ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2025

Love God – Love People – Follow Jesus

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DIARY

We are planning to move back into the Chapel for our worship over the winter on the 12th October after the end of Creationtide.

Sat 4th Oct 6 for 6.30pm. **Harvest Supper and Quiz Night** – please sign up

on the list at the back of the church if you would like to come.

Tickets £10.

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

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October – Trinity 17

6.30 pm Holy Communion (in the Pega Chapel)

Saturday 18th 2.00 pm Pilgrimage Walk

Sunday 19th October - Trinity 18

11.00 am Holy Communion with Messy Church Children's Activities

Sunday 26th October – Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 2nd November – 4th Before Advent / All Saints Day

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.50 am Service of Remembrance at Fishtoft War Memorial.

Please meet at the Memorial for our annual act of Remembrance. We will be joined there by the uniformed organisations and members of the Parish Council.

Sunday 16th November – 2nd Before Advent

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sat 22nd 10am – 3pm Christmas Fair

Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Mon 24th 7.30 pm PCC Meeting

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday / St Andrew's Day

10.30 am Cluster Service of Holy Communion at Butterwick

6.30 pm Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2

11.00 am Christingle Service

"Sanctum" - The church is usually open from 10am – dusk 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 a month on the second or fourth Sunday. 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.

ROADHOG (youth bus) parks up near the Pavilion on Fishtoft Playing Field every other Wednesday from 7.30 – 8.30 pm and welcomes on board those in school year 6 and above for crafts, games and quizzes and free hot



drinks. 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.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in decorating the church for Harvest and Creationtide. It has looked really great and the prayer stations around the church have been great pointers to reflect on Creation.

Thank you too for all the Harvest donations which have been taken to Centrepoint in Boston for the homeless and those in need locally. We continue to collect for the foodbank throughout the year and items can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you!

FISHTOFT PILGRIMAGE WALK

Saturday 18th October. Setting off from church at 2pm.

For a while we have had leaflets at the back of church that were produced locally with a couple of walks around Fishtoft, including the church. A group from the PCC thought it would be great if we could do one of these together as a sort of mini pilgrimage - starting out from the church and returning at the end for a cuppa. It would be great if others from the village could join in and make it a real community event.

Please note that if the weather is terrible on the day this event may have to be postponed!

CHRISTMAS

The Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme for 2025 revolves round a single word: Joy! The great joy of Christmas, of course, is the good news the angel declared to the shepherds - the news of Jesus' birth as Emmanuel (God With Us).



Sunday 7th Dec - 11am Christingle Service Sunday 21st Dec - 4pm Carol Service Wednesday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE Crib Service - 3.30pm Late night Christmas Communion Service - 10pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

CRAFT STALLS – GRAND RAFFLE – TOMBOLA – BOOKS – BRIC-A-BRAC - CAKE STALL - REFRESHMENTS AND MORE!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We would be very grateful of donations of books and Bric a brac for our Christmas Fair. These can be left in the box at the back of church from the beginning of October.

We will also be having a grand raffle and any prizes for this would be most welcome, along with small items such as chocolates and sweets, and anything else suitable for the tombola. Thank you!

