

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
APRIL – MAY 2026**

Love God – Love People – Follow Jesus

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DIARY

Our Easter Day service will be held in the chancel but we are then planning to move back into the Chapel for a few more weeks until the weather is warmer.

Services for Holy Week

Thursday 2nd April **Maundy Thursday** - 7.00 pm Maundy Communion

Friday 3rd April **Good Friday** - 2.00 pm Hour at the Cross

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

5.30 am *Easter Sunrise Service for the Cluster at Freiston Shore*

11.00 am Holy Communion for Easter Day

Online Service available on Facebook and Youtube from 11am

Sunday 12th April – Easter 2 (Low Sunday)

6.30 pm Evening Service of the Word

Sunday 19th April – Easter 3

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sat 25th 10 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 26th April – Easter 4

6.30 pm Holy Communion (*celebrating 30 years since Rev'd Marc became Parish Priest at Fishtoft on 27/4/96*)

Sunday 3rd May – Easter 5

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sat 9th 1.30 pm Wedding of Connor and Amy in Church

Sunday 10th May – Easter 6

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Mon 11th 7.30 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thurs 14th 7.00 pm **Ascension Day** Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May – Sunday after Ascension

11.00 am Holy Communion with “Messy Church” children’s activities

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

6.30 pm Evening Service of the Word

Online Service available on Facebook and Youtube from 11am

Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

10.30 am Cluster Service of the Word at St James’ Freiston

6.30 pm Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing (Fishtoft)

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

Messy Church usually meets at the back of church during the service on the 3rd Sunday in the month for craft activities. All children are very welcome to join in.



ROADHOG youth bus parks 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. Next Fishtoft Village Stops are: 1st, 15th & 29th April and 13th & 27th May.

Drinks Can Recycling – please continue to drop off your crushed aluminium cans. This has helped us to raise £100s for the church so is really worthwhile.

We continue to collect for the **Foodbank** - donations can be left in the box at the back of church and go to help the homeless and those in need in Boston. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm

This starts with the Annual Meeting of Parishioners which is open to anyone living in the ecclesiastical parish of Fishtoft and those on the Electoral Roll, and at this meeting the Churchwardens are elected. All on the Electoral Roll are then welcome to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will follow straight on. This is an important meeting in the life of the church when new officers are elected, the accounts are received, and we look back over the past year and forward to the new. After the APCM there will be a short meeting of the newly elected PCC.

If anyone would like their name adding to electoral roll, forms will be available at the back of church after Easter and can be returned to Ruth. (If you are already on the electoral roll there is no need to complete a new form this year.)

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the Fishtoft Councillors, Helen Staples, David Scoot and Sarah Sharpe, who kindly supported us with an application for a Councillor Small Grant of £1000 towards some new pew heaters for the church. As you may well be aware we have had lots of problems recently with our gas boilers and are looking to replace the current heating system with some more energy efficient, environmentally friendly heating. We have taken advice from the Diocese and the first stage will be looking at replacing the current pew heaters in the nave and then some of the overhead heaters to hopefully enable us keep warm during services and events over the winter. This grant will enable us to purchase a couple of heaters to test them out to make sure they are effective before proceeding further.

FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**St Guthlac's Church
Fishtoft**



COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 25th April
10am to 12 noon**



**Coffee & Cakes £3
Raffle
Everyone Welcome**

Saturday 5th September 2-4pm Concert with Haven Singers: Tickets £5. More details to follow nearer the time.

Saturday 21st November – Christmas Fair: 10am – 2pm

We have room for some more crafters this year so if you know anyone who might be interested in booking a table please contact Liz Harness (see below).

Tables are available at £12 and £15

Contact (07766) 281907 for details and to book.

Donations of raffle prizes for any of our functions this year will be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.