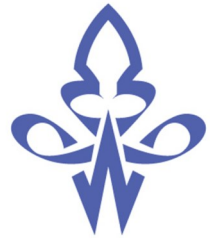


St Wulfram's Community

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

26th July 2026 Eighth Sunday after Trinity



Service details for today:

8.00am Eucharist (CW)

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

9:30am Parish Eucharist dedicated in memory of Richard (Dick) Hill

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

Setting: Archer, Lincoln

Hymns: AMNS 203, 426, 259, 470

Readings: Romans 8.26-39 and Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Lesson Reader: Guy Hill

Intercessor: Helen Dawkins

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Katy Castañeda (Reader)

COLLECT:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

POST COMMUNION:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**



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Please pray for: Kate Kavanagh and Andrew Harrison who will be married on 31st July.

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

Recently departed: Steven Chantry.

Anniversary of deaths: John Michael, Francis Gordon-Kerr, Beryl Hutchinson, Chris Brewin, Cecil Barber.

If you would like to add a notice to the Community news, the deadline for the next issue is: Wednesday, 5th August 2026.

Wulfram Wednesday Workshops

are taking place during the school holidays. The activities are aimed at children aged 4-11 yrs and are very popular so please make sure that you book in advance. The suggested donation is £3 per family per workshop. The workshops will take place in church from 10:30am to 12:00noon on the following dates:



Wulfram Wednesdays

5 August – Printing

12 August - Stained Glass

19 August - Clay Gargoyles

26 August - Lanterns

You can book your places via our website: <https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/b/wulfram-wednesday-summer-2026> or by scanning the QR code.

The Choir are going on a residency next week 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.

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.

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](#)

Parish Walk: Date for your Diary. Monday 31st August, a 5 mile walk from The Welby Arms, Denton across fields to Harlaxton, returning via Denton Reservoir. Further details to follow.

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.

Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help serve drinks on our Pimm's Stall which we will have at the Artisan Brocante's Summer Fair. The fair will be on Saturday 1st August open from 10:00am to 4:00pm. If you are able to help at all through the day please contact Fr Peter, peter.das@stwulframs.com or Elaine in the Parish Office, admin@stwulframs.com



Evelyn's Butterfly Effect - this powerful installation, from local charity Evelyn's Butterfly Effect, features 98 hand painted steel butterflies, each representing a life lost to suicide in Lincolnshire.

Created by local schools and community groups, the artwork encourages open conversations around mental health, suicide awareness, and - above all - hope.

The installation is in the meadow at Grantham House and is available to view from 10:00am to 5:00pm each day until the end of September. Grantham House is a free-to-enter National Trust property. Please do come and enjoy some time in this little oasis of calm in the centre of town.

National Trust events at Grantham House

Some events coming up at Grantham House over the next few weeks are:

A Midsummer Night's Dream—open air theatre on Sunday, 26th July at 7:00pm

King Arthur and the Holy Grail—open air theatre on Thursday, 30th July at 7:00pm.

Artisan Brocante Summer Fair—Saturday, 1st August from 10:00am to 4:00pm. A garden party with artisan and vintage stalls in the gardens. Adults £3, under 16yrs free.

The Pickwick Papers—open air theatre on Saturday 15th August at 7:30pm.

For more details about these events, and more, please visit the Grantham House National Trust website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/nottinghamshire-lincolnshire/grantham-house/events>

Day and Prayer Intention	Church Calendar followed by events and services for the day
Mon 27th July <i>Our Choir as they begin their residency at Ely Cathedral</i>	Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901.
Tue 28th <i>Staff and volunteers at Grantham House</i>	Feria. 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am-11:30am Grantham U3A Coffee Morning in church 12:00noon Eucharist
Wed 29th <i>Deeping St James and Crowland—The Rev'd Mark Williams</i>	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord. 9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning in church
Thurs 30th <i>The Diocese of Aru—Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo</i>	William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners. 9:00am Morning Prayer
Fri 31st <i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>	Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556. 9:00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed) 12:30pm Marriage of Andrew Harrison and Kate Kavanagh
Sat 1st August <i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate with Earlsfield</i>	Feria. 10:00am to 4:00pm Artisan Brocante Summer Fair at Grantham House. Entry Adults £3, under 16yrs free 1:00pm No Moment of Prayer today
Sun 2nd <i>Our Parish</i>	Ninth Sunday after Trinity. See page 4 for more details of today's services
Mon 3rd <i>Our Churchwardens, Mel and Jan</i>	Feria.
Tue 4th <i>Fr Stuart and Fr Peter</i>	Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859. 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:15am-11:30am LCC Grantham Adult Disability Services Coffee Morning in church 12:00noon Eucharist
Wed 5th <i>Fr Stuart Hadley and Fr Francis</i>	Oswald, king, martyr, 642. 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:30am-12:00noon Wulfram Wednesday—see opposite page for more details 11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning meet in church
Thurs 6th <i>Our Readers, Katy and Nick</i>	Transfiguration of Our Lord. 9:00am Morning Prayer
Fri 7th <i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>	John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866. 9:00am Morning Prayer (Livestreamed)
Sat 8th <i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate with Earlsfield</i>	Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221. 9:00am-11:00am Baby Clothes Carousel in church 1:00pm No Moment of Prayer today
Sun 9th <i>Our Parish</i>	Tenth 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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Setting: Archer, Lincoln

Readings: Romans 9.1-5 and Matthew 14.13-21

Lesson Reader: Elaine Chambers

Intercessor: Val York

*Hymns: AMNS 105 (omit *s), 214, 256, 263*

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Fr Peter

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Anniversary of deaths: Jill De Visme, Jon Darbourn, George and Annie Buttery, Leonard Briggs, Eric Pacey, Fran Rhys, Ken Hannah

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9:30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Readings for 26th July 2026
Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

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Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52