

St Wulfram's Community

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

12th July 2026 Sixth Sunday after Trinity



Service details for today:

8.00am Eucharist (CW)

Celebrant: Fr Peter

Preacher: Katy Castañeda

9:30am Parish Eucharist

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Setting: Archer, Lincoln

Hymns: **AMNS 104, 262, 259, 375**

Readings: Romans 8.1-11 and Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Lesson Reader: John Manterfield

Intercessor: Sheila Knight

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Fr Peter

Responses: Rose

Psalm: 60

Lesson Reader: Lynda Basford

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.18-29 and Luke 19.41-20.8

Hymns: **AMNS 8, 163**

COLLECT:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

POST COMMUNION:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for: Samuel Rodgers and Eleanor Rollo who will be married on 18th July.

Those who are unwell: Amelia, Christy, Kathleen, Alan.

Recently departed: Laura Church, Carole Lane, Steve Coulson.

Anniversary of deaths: John Callow, Walter Gregory, Violet Maddock, Vera Pexton, Nesta McKiernon, Madel Willey, Lillian Sentance.

If you would like to add a notice to the Community news, the deadline for the next issue is: Wednesday, 22nd July 2026.

Please pray for Fr Stuart and the General Synod meeting from Friday 10th - Tuesday 14th July. Amongst the issues they will be discussing will be how we celebrate Neurodivergent people in the church, issues of communication, Ecology and the use of Church Commissioners land, the ongoing situation in Palestine, Human Sexuality, various Legislative matters, Clergy Conduct, Safeguarding, Promoting Unity in our Nation and many more.

Wulfram Tots for preschool children and their parents/carers. Meets on Friday mornings during school terms times from 9:30am to 10:30am. On Friday 17th July there will be a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the garden at Grantham House. If you have a pre-school child that you would like to bring along to these sessions Ann, Eileen and Jan would love to see you.

Soup Lunches - Unfortunately, the next soup lunch will not be held on Tuesday 14th July.

The Women's Bible Study Group usually meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at St John's Spitalgate with Earlsfield, Station Road, Grantham. The next meeting will be on 22nd July. The group will be taking a break in August with the next meeting being held on 9th September. New members are warmly welcomed to our friendly and informal group. Absolutely no prior experience of Bible studies necessary - come and explore Scripture in a supportive and prayerful environment! Please contact Katy Castaneda for more details.

The Choir are going on a residency to Ely from Monday 27th July to Sunday 2nd August. If you fancy a day out, why not go to the city of Ely and the cathedral for Choral Evensong, with our choir, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 4:00pm.

Men's Breakfast—a change of date for the next Men's Breakfast, they will meet at 9:00am at Kings Walk Café, Guildhall Street on Saturday, 25th July instead of the 18th.

PCC Meeting—the PCC will meet during the evening of Thursday, 16th July. If you want to know anything about the meeting, please speak to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden.

Home Communion—If you are housebound, or know someone who is, and would like to receive communion at home please contact the Parish Office or a member of clergy. Our Pastoral Team visit local care homes as well as people in their own homes and would be glad to visit you if you are not able to come to church for communion.

Church yard clean up—we are looking for people to come along and help to tidy the church yard in the area near to the footpath on Swinegate. There will be a working party there on Saturday, 25th July at 10:00am. If you can help please bring some gardening gloves with you along with any tools that might be useful.

The Best of Hans Zimmer and Film Favourites Illuminated—there will be a concert in church celebrating the music of Hans Zimmer on Thursday, 3rd September. Tickets appear to be selling fast—to book yours please click on the following link: [Tribute to Hans Zimmer & Film Favourites Illuminated: Grantham Tickets, Multiple dates | Eventbrite](#)

Memorial Service for Richard (Dick) Hill—the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 26th July at 9:30am will be dedicated to Dick Hill a much-loved member of our congregation. Please do come along to support Elizabeth and the family.

Thank you to everyone who made the Three Free Fridays such a huge success. These events are not about raising money for church, even though we have generated a good income from them, they are about getting the community together. These continue to grow year-on-year, and we look forward to seeing how it continues to grow next year!

From the Registers for June 2026

Baptisms:

14.06.2026 Louie James Wood
14.06.2026 Harper-Jae Lacey-Nicholson
14.06.2026 Jasmine Chikaima Ifeadi
28.06.2026 Grace Margaret Hartley

Weddings:

27.06.2026 Gerallt Meurig Edwards
and Rebecca Lindsey Cannon

Funerals:

None



Day and Prayer Intention	Church Calendar followed by events and services for the day
Mon 13th July <i>Those attending General Synod</i>	Feria. 7:30pm-9:00pm Community Choir meet in church
Tue 14th <i>Ian Blaney—Diocesan Registrar</i>	John Keble, priest, poet, 1866. 9:00am Morning Prayer 12:00noon Eucharist 12:30pm No Soup Lunch today 7:00pm-8:30pm String Ensemble meet in church
Wed 15th <i>All those who work in hospitality</i>	Swithun, bishop, c862. Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274. 9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning in church 1:30pm Funeral for Laura Jane Church 6:15pm-7:30pm Youth Groups Yrs 8-13 meet at the Rectory
Thurs 16th <i>Howard Dellar and Susan Newell—Deputy Registrars</i>	Osmund. Bishop, 1099. 9:00am Morning Prayer 2:00pm National School Leaver's Service in church 7:30pm PCC Meeting at Grantham House
Fri 17th <i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>	Feria. 9:00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed) 9:30am-10:30am Wulfram Tots meet at Grantham House 10:35am King's School Founder's Day Service in church 2:00pm KGS Thanksgiving Service in church 5:15pm No Choral Evensong with the Youth Choir today 7:30pm-9:00pm Youth Group Yrs 5-7 meet at Grantham House
Sat 18th <i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate with Earlsfield</i>	Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883. 10:00am-1:00pm Coffee Shop open 11:30am Saturday Morning Recital with the Choristers of St Wulfram's Church 1:00pm Moment of Prayer 2:00pm Marriage of Samuel Rodgers and Eleanor Rollo
Sun 19th <i>Our Parish</i>	Seventh Sunday after Trinity. See page 4 for more details of today's services 4:30pm-5:30pm Adult Confirmation group meet at Grantham House
Mon 20th <i>The Diocese of the Arctic—The Anglican Church of Canada</i>	Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th cent, Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566. 7:30pm-9:00pm Community Choir meet in church
Tue 21st <i>All those who work in education</i>	Feria. 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:15am-11:30am LCC Grantham Adult Disability Services Coffee Morning in church 12:00noon Eucharist
Wed 22nd <i>All those finishing full-time education</i>	Mary Magdalene. 9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning meet in church 7:00pm Women's Bible Study—meet at St John's Church, Spitalgate
Thurs 23rd <i>All those who work in the building industry</i>	Bridget, abbess, 1373. 9:00am Morning Prayer 1:00pm Funeral for Carole Wendy Lane
Fri 24th <i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>	Feria. 9:00am Morning Prayer (Livestreamed) 11:00am Funeral for David Stephen (Steve) Coulson
Sat 25th <i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate with Earlsfield</i>	James the Apostle. 9:00am Men's Breakfast—see opposite page for more details 1:00pm Moment of Prayer
Sun 26th <i>Our Parish</i>	Eighth Sunday after Trinity. 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/>

WHO'S WHO AT ST WULFRAM'S www.stwulframs.org.uk Rector: Rev'd Canon Fr Stuart Craddock 01476 569582 rector@stwulframs.com Associate Rector: Fr Peter Pathikrit Das 01476 561342 frpeter@stwulframs.com Churchwardens: Mrs Jan Burrows 07745948720 and Mrs Mel Fletcher 07973699901 churchwardens@stwulframs.com Readers: Nick Kerry 07971177781 Katy Castañeda 07594862071 katyjag@outlook.com Director of Music: Dr Tim Williams choir@stwulframs.com Parish Administrator: Elaine Chambers, Parish Office: 01476 561342 admin@stwulframs.com Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeremy Lloyd 07538789348 safeguarding@stwulframs.com Assist. Safeguarding Officer: Elaine Chambers, Parish Office: 01476 561342 admin@stwulframs.com	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 Email: admin@stwulframs.com The Parish Office is based at: Grantham House 45 Castlegate Grantham, NG31 6SS
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8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

9:30am Parish Eucharist

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Setting: Archer, Lincoln

Readings: Romans 8.12-25 and Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Lesson Reader: Di Hale

Intercessor: Lynda Basford

Hymns: AMNS 101, 126, 275, 214

6.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction with Choir Valediction

Officiants: Fr Stuart, Fr Peter, Nick Kerry (Reader),

Responses: Rose Psalm: 150

Lesson Readers: Members of the Choir

Readings: 1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.16-28 and Acts 4.1-22

Hymn: AMNS 472, 203

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for:

Those who are unwell: Amelia, Christy, Kathleen, Alan.

Recently departed: Carole Lane, Steve Coulson.

Anniversary of deaths: Blake Edwards, Reg Smith, Josephine Green, Vercoe Teague, Vaughan Evans, Jack Horne

Service Details for 26th July 2026

8:00am Eucharist (CW)

9:30am Parish Eucharist remembering Richard (Dick) Hill

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Readings for 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8.26-39

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52