

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
JUNE – JULY 2026**

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DIARY

Mon 1st June 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Sunday 7th June – Trinity 1

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th June - Trinity 2

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Online Service available on Facebook and Youtube from 11am

Sunday 21st June - Trinity 3/ Father's Day

11.00 am Holy Communion *with Messy Church children's activities*

Sunday 28th June – Trinity 4

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th July – Trinity 5

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sat 11th 2.00 pm Wedding of Chloe and George in Church

Sunday 12th July – Trinity 6

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 19th July – Trinity 7

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

Sat 25th July 12.00 noon – Wedding of Jacob and Clady in church. *We offer a warm invitation to any of our church friends who would like to come to the service – you would be very welcome.*

Sunday 26th July – Trinity 8

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Online Service available on Facebook and Youtube from 11am

Sunday 2nd August – Trinity 9

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.

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: 10th, 24th June and 8th, 22nd July.



Drinks Can Recycling – please continue to drop off any empty crushed aluminium cans in the bin in the church porch to raise money for church funds.

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.

APCM - RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Our APCM was held on 11th May when the church accounts were presented and reports received, outlining all the events and work undertaken since last May and looking forward to the year ahead.

We are very pleased that Christine Senior has been elected to continue as our **Churchwarden** for the coming year. We thank her for the great job she has been doing and all her hard work for the church. Christine will be sworn in as Churchwarden at a special service at the Stump on Thursday 9th July.

Other **PCC members** for this year are:

Helen Moore (Lay Reader and Deanery Synod Rep),

Christopher Moore (Treasurer and Deputy Churchwarden)

Ruth Cooper (PCC Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer)

Liz Harness (Deputy Churchwarden)

Libby Nicholson (Deputy Churchwarden)

Please feel able to approach any members of the PCC if you would like to raise any issues regarding our church.

Church Heating Update Thanks to the award of the £1,000 Councillor Small Grant from our Fishtoft Councillors, we have now installed two new pew heaters in the front pews of the nave. Early tests show they are far more effective than the old units. The PCC will now be seeking a quote to extend this to the rest of the nave, with the aim of retiring the old gas boilers which no longer work, and moving towards a more energy-efficient heating system before the winter.

Pilgrim Place network

At a PCC meeting earlier this year it was agreed that our church should join the 'Pilgrim Place' network – an initiative launched by the Archbishop of York's office, which supports our aim to be a welcoming, peaceful, safe space which offers time to relax and reflect. This will help us build on our focus on pilgrimage – through walks, the story of St Guthlac, prayer cards and resources which will encourage visitors to explore our church building and to engage with the story we tell.

- At the back of church we already have some 'Being a Pilgrim' Prayer Cards – offering simple ways to pray about everyday life and "Pilgrim Trail" leaflets which are short, illustrated trails around the church building offering simple, accessible reflections and prayers.
- We hope to build on these with additional signage both outside and inside church and the development of a quiet space outside in the churchyard.

"Pilgrimage lies at the heart of the Christian faith, reminding us that God journeys with us through every season of life. We are hopeful that these resources will help our churches welcome those exploring faith as they come into these wonderful buildings." Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York,

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Coffee Morning in April. We raised over £190 for the church, as well as it being a lovely chance to connect over a cuppa both with members of the congregation and the wider community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

"Magic of the Musicals" - Saturday 5th September 2 – 4pm
A Concert with the popular and local group The Haven Singers



Tickets £5 available on the door.

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 (07766 281907). Tables are available at £12 and £15.

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