

St Wulfram's Community

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

3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Service details for today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

9.30am All-Age Eucharist

Celebrant and address: Fr Stuart

Readings: Acts 7.55-60 and John 14.1-14

Hymns: HON 448, 228, 66, 81

11:00am Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

Readings: Acts 7.55-60 and John 14.1-14

Hymns: AMNS 161, 199, 260

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Nick Kerry (Reader)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 7.55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

GOSPEL READING: John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

POST COMMUNION:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for:

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

Recently departed: Beryl Blackmore, Mark Rhys.

Anniversary of deaths: Alf Goode, Gwen Cant, Vera Longley, Nicholas Beall, Mary Wheat, Anne Newport, Ivor Varnam, Mary Young.

If you would like to add a notice to the Community news, the deadline for the next issue is: Wednesday, 13th May 2026.

Today, Sunday 3rd May, we welcome the Reigate and Redhill Choral Society who will be our choir for the Choral Eucharist at 11:00am During the afternoon they will also be holding a concert in church from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. The concert will feature 'Requiem' by Gabriel Fauré and 'Feel the Spirit' by John Rutter. Free entry with retiring collection. Please do come along to support them.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place in church on Sunday, 17th 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-0caeb5524cba/view> Further details are also available from our website: stwulframs.org.uk/apcm

Soup Lunches - The next soup lunch will be held on Tuesday 12th May. We would very much like you to join us for the 12:00noon Eucharist followed by the lunch, alternatively just come to the lunch, and enjoy the fellowship. The soup will be served at 12:30pm and there is no need to book. There is no charge for the lunch, but donations are welcome.

Welcome Evening – On Tuesday, 5th May at 7:30pm we will be holding a gathering in church for all those people who have joined our church community 'recently'. It has been quite some time since we have held such an occasion, and you may feel that you've been coming for so long that you're not a newcomer anymore. However, if you've been attending over the last couple of years or so and would like the opportunity to meet other people in our community and put faces to names, please do come along. Please sign up via our online form to register your attendance, this is just to give us an idea for the number of people who will be attending. [Welcome Evening](#)

Christian Aid Week for 2026 will run from 10th to 17th May. One of the fundraising activities we will have during this week, will be to hold 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. Also on the 10th and 17th May the donations received for refreshments after the service will be donated to Christian Aid Week.

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](#)

St Wulfram's Sunday Lunch Group—For those who would otherwise be having lunch on their own and have a connection with St Wulfram's. The group meets at various local restaurants and pubs on the second Sunday of the month. For more information please email Jane Sharp: janesharp11@hotmail.com or telephone her on: 07775878369.

Come and Sing Choral Evensong. On Sunday 24th 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

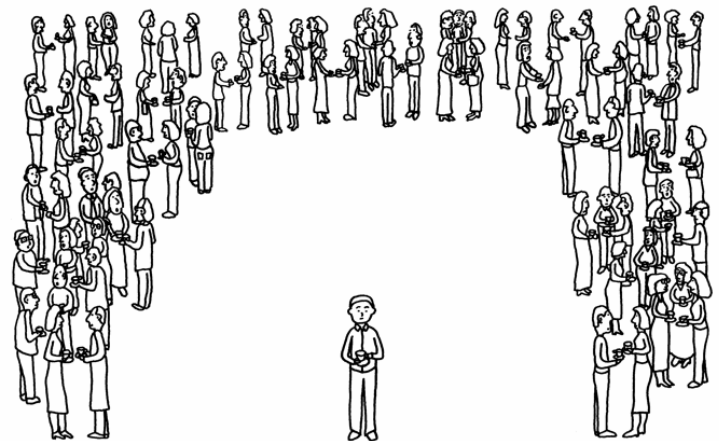
A Parish Walk from The Tempest Arms, Coleby, Lincoln, LN5 0AG on Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 25th May. Meeting at 10:15am and walking up onto the Lincoln Edge, along the ridge to Navenby. We will return along the same pathway after a short walk around Navenby, this is approximately 5 miles in total. 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 18th May, so please sign up by Sunday 17th May. di.hale@stwulframs.com

Grantham Choral Society's summer concert in St Wulfram's Church is a riot of 18th century choral music, selected by Musical Director David Humphreys to showcase a range of favourites. The concert takes place on Saturday, 9th May. Doors open at 6:30pm. Concert Starts at 7:30pm. Tickets £15.00, children free, available from the Guildhall Box Office, choir members, on the door or via the following link: [Grantham Choral Society - Nelson Mass at St Wulfram's Church event tickets from TicketSource](#)

The Thanksgiving Service for Jean Parker will take place in church on Wednesday, 13th May at 2:00pm. The family have asked that if you are intending to go to the service, could you please email to advise them of your attendance. djparkerthanksgiving@gmail.com

AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN NEWCOMERS CAN GET TO KNOW THE CONGREGATION



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The Church Electoral Roll is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll must be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. The roll is completely renewed every six years, **the next time this occurs is 2031, at which point all members must re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted.** By this means, the continuing validity of the roll is maintained.

Joining the Electoral Roll opens the way for greater involvement in the life of your Church, at deanery, diocesan and national levels as well as being entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. With your name on the Electoral Roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in your area and across the county. (Please note: if you think you might be interested in standing for election to the PCC at the APCM or to vote at the meeting, you will have had to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months beforehand (ie by 16 November 2025).

If you want to be on the Electoral Roll for St Wulfram's Church, please click on the following link: <https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/support-us/electoral-roll> or fill in a form located on the notice board by the old parish office. The next APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will take place in church at 11:00am on Sunday, 17th May 2026.

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10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Service details for today:

8.00am Eucharist (CW)

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

9:30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

Setting: Thorne, Mass of St Thomas

Readings: Acts 17.22-31 and John 14.15-21

Lesson Reader: Di Hale

Intercessor: Helen Dawkins

Hymns: AMNS 75, 501, 259, 82

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Fr Stuart

Responses: Rose

Psalms: 87

Lesson Reader: Clergy

Readings: Zechariah 8.1-13 and Revelation 21.22-22.5

Hymns: AMNS 79, 78

COLLECT:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

GOSPEL: John 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

POST COMMUNION:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for:

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

Recently departed: Mark Rhys.

Anniversary of deaths: Charlotte Nussey, Walter Mackinder, Jonathan Bower.

Service Details for 17th May 2026

8:00am Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am Parish Eucharist

6:30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

Readings for 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14

John 17.1-11