

# St Wulfram's Community

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

## 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Seventh Sunday of Easter



#### Service details for today:

#### 8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

*Celebrant: Fr Stuart*

*Preacher: Katy Castañeda (Reader)*

#### 9:30am Parish Eucharist

*Celebrant: Fr Stuart*

*Preacher: Katy Castañeda (Reader)*

*Setting: Thorne, Mass of St Thomas*

*Readings: Acts 1.6-14 and John 17.1-11*

*Lesson Reader: Dorothy Gaughan*

*Intercessor: Val York*

*Hymns: AMNS 140, 472, 256, 139*

#### 6.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

*Officiants: Fr Stuart, Nick Kerry (Reader), Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)*

*Responses: Rose Psalm: 47*

*Lesson Readers: Members of the Choir*

*Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-5 and Ephesians 1.15-23*

*Hymn: AMNS 87*

#### COLLECT:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING: Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### GOSPEL READING: John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

#### POST COMMUNION:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Please pray for:** Stacey Cunnington and Kevin Doughty who will be married on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Mayla-Rose, Ivy and Ada who will be baptised on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Those who are unwell:** Amelia, Christy, Reg, Delia, Christine.

**Recently departed:**

**Anniversary of deaths:** Ethel Harris, Charles Harris, Garth Smedley, Paul Harris, Alexander Hughes, Stefanie Lister.

If you would like to add a notice to the Community news, the deadline for the next issue is: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)** – next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, will be Tom's last day with us at St Wulfram's Church. Tom will be leaving to serve his curacy at St Mary's, Attleborough with All Saints, Besthorpe in the Diocese of Norwich. We pray for Tom, Victoria and their children as they prepare to move to Norfolk. Tom's ordination (deacon) will take place in Norwich Cathedral on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, at 10:30am. All are welcome to attend.

**Confirmations** – last call for anyone would like to be confirmed this year – the Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am. Preparation sessions for people over the age of 16 will take place at Grantham House on Sundays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July. Preparation sessions for young people in school years 8 and above will take place at The Rectory on Sundays from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Fr Stuart to register your interest: [stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com](mailto:stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com)

**Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** takes place in church on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am. An information sheet is available in church about the meeting or click on the link here to see it online: <https://api2.churchdesk.com/files/8c5aad2e-aa88-4961-b0cc-0cae5524cba/view> Further details are also available from our website: [stwulframs.org.uk/apcm](http://stwulframs.org.uk/apcm)

**Christian Aid Week for 2026** ends on 17<sup>th</sup> May. We are holding a book sale with a twist – 'Blind Date with a Book'. The price will be £3.00 per book and they will be available after the 9:30am Parish Eucharist on 17<sup>th</sup> May. The donations received for refreshments after the 9:30am service on 17<sup>th</sup> May will be donated to Christian Aid Week. Please give generously.

**The next Lottery Draw** will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The prizes will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £133.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £93.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £40.00. The church general fund will benefit from the remaining £266.00 raised this quarter. At a cost of £13.00 a quarter this is a simple and affordable way to help raise funds for the church and you could be a winner too! If you would like to sign up, please contact me at [treasurer@stwulframs.com](mailto:treasurer@stwulframs.com) or fill in the leaflet <https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/support-us/lottery> and return it to the church office. Results will be published after the draw. Ray Davie

**Event Volunteering** - Would you like to be part of the Events Volunteer Team to help at events? Whether you are available for every event or just one event, your help will be very much appreciated. Many of the events we hold in church always require volunteers. Whether it is serving on the bar or coffee shop, keeping the fridges stocked during the event, washing up, glass collecting, clearing up after the event; the list is endless depending on the type of event. If you can be part of the team for any event, then please fill out the form on our website to let us know how you can help. [Event Volunteering | St Wulfram, Grantham | ChurchDesk](#)

**Come and Sing Choral Evensong.** On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, singers of all abilities are welcome to join a service of Choral Evensong under the direction of St Wulfram's Director of Music, Tim Williams. It is an informal chance to be a part of 800 years of worship in this amazing building. Absolutely no experience of choral singing or even church is required. Just turn up and have a go! Some of the music or links will be supplied before the event for singers to have a chance to listen to recordings, and copies will be provided on the day. **Registration will commence at 4:00pm** with refreshments, followed by a relaxed **rehearsal at 4:30pm**, culminating in **Evensong at 6:30pm**, which will last just under an hour. There is **no dress code**- please come as you are! The ability to read music is also not a requirement - just turn up and enjoy making music and friends in our wonderful church. **To register**, please complete the registration form here: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/KxyjYsCMYB> Email [choir@stwulframs.com](mailto:choir@stwulframs.com)

**A Parish Walk from The Tempest Arms, Coleby, Lincoln, LN5 0AG** on Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Meeting at 10:15am and walking up onto the Lincoln Edge, along the ridge to Navenby. We will return along the same pathway after a

short walk around Navenby, this is approximately 5 miles in total. There are a number of undulations and the path can be uneven and/or muddy depending on the recent weather conditions. On clear days there are spectacular views across the vale. I have booked the table for 20 people at 1pm. I need to confirm numbers and pre-order food on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, so please sign up by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. [di.hale@stwulframs.com](mailto:di.hale@stwulframs.com)

**Old Skool Assembly Classics** - Bring your friends to sing along to all your 80's and 90's assembly hits. Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets £7.50 per person. Fully licensed bar, 80's and 90's disco tunes, retro snacks, games and much more to enjoy through the evening. Cast your vote for the final hymn of the evening! The hymn with the most votes will close the night. Entry is £1.00, and every vote also enters you into the prize draw. This event is being held in aid of the St Wulfram's Church Choir residential to Ely this summer. Please click on the following link to book your tickets: [https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/b/old-skool-assembly-classics-48829819?utm\\_medium=Widgets](https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/b/old-skool-assembly-classics-48829819?utm_medium=Widgets)

**Congratulations to Sue Hodgson** on becoming a National Flower Demonstrator with NAFAS. A lot of hard work is involved to achieve this status. Sue is a valued member of the flower arranging team here at St Wulframs.

**St Wulfram's Choir will be singing Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral** on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. There are a few spare coach seats to be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis at £30 per person. The itinerary for the day is: Coach departs St. Wulfram's at 8:00am. Drive to Canterbury with comfort stop enroute, arriving at approximately 11:45am. Time to explore Canterbury and the Cathedral during the afternoon. Choral Evensong in the Cathedral at 5:30pm. Depart Canterbury 6:45pm. Arrive back in Grantham 10:30pm approx. **Interested?** Please click on the following link to complete the form by noon on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/4kR6fHgeNE>

**Sponsor a Chorister 2026.** In 2026, our 'Sponsor a Chorister' fund will support the weekly musical education of our choristers and allow us to subsidise day and residential Cathedral trips for the children and young people in our choir community. Across the week more than 60 children and young people sing in the choirs of St Wulfram's with most of our children and young people having access to 6-12 hours of music teaching and activity for free each week. Our ongoing fundraising throughout the year also allows us to subsidise week-long residencies and day trips, singing in Cathedrals and provides equal access for longer stays. This summer, the choir will be in residency at Ely Cathedral, singing daily services. The actual cost of a day trip (because of increased travel costs) is usually around £40 and a weekend trip around £650. Alongside other fundraising events this year, we are again setting up a 'sponsor a chorister' fund to support the children and young people of the choirs.

If this is something that you feel you would be happy to contribute to, please complete the form below and make your donation. Suggested donations are Bronze £20, Silver £40, Gold £100. There is also an option to donate an amount of your own choosing and any amount small or large will make a massive difference. Thank you so much for helping us to provide these enriching experiences for our children and young people. There is more information on our website or [please click HERE to make your donation.](#)

### From the Registers for April 2026

#### Baptisms:

19.04.2026 Rudi Ison  
19.04.2026 Alice Peach-Fletcher

#### Weddings:

25.04.2026 Jade Sara Beasley and Daniel John Williams

#### Funerals:

15.04.2026 Doris Corke  
23.04.2026 Dominic Redmile



**Music internship, 2026-27** St Wulfram's is seeking a dedicated, passionate and enthusiastic musician with a variety of experience to join our music programme for 2026-27 as an **Intern**. **The role is in two parts:** support with outreach and assistance with the choir (for which a wage will be paid); and professional training and development for their future career. Hours may vary between weeks and will not exceed 9 paid hours per week. The internship is subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks, in line with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management guidance, including a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check and receipt of two satisfactory references. **Interested?** Please apply to [stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com](mailto:stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com) using the application form with a brief covering letter. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Applicants should be available for interview (if invited) on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026. **Further information:**

[Music Intern, 2026-27 - Role Description](#) [Music Intern 2026-27 - Person Specification](#) [Music Intern 2026-27 – Application Form](#)

<b>Day and Prayer Intention</b>	<b>Church Calendar followed by events and services for the day</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>The Diocese of Yukon, The Anglican Church of Canada</i>	<b>Feria.</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm Community Choir meet in church
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Strategic Development Fund Programme Board</i>	<b>Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:15am-11:30am LCC Grantham Adult Disability Services Coffee Morning in church 12:00noon Eucharist 7:00pm-8:30pm String Ensemble meet at Grantham House 7:30pm Governance Review Team meeting at Grantham House
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Spalding Local Mission Partnership. Partnership Dean and Rural Dean: The Revd Canon Carolyn Bailey Lay Chair: Mr Nigel Bacon</i>	<b>Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning in church 2:00pm Friends of St Wulfram's meeting at Grantham House
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Grantham Ark</i>	<b>Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>	<b>Feria.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed) 9:30am-10:30am Wulfram Tots meet in church 5:15pm Choral Evensong with the Youth Choir 7:30pm-9:00pm Youth Group Yrs 5-7 meet at Grantham House
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate</i>	<b>Feria.</b> 1:00pm Moment of Prayer 3:00pm Marriage of Kevin Doughty and Stacey Cunnington
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Our Parish</i>	<b>Pentecost.</b> See page 4 for more details of today's services
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Diocese of Zanzibar—The Anglican Church of Tanzania</i>	<b>The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735. Aldhelm, bishop, 709.</b> <b>Ordinary Time resumes today. BANK HOLIDAY.</b> Parish Office closed today <del>7:30pm-9:00pm</del> No Community Choir today
<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Gosberton, Gosberton Clough and Quadring</i>	<b>Augustine, archbishop, 605. John Calvin, reformer, 1564. Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am-11:30am Grantham U3A Coffee Morning in church <del>12:00noon</del> No Eucharist today
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>All those who visit our church today</i>	<b>Feria.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning in church 7:00pm Women's Bible Study—meet at St John's Church, Spitalgate
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Our Choir</i>	<b>Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>	<b>Feria.</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer (Livestreamed)
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate</i>	<b>Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906. Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431. Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933.</b> <del>1:00pm</del> No Moment of Prayer today
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Our Parish</i>	<b>Trinity Sunday.</b> See back page for more details of today's services

Please note: some of our services are livestreamed and broadcast via our Facebook page. These videos are only available to view for 30 days following the broadcast date. <https://www.facebook.com/stwulframs/>

<p><b>WHO'S WHO AT ST WULFRAM'S</b> <a href="http://www.stwulframs.org.uk">www.stwulframs.org.uk</a>  <b>Rector:</b> Rev'd Canon Fr Stuart Craddock 01476 569582 <a href="mailto:rector@stwulframs.com">rector@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>Ordinand:</b> Tom Stockwell <a href="mailto:tom.stockwell@stwulframs.com">tom.stockwell@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>Churchwardens:</b> Mrs Jan Burrows 07745948720 and Mrs Mel Fletcher 07973699901 <a href="mailto:churchwardens@stwulframs.com">churchwardens@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>Readers:</b> Nick Kerry 07971177781 Katy Castañeda 07594862071 <a href="mailto:katyjag@outlook.com">katyjag@outlook.com</a>  <b>Director of Music:</b> Dr Tim Williams <a href="mailto:choir@stwulframs.com">choir@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>Parish Administrator:</b> Elaine Chambers, <b>Parish Office:</b> 01476 561342 <a href="mailto:admin@stwulframs.com">admin@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>Parish Safeguarding Officer:</b> Jeremy Lloyd 07538789348 <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stwulframs.com">safeguarding@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>Assist. Safeguarding Officer:</b> Elaine Chambers, <b>Parish Office:</b> 01476 561342 <a href="mailto:admin@stwulframs.com">admin@stwulframs.com</a></p>	 	<p><b>WHEN WE ARE USUALLY OPEN</b>  <b>Church open for private prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm, and on Sundays from 10:30am – 4:00pm.  <b>Francis Trigge Library:</b> Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10:00am-12:00noon  <b>Parish Office:</b> Monday 10:00am-12:00noon. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm. Tel: 01476 561342  Email: <a href="mailto:admin@stwulframs.com">admin@stwulframs.com</a>  <b>The Parish Office is based at:</b>  Grantham House  45 Castlegate  Grantham, NG31 6SS</p>
--	--	---

*St Wulfram's Church is a member of the Inclusive Church.*  
Please go to [www.inclusive-church.org.uk](http://www.inclusive-church.org.uk) for more information and the latest newsletters.



# St Wulfram's Community

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

## 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Pentecost



### Service details for today:

#### 8.00am Eucharist (CW)

*Celebrant: Fr Stuart*

*Preacher: Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)*

#### 9:30am Parish Eucharist

*Celebrant: Fr Stuart*

*Preacher: Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)*

*Setting: Archer, Lincoln*

*Readings: Acts 2.1-21 and John 20.19-23*

*Lesson Reader: Elaine Chambers*

*Intercessor: Lynda Basford*

**Hymns: AMNS 444, 156, 259, 233**

#### 11:00am Holy Baptism

*For: Mayla-Rose Haynes, Ada Faulkner and Ivy Faulkner.*

#### 6.30pm Come and Sing Choral Evensong

*Officiant: Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)*

*Responses: Rose Psalm: 67*

*Lesson Reader: Paul Davie*

*Readings: Joes 2.21-32 and Acts 2.14-21*

**Hymns: AMNS 93, 157**

#### COLLECT:

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

#### GOSPEL: John 20.19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

#### POST COMMUNION:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Flowers at the High Altar are in loving memory of Alan Sharp



#### Please pray for:

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

#### Recently departed:

**Anniversary of deaths:** Alan Sharp, Albert Stagg, Jane Redfern, Sheila Chambers, Dorothy Tarte, Martin Brown, Irene Goodge.

#### Service Details for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

8:00am Eucharist (BCP)  
9:30am Parish Eucharist  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Readings for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Trinity Sunday**  
2 Corinthians 13.11-13  
Matthew 28.16-20