

THIS WEEK'S DIARY - December

Sun 20th 4th Sunday of Advent
Luke 1.26-38
8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Holy Communion
5.00pm Christmas Service

Mon 21st 2.00pm Advent Course via Zoom

Wed 23rd 10.30am Said Holy Communion

Thu 24th **Christmas Eve**
Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14
11.30pm Holy Communion

Fri 25th **Christmas Day** –
Isaiah 9.2-7; Luke 2.1-20

Sun 27th **John the Baptist**
1 John 1; John 21.19b-25
10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Wed 30th 10.30am Said Holy Communion

Sun 3rd January 1st Sunday after Christmas
Isaiah 61.1-62.3; Luke 2.22-40.
8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Holy Communion

Rotas for 20th December

Sidespeople: 8.00am Kevin Dawson
10.00am Peter Hilton
5.00pm Joy Elliman & Dorothy Harriss

Readers: 8.00am Kevin Dawson
10.00am Fowler Family
5.00pm Christmas Service

Rota for 24th Dec. 11.30 pm

Sidespeople: 11.30 Kevin Dawson & Peter Hilton

Reader: 11.30 Kate Brown

Rota for 25th December

Sidespeople: Janis Hewitt & Kay Bunn

Reader: Nigel Bacon

Rotas for 27th December

Sidespeople: 10.00am Peter Hilton

Reader: 10.00am Roger Green

Rotas for 3rd January

Sidespeople: 8.00am Anne Guthrie
10.00am Peter Hilton

Readers: 8.00am Anne Guthrie
10.00am Henry Roberts

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: *Deadline 6 pm Thursday. Items for the next newsletter on January 3rd, to be sent to Dorothy Harris, tel 218743, hard copy to 1 The Orchard, email Dorothy@Harriss.me.uk*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 2020

Another online quiz is proposed for Saturday, 9th January 2021 – details to follow.

The Green School is currently closed.

Greeting Cards: Pam Pearson and Greg Ford make very attractive cards which are on sale at the back of Church; proceeds to the fabric & maintenance fund.

Website: Visit www.stguthlacs.org.uk to see the latest photos and info. Email items for the site or update your group's posting via dave@thehandfamily.co.uk

Floodlighting: Why not have church floodlit to mark a birthday or anniversary in a unique way? Contact Kay 349021: £10 per evening.

Memorial Book: Commemorate a loved one who has passed away. Their name and date of birth is recorded on their date of death; then you can view the entry in the book on that day each year. Forms available online or in Church and the fee is £25.

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ST GUTHLAC'S PARISH NEWS



December 20th – 4th Sunday of Advent

Preacher: Rev George Holding

Intercessors: Anne Guthrie and Elizabeth Gray

December 27th – John the Baptist

Preacher: Kate Brown, Intercessor: Jim Pringle

Welcome to all our services as we anticipate and then celebrate our Saviour's birth this Christmastide.

We hope to see as many of you as are able at 5pm today for our special Christmas Service when we will hear the Christmas story and more through Bible Readings, poetry and music. Please note that next Sunday, 27th December there will be just one service at 10.00 am.

Tomorrow: Advent Bible Study Group: Journeying from Darkness to Light: The final session of this online course is at 2pm tomorrow (duration about 45 mins). If you wish to join by Zoom please speak to Kate Brown, email kabstg@btinternet.com or phone 01778 343981

Christmas Cards: Once more we have our board available for you to send greetings with just one card to all your friends in St Guthlac's and also the opportunity to support the work of WaterAid - see the article p.7 of the December magazine. Kindly place envelopes with donations to WaterAid in the wall safe by the main door. Thank you.

Our Christmas Treeplease make a decoration to hang on the tree, bring into church at any time during opening to maintain social distancing and hang on the tree. You can continue to bring decorations through to Christmas and there will be Christmas planters of flowers on the window sills, eco-friendly and some of them will be available to purchase at New Year.

Ted Roberts: Kate and the family thank all those who have sent cards and messages and held us in their prayers; we have felt the warmth of your love sustain us. Ted's funeral will be on December 23rd at South Lincolnshire Crematorium and unfortunately numbers are very limited but we hope to hold a celebration of his life and ministry at some point in the future.

Murder Mystery Trail – no 2: We thank Kate Brown for the first trail and now this fun activity, for families or groups of friends, can be tried again with version 2 – follow the clues round Deeping and find out who the murderer is. (Market Deeping could earn a reputation here!) Minimum donation £2 and sheets with more directions and clues available from Kate. (Answer to the first trail is on page 23 of the December magazine)

Online Quiz: Make a note in your diary of our next Zoom quiz on **Saturday 9th January, 7.30pm**. Details to follow.

Church's Eco Group: Are you interested in joining the Church's Eco Group. If so contact Georgie Gray on georginiamhgray@hotmail.com

Church is open each day until 5 pm. Please come in to be still in God's presence, to pray or to explore the building.

Sales: Do keep on buying **books & jigsaws**. Put cash in an envelope (in the wall safe) or visit the website www.stguthlacs.org.uk & follow link to Give a Little

Plastic Milk Bottle Tops: Jill Gibb is now collecting these for the Lincs Air Ambulance via Bourne Toys. Also, in Queensgate the toiletries and makeup shop Lush takes them to recycle into product containers.

St. Guthlac's Church needs you! Due to the coronavirus, we need some new people to be our crucifer and server during the Sunday 10am service. We are also looking for a video editor for our online services and another vergier to assist at funerals. Can you help? Please give it some thought and speak with Rev George for more details.