

St Wulfram's Community

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

6th September 2026 Creation in Christ and the Blessing of Backpacks



Service details for today:

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

9.30am All-Age Eucharist

Celebrant and address: Fr Stuart

Readings: Colossians 1.15-20 and Matthew 8.23-27

Hymns: HON 137, 9, 53, 571

11:00am Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

Readings: Colossians 1.15-20 and Matthew 8.23-27

Hymns: AMNS 207, 262, 256

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Fr Stuart

COLLECT:

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Colossians 1.15-20

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 READING: Matthew 8.23-27

And when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

POST COMMUNION:

Creator God, send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world, that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving, may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for:

Those who are unwell: Amelia, Kathleen, Alan.

Recently departed: Jeremy Bradbeer, Christy.

Anniversary of deaths: Betty Goode, Philip Fernee, Eric Tuckwood.

If you would like to add a notice to the Community news, the deadline for the next issue is: Wednesday, 17th September 2026.

Soup Lunches - The next soup lunch will be held on Tuesday 8th September. 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.

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 Evensong—On Sunday 13th September, singers of all abilities are welcome to join a service of Choral Evensong under the direction of St Wulfram's experienced Director of Music, Tim Williams. Taking place on the Heritage Open Day weekend, this 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 will be supplied before the event (where copyright allows), and copies will be provided on the day. A registration form can be accessed [here](#) or email choir@stwulframs.com for further information.

Results of the Lottery Draw Sunday 23rd August:

1st Prize £130 Bob Jeffreys. 2nd Prize £91 Angela Browne. 3rd Prize £39 Paul Davie. The church general fund will benefit from the remaining £260 raised this quarter. If you would like to sign up, please contact me at treasurer@stwulframs.com or fill in the leaflet <https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/support-us/lottery> and return it to the church office. The next draw will be in November. Ray Davie

Sunday 6th September - Blessing of Back Packs and Shoes—at our All-Age Eucharist at 9:30am there will be a 'Blessing of Back Packs and Shoes'. A blessing for anyone changing schools or jobs or moving on for new adventures in the coming year. If that's you or someone in your family, bring your new bag and shoes with you to the service.

Wednesday 9th September – 7:30pm Service for World Suicide Prevention Day -a service for all those who have been affected by suicide.

Friday 11th September – 6:30pm to 10:30pm - Discos for Grown Ups are bringing their Silent Disco to St Wulfram's. For further details and to book your tickets please see our website: [Silent Disco](#)

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September – Heritage Open Days weekend. The Coffee Shop will be open for refreshments, and the Civic Society will be running a local history bookstall. Aspects of congregational life will be displayed at various times especially on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday 26th September – 10:30am Newcomers' Welcome – If you have begun attending St Wulfram's in the last year or so, please come along for some light

refreshments and to meet other members of our congregation. Just so we have an idea of how many people to expect please complete the form here: <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/FAqXNkCkOZ>

Friday 2nd October – BBC Radio 4's Any Questions – are coming to St Wulfram's Church. For further details and to book your tickets please see our website: https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/b/bbc-radio-4s-any-questions-57010996?utm_medium=Widgets

Saturday 3rd October – Harvest Supper and Barn Dance in church, more details available soon.

Friday 9th October – 7:30pm Army Benevolent Fund Concert with the Band of the Welsh Guards. Tickets available online only from: <https://register.enthusie.com/ps/event/LincolnshireBigBandConcert> If you would be able to help as an usher or help on the bar for this concert please let Mel Fletcher know.

Thursday 22nd October to Saturday 24th October – The Beer Festival returns!

Saturday 31st October – The Artisan Brocante Christmas Fair in church from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Friday 13th November – Discos for Grown Ups

Wednesday 25th November to Sunday 29th November – The Christmas Tree Festival. For more details about how to enter your tree in the festival please see our website: https://www.stwulframs.org.uk/b/christmas-tree-festival-wednesday-25-to-sunday-29-november-2026-233203?utm_source=Widget+on+www.stwulframs.org.uk%2Fwhats-on%2Fevent-highlights&utm_medium=Widgets

Parish Walk, 31st August—11 people completed the almost 5 mile walk from The Welby Arms, Denton on Bank Holiday Monday and a further person joined the group for lunch afterwards.



Change to Parish Office opening hours: due to the National Trust closing on Mondays and Tuesdays at Grantham House until spring next year (apart from school holidays), the Parish Office opening hours will change slightly and be as follows: Monday 10:00am to 12:00noon, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Monday afternoons and all day Tuesday I am still contactable by email. Thank you. Elaine

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Your help and support is always welcome with activities and events, whether by coming along or volunteering to help. If you are able to help with any events please speak to Mel or Jan the Churchwardens, Fr Stuart or Fr Peter.

| <b>Day and Prayer Intention</b>                                                                     | <b>Church Calendar followed by events and services for the day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>The Heckington and Helpringham Group</i>                  | <b>Feria.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tue 8<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Social PCC Sub-group members</i>                                | <b>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Accession of King Charles III, 2022.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>10:00am Flower Ladies sorting cupboards in church<br>12:00noon Eucharist<br>12:30pm Soup Lunch in church<br>7:30pm Social PCC Sub-group meeting at Grantham House        |
| <b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>All those who have been affected by suicide</i>                     | <b>Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning in church<br>7:30pm Suicide Prevention Day Service                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Fabric PCC Sub-group members</i>                             | <b>Feria</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>7:30pm Fabric PCC Sub-group meeting in church                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>                                      | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer (livestreamed)<br>9:30am-10:30am Wulfram Tots meet in church<br>1:00pm-2:00pm Chair Yoga in church with Right at Home<br>6:15pm-11:00pm Discos for Grown Ups—Silent Disco                                                                   |
| <b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate with Earlsfield</i> | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Men's Breakfast meet at Kings Walk Café, Guildhall Street<br>9:30am-4:00pm Heritage Open Day—Church and Coffee Shop open<br>1:00pm Moment of Prayer                                                                                                        |
| <b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Parish</i>                                                     | <b>Celebrating Holy Cross Day.</b><br>See page 4 for more details of today's services<br>4:00pm Registration opens for Come and Sing Evensong                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Flower Ladies</i>                                              | <b>Holy Cross Day.</b><br>2:00pm Flower Ladies Meeting in church                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our String Ensemble group</i>                                      | <b>Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>10:15am-11:30am LCC Grantham Adult Disability Services Coffee Morning in church<br>12:00noon Eucharist<br>7:00pm-8:30pm String Ensemble meet in church<br>7:30pm Governance Review Team meeting at Grantham House |
| <b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Church Schools</i>                                             | <b>Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c.432. Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer<br>11:00am-12:00noon Coffee Morning meet in church<br>7:30pm Wholeness and Healing Service                                                                       |
| <b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The Corby Glen Group—The Rev'd Helen Roulston</i>                | <b>Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>The Abbey of St Wandrille</i>                                      | <b>Feria.</b><br>9:00am Morning Prayer (Livestreamed)<br>9:30am-10:30am Wulfram Tots meet in church<br>5:15pm Choral Evensong                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>St John's, Manthorpe and St John's, Spitalgate with Earlsfield</i> | <b>Theodore, archbishop, 690.</b><br>10:00am-1:00pm Coffee Shop open<br>11:30am Saturday Morning Recital with the Grantham U3a Singers<br>1:00pm Moment of Prayer                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Our Parish</i>                                                     | <b>Celebrating Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.</b><br>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/>

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| <p><b>WHO'S WHO AT ST WULFRAM'S</b> <a href="http://www.stwulframs.org.uk">www.stwulframs.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Rector:</b> Rev'd Canon Fr Stuart Craddock 01476 569582 <a href="mailto:rector@stwulframs.com">rector@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><b>Associate Rector:</b> Fr Peter Pathikrit Das 01476 561342 <a href="mailto:frpeter@stwulframs.com">frpeter@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><b>Churchwardens:</b> Mrs Jan Burrows 07745948720 and Mrs Mel Fletcher 07973699901 <a href="mailto:churchwardens@stwulframs.com">churchwardens@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><b>Readers:</b> Nick Kerry 07971177781 Katy Castañeda 07594862071 <a href="mailto:katyjag@outlook.com">katyjag@outlook.com</a></p> <p><b>Director of Music:</b> Dr Tim Williams <a href="mailto:choir@stwulframs.com">choir@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><b>Parish Administrator:</b> Elaine Chambers, <b>Parish Office:</b> 01476 561342 <a href="mailto:admin@stwulframs.com">admin@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><b>Parish Safeguarding Officer:</b> To be appointed 07538789348 <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stwulframs.com">safeguarding@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Church open for private prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm, and on Sundays from 10:30am – 4:00pm.</p> <p><b>Francis Trigge Library:</b> Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10:00am-12:00noon</p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> Monday 10:00am-12:00noon. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Tel: 01476 561342<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:admin@stwulframs.com">admin@stwulframs.com</a></p> <p><b>The Parish Office is based at:</b><br/>Grantham House<br/>45 Castlegate<br/>Grantham, NG31 6SS</p> |
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**Service details for today:**

**8.00am Eucharist (CW)**

*Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Peter*

**9:30am Parish Eucharist**

*Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Peter*

*Setting: Archer, Lincoln*

*Readings: Philippians 2.6-11 and John 3.13-17*

*Lesson Reader: Colin Green*

*Intercessor: Katy Castañeda*

*Hymns: AMNS 105 (omit \*s), 263, 259, 391*

**6.30pm Come and Sing Evensong**

*Officiants: Fr Stuart and Fr Peter*

*Responses: Radcliffe Psalm: 110, 150*

*Lesson Readers: Paul Davie and Lynda Basford*

*Readings: Isaiah 63.1-16 and 1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

*Hymns: AMNS 163, 171*

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Philippians 2.6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL: John 3.13-17**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**POST COMMUNION**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Please pray for:**

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

**Recently departed:** Jeremy Bradbeer, Christy.

**Anniversary of deaths:** Kathleen Hughes, Bryan Church, Molly Wyldbore-Smith, Geoffrey Truman

**Service Details for 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

8:00am Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Holy Baptism

6.30pm Civic Service for the Royal Anglian Regiment

**Readings for 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Matthew 9.9-13