale Geoff Chambers
5.00 pm		Henry Roberts		David Betts

The Magazine

Thank you to all who have contributed, the next magazine will be November with a copy date Wednesday 21 October. A reminder, no articles in PDF please.



Calendar of Services and Events, October Year A

Thursday 1st	10:30 am	Bereavement Café in the Green School
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 2nd	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 3rd	9:30	Safeguarding training in the Green School

Sunday 4th October Eighteenth after Trinity; Harvest

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	All Age Holy Communion Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18, Luke 12: 16 – 21
Monday 5th	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
Tuesday 6th	10:30 am	William Hildyard School Harvest Service in Church
	7:30 pm	Friends of St Guthlac in church
Wednesday 7th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 8th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 9th	9:30 am	Craft Group in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 10th	10:30 am	Coffee Morning in the Green School
	7:00 pm	Quiz in the Green School

Sunday 11th October Nineteenth after Trinity; Generosity 1

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion Isaiah 55: 10 – 13, John 6: 1 – 15v
	6:00 pm	Songs of Praise
Monday 12th	9:30 am	Market Deeping Community Primary Harvest Service in Church
Wednesday 14th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	10:30	Mothers' Union in the Green School
	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 16th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 17th	2:30 pm	Messy Church in the Green School

Sunday 18th October St Luke the Evangelist

8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
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	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 11, Matthew 6: 19 – 21
	6:00 pm	Churches Together United Service at the Open Door Church
Wednesday 21st	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
	2:30 pm	Rose Lodge
Thursday 22nd	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 23rd	9:30 am	Craft in the Green School
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 24th	12:00 pm	Soup and Social in the Green School

Sunday 25th October Last after Trinity (nb Clocks change)

	8:00 am	Said Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Sunday Club in the Green School
	10:00 am	Parish Holy Communion
		1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8, Matthew 22: 34 - 46
	5:00 pm	Evensong
		Ecclesiastes 11 and 12, 2 Timothy 2: 1 - 7
Tuesday 27th	7:30 pm	Ladies Guild in the Green School
Wednesday 28th	10:30 am	Said Holy Communion
Thursday 29th	7:30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 30th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Diary Dates

Sunday 1st November	4:00 pm	Memorial Service
Sunday 8th November	10:30 am	Remembrance Service
Saturday 28th November	6:00 pm	Piano concert in church by Yaroslav Olinyk



Chuckle With Charlie

A policeman stops a motorist on the A15 just outside Market Deeping late one night.

Policeman - "Would you please blow into this bag, sir?"

Motorist - "What for, officer?"

Policeman - "My chips are too hot."

Parish Directory

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Bereavement Café

What has helped with coping with grief:

An open discussion:

1st Oct 10:30am

In the Green School

Free to attend - All are welcome



**Whether you are grieving yourself or supporting someone who is, you
are warmly invited to join us.**

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or simply sit with others who understand.**



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ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH MARKET DEEPING



ALL AGE HARVEST SERVICE

OCTOBER 4TH 10.00AM

