

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2026**

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 sometime during October after the end of Creationtide.

Sunday 4th October – Feast of St Francis and the last Sunday of Creationtide

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October - Trinity 19

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Mon 12th 7.30 pm PCC Meeting

Sunday 18th October – St Luke's Day

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October - Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th 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. Please feel free to bring a chair if you wish to sit during the service.



Sunday 15th November – 2nd Before Advent

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sat 21st 10am – 2pm Christmas Fair in church

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

6.30 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

10.30 am Advent Cluster Service of Holy Communion here at Fishtoft

5.00 pm Deanery Advent Carol Service at St Botolph's (Boston Stump)

Sunday 6th December – Advent 1

11.00 am Christingle Service

An online service is available from 11am once a month via the link on our Facebook and Youtube channel. (Usually on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month.)

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 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 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 stops are 14th / 28th October and 11th / 25th November.



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.

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 and “Living Water” - God’s life-giving water flowing from the temple of God.

Thank you too for all the Harvest donations which have been taken to Centrepoin 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!

At the end of August we were treated to a concert by the **Haven Singers**, taking us through the “Magic of the Musicals” from 1919 up until much more recently with hits from “Mama Mia”. Thank you to the Haven Singers and all who helped organise the afternoon. We raised over £300 for church funds.

The Church of England’s Advent and Christmas theme for 2026 is The Gift of Christmas. This year’s campaign focuses on the first and greatest gift of all: God being born as one of us in Jesus Christ.



The Gift of Christmas invites us to join with our communities this Advent and Christmas:

- *to **celebrate** the great gift God offers to each one of us in the birth of Jesus*
- *to **receive** that gift – and all God gives to us – with gratitude and joy, and*
- *to **respond** to God’s generosity by serving others, especially those in need.*

Look out for details of all our Christmas services in the next newsletter.



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Fishtoft



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 21st November

10am to 2pm

Great selection of Craft Stalls

**Tombola, Vegetable Stall, Cake Stall,
Christmas Decorations & Gift Stall,
Grand Raffle with excellent prizes!**

Refreshments available

Everyone Welcome

