



**Service details for today:**

**8.00am Eucharist (CW)**

*Celebrant:* Fr Francis

*Preacher:* Katy Castañeda (Reader)

**9:30am Parish Eucharist**

*Celebrant:* Fr Francis

*Preacher:* Katy Castañeda (Reader)

*Setting:* Archer, Lincoln

*Readings:* Colossians 1.11-20 and Luke 23.33-43

*Lesson Reader:* Val York

*Intercessor:* Lynda Basford

*Hymns:* **AMNS 345, 147, 259, 139**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

*Officiant:* Fr Stuart

*Responses:* Rose

*Psalm:* 72.1-7

*Lesson Readers:* Stephen Bate and Katie Brownlow

*Readings:* 1 Samuel 8.4-20 and John 18.33-37

*Hymns:* **AMNS 141, 472**

**COLLECT:**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Colossians 1.11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**GOSPEL: Luke 23.33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

**POST COMMUNION:**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Please pray for:**

**Those who are unwell:** Amelia, Christy, Terry, Barbara, Reg.

**Recently departed:** Richard Hill (Dick).

**Anniversary of deaths:** Geoffrey Brocklebank, William Holdham, Brenda Marriott, Nigel Aspland.

**We have learnt this week that Dick Hill**, a long standing member of our congregation passed away last weekend. Our love and prayers are with him and his family at this time. No details of funeral arrangements are available at present.

**Our Christmas Tree Festival** will begin on Wednesday with the opening ceremony starting in the Market Place at 6:00pm. The festival will then be open from 10:00am to 8:00pm Thursday to Saturday and 12:00noon to 4:00pm on Sunday. Entry to the festival will be £3.00 per adult, those booking skating tickets will be free. For further information and to book your skating tickets please visit our website or click on the following link: [Christmas Tree Festival - Wednesday 26 November to Sunday 30 November 2025](#)

**Advent Carols and Nine Lessons and Carols**—would you be willing to do a reading at **one** of these services? Both services start at 6:30pm—Advent Carols service is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Nine Lessons and Carols is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. To sign up to read a lesson please click on the link here: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/OJlMxOjM4o>

**Treasurer sought**—Our interim Treasurer is standing down and we need to recruit a replacement. This essential volunteer role is a vital part of our church leadership and we are looking for someone with time to work on day-to-day financial management, and who has the professional accountancy experience to prepare the financial statements. A full role description is available and if you are interested, please contact Ray to discuss at [rachel.davie@stwulframs.com](mailto:rachel.davie@stwulframs.com) Applications are requested by 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols'**—please join us at 6:30pm on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December when the choristers will lead us through an Advent Service of Prayer and Song including Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'.

**The Passage** – Thank you for all your donations of warm socks for the Passage. We have received another request, this time for warm coats and shoes. Please give any donations to Sheila Knight in church or leave for her attention in church, on the cabinet in front of the old parish office, by the 6th December Thank you in advance.

**On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** two Christmas Wreath Making Workshops being held in church. To book your place for either the 10:00am to 12:00noon session or the 2:00pm to 4:00pm session please complete the online booking form via our website: [Christmas Wreath workshop](#) Tickets are limited to 20 people per session, and there are just a few places left. Tickets are £25.00 each.

**Lord, Show Us The Way News** – The Diocese of Lincoln has a series of important Strategy Engagement Events that will be happening across Lincolnshire. This is an opportunity for you to have a conversation with the diocesan central team, including the Strategy Working Group, about the strategy. You'll also gain insight into how far we've come on the journey and what we could possibly expect next. These engagement events are taking place across Lincolnshire. It is crucial that you sign up to an event so they can plan. There will be a meeting held in church on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:00pm. Please click on the following link to book your place: [Diocese of Lincoln Strategy Development Engagement Events](#)

**Service of Prayer** – from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Service of Prayer held in church each Saturday at 1:00pm. This will be a short, informal service. If you have any prayer requests please contact either Fr Stuart or the Parish Office.

**St John's Church, Manthorpe** will be holding their Christmas Fayre with stalls and refreshments on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

**Inclusive Church – Living in Love and Faith.** Inclusive Church has produced an open letter for members of the Church of England. Please click on the link to read the letter and show your support. [LLF Open Letter – Inclusive Church](#) There is also a copy of the letter in church in front of the old parish office.

**Christmas Cheer**—We are running our 'Christmas Cheer! Support for Families at Christmas' campaign until the end of November. Please click on the link to find out more information and make your donation: [Christmas Cheer! Support for Families at Christmas](#)

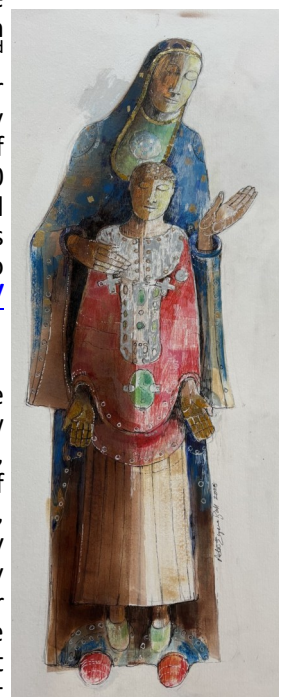
**'Tis the Season:** A Festive Celebration with the Band of the Royal Air Force College Cranwell. The Sir Frank Whittle Hall Concert Series continues in 2025 with a sparkling Evening of Festive Favourites in church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Doors open at 2:30pm, concert begins at 3:00pm. Please click here to book your free tickets: ['Tis the Season: A Festive Celebration with the Band of the Royal Air Force College](#)

**PCC Meeting**—the PCC met during the evening of Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. If you want to know anything about the meeting, please speak to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden.

**On Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** our All-Age Eucharist at 9:30am, marking the beginning of Advent, will be held on the skating rink (of course!). At this service we would love you to be able to bring a donation of new toys or gifts (**unwrapped**) for Christmas which will be given to Grantham Foodbank for distribution. Suggested items are: selection boxes, gifts for teenagers and younger children. Tinned soup, baked beans, tomatoes peas or sweetcorn, custard, rice pudding, fruit, fish, meat. Tea, coffee, bottled squash, UHT long-life milk. Rice, pasta. Selection boxes, biscuits, mince pies, non-alcoholic Christmas pudding, jam, breakfast cereals, sugar. Pasta sauces, tomato ketchup, brown sauce. Toilet rolls, toiletries. Gifts will be distributed with food to ensure the crisis families face at this time will be eased this Christmas. If you unable to make it to the service on 30<sup>th</sup> November please bring your donations **to church by the end of Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Carols in the Courtyard** will take place at Grantham House again this year on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:00pm. Join us for an evening of Carols, sung by current and former members of our Youth Choir. Tickets are £12.50 and include mulled wine and mince pies. To book your tickets please follow the link here or go to our website: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/odbMHuDTI>

**Madonna and Child**—We are excited to announce that a new statue is being given to the church, by The Friends of St Wulfram's, of Madonna and Child. The statue, which will stand approximately 115cm high, is being created by Nottinghamshire sculptor Peter Eugene Ball and will stand in the Lady Chapel replacing our current figure of Mary. More details about



| <b>Day and Prayer Intention</b>                                                              | <b>Church Calendar followed by events and services for the day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>The Police and Fire Services</i>                   | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am to 8:00pm Set up in church for the Christmas Tree Festival<br>7:30pm-9:00pm Community Choir—meet in church                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The Benefice of Springline—The Rev'd Sue Deacon</i>         | <b>Catherine, martyr, 4<sup>th</sup> cent. Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748.</b><br>9:00am to 8:00pm Set up in church for the Christmas Tree Festival<br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>10:00am Grantham U3A Coffee Morning in church<br>12:00noon Eucharist—to be held in the Crypt today<br>7:00pm-8:30pm String Ensemble meeting at Grantham House |
| <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Christmas Tree Festival</i>                             | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning—meet in church<br>6:00pm Procession from the Market Place to church for the official opening of the Christmas Tree Festival (the festival closes at 8:30pm today)<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study Group—meet at St John's Church, Spitalgate                         |
| <b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel</i>              | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>10:00am to 8:00pm Christmas Tree Festival open                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>                               | <b>Freia.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>9:30am-10:30am Wulfram Tots meet in church<br>10:00am to 8:00pm Christmas Tree Festival open<br>7:30pm Youth Groups 8-10 and 11-13 meet in church                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate</i> | <b>Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church.</b><br>10:00am to 8:00pm Christmas Tree Festival open                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Parish</i>                                              | <b>First Sunday of Advent.</b><br>See page 4 for more details of today's services<br>12:00noon to 4:00pm Christmas Tree Festival open                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> December</b><br><i>Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Lincoln</i>               | <b>Andrew the Apostle.</b><br>9:00am to 8:00pm Christmas Tree Festival clearance<br>7:00pm Diocese of Lincoln Strategy Engagement Event in church—see opposite page for more details<br>7:30pm Community Choir meet at Grantham House                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br><i>Those who work in Social Services</i>                        | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>10:15am to 11:30am LCC Coffee Morning in church<br>12:00noon Eucharist                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br><i>Our Church Schools</i>                                       | <b>Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning meet at Grantham House<br>2:00pm Little Gonerby School Chringle Service                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The work of Inclusive Church</i>                           | <b>John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, c.749. Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>                                | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>9:30am Wulfram Tots meet in church<br>1:00pm Wholeness and Healing Service<br>2:00pm Pastoral Team meeting at Grantham House<br>5:15pm Choral Evensong with the Youth Choir<br>7:30pm Youth Group Yrs 5-7 at Grantham House                                                                         |
| <b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate</i>           | <b>Nicholas, bishop, c.326.</b><br>1:00pm Service of Prayer<br>3:00pm Concert in church from the Band of the RAF College Cranwell—see opposite page for more details                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Parish</i>                                               | <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b><br>See back page for more details of today's services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

#### WHO'S WHO AT ST WULFRAM'S

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#### WHEN WE ARE USUALLY OPEN

**Church open for private prayer:** Monday to Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm, and on Sundays from 10:30am – 4:00pm.

**Francis Trigge Library:** Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10:00am-12:00noon

**Parish Office:** Monday 10:00am-12:00noon. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm. Tel: 01476 561342  
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# St Wulfram's Community

*Sharing God's love with everyone  
in the heart of Grantham*

## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



### Service details for today:

#### 8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

*Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart*

#### 9.30am All-Age Eucharist including the Christmas Toy Collection for Grantham Foodbank

*Celebrant and Address: Fr Stuart*

*Hymns: AMNS 26, 31, 256, 28*

*Readings: Romans 13.11-14 and Matthew 24.36-44*

#### 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

*Officiant: Fr Stuart*

*Choral music, readings and carols for Advent by candlelight.*

### COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Romans 13.11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 24.36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### POST COMMUNION:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Please pray for:

**Those who are unwell:** Amelia, Christy, Terry, Barbara, Reg.

**Recently departed:** Richard Hill (Dick)

**Anniversary of deaths:** Olive O'Berry.

#### Service Details for 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

8:00am Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am All-Age Eucharist

11:00am Choral Eucharist

6.30pm An Advent Service of Prayer and Song  
including Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'

#### Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12