

ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Love God – Love People – Follow Jesus

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DIARY

Sunday 3rd August – Trinity 7

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August – Trinity 8

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th August – Trinity 9

9.30 am Shared Breakfast

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August – St Bartholomew's Day

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sat 30th 10 am - 2pm Quiet Day on the theme of Creation

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11

10.30 am Cluster Creationtide Praise Service (here at Fishtoft)

Sunday 7th September - Creationtide 1

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th September – Creationtide 2

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 21st September – Creationtide 3 – HARVEST FESTIVAL

11.00 am Harvest Holy Communion with Messy Church activities for the children.

Sunday 28th September – Creationtide 4

6.30 pm Service of the Word for Creationtide

Sunday 5th October – Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi (last Sunday of Creationtide)

11.00 am Holy Communion

“Sanctum” - The church is usually open from 10am – 5pm Mon – Sat (closed Thurs mornings for cleaning) as a place of peace and prayer for anyone to drop in.

Online Services: We have a service recorded that you can join online from home usually once or twice a month. It is available to access either from our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Aluminium Recycling - Please continue to drop off your (squashed) drinks cans in the bin in the porch. These are sold for scrap metal and raise valuable funds for the church. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Foodbank - We are still collecting for the Centrepont Foodbank in Boston. Items can be left in the box on the back pew of the main church and go to help the homeless and those in need in the local area. Thank you.

ROADHOG (youth bus) parks up near the Pavilion on Fishtoft Playing Field every Wednesday and welcomes on board those in school year 6 and above for crafts, games and quizzes and free hot drinks. The teams are having a well-deserved break over the summer but the bus returns on Wednesday 3rd September and is open between 7.30 – 8.30pm. Thanks go to our Fishtoft team of volunteers who give up their time to enable this to happen. A special thank you to Helen who is stepping down from her role as team leader but will continue as a team member. We are very grateful for Helen’s support over many years at our Fishtoft stop. Thank you! The team is always on the lookout for new members so



if you are interested please visit the RoadHoG website www.roadhogbus.org.uk and click on "supporting us" for more information.

Messy Church returns on Sunday 21st September. The children will meet at the back of church for craft activities during the 11.00 am Harvest service and all are very welcome to join in.

Ruth's Race for Life

"Thank you to everyone for giving me so much encouragement, sponsorship (and prayer!) and support for my 5k Race4Life at Stamford at the beginning of July. I have been overwhelmed by people's generosity and am very pleased to have raised a massive £1250 for Cancer Research. I know this will make a real difference to many lives so a very big thank you from me and the charity!" Ruth



FUNDRAISING and SOCIALS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We were delighted that the Summer Fair raised over £900 for the church. Thanks to Liz, the fundraising team and all who helped or supported us at this event.

Shared Breakfast: On Sunday 17th August we are trying something new with a simple shared breakfast before the service. If you would like to come along please sign up on the list at the back of church so we have an idea of numbers. There will be no set charge but donations would be welcomed.

Saturday 4th October – Harvest Supper and Quiz Night

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair

We are very grateful to all who support the church through our fundraising events and regular giving. All the money needed to keep the church running and maintain the building has to be raised locally so we really appreciate the support we get. If you would like to give a one-off or regular donation this can be done either by cash through the letterbox at the back of church or electronically via the link on our website or through the Parish Giving Scheme:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/fishtoft-st-guthlac-boston/> or you can sign up with the paper forms in the packs which are available from the back of church. A very big thank you to everyone who supports us in whatever way.



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

During September we will be following the theme for the Season of Creation 2025, which is “Peace with Creation”.

The Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

Drop-in Quiet Day for the Eve of Creationtide:

Sat 30th August 10 am to 2 pm followed by a prayer service.

The day will be divided into 3 sessions starting at 10am, 11am and 1pm and you can attend as many sessions as you wish (or just one). Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch if you are staying over between 12 and 1. Come and enjoy the peace of our Sanctum away from the busy-ness of the world. The day will conclude at 2pm with a short prayer service. All are very welcome – no need to book, just turn up on the day.

CREATIONTIDE PRAISE – CLUSTER SERVICE

On Sunday 31st August at 10.30am we will be hosting the Cluster Service here at St Guthlac's and it will be a “Songs of Praise” service to mark the start of Creationtide. This will be an informal service with lots of songs and hymns played by the band and followed by refreshments. Please spread the word so that we get a great crowd to sing out the songs in worship!

HARVEST - Our Harvest Festival and Holy Communion will be at 11.00am on Sunday 21st September. Offerings of tinned or dried food can be brought on the day to be distributed to the homeless and those in need. Messy Church will meet during the service for craft activities.