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Sun 19th	4th Sunday of Advent Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 8.00am Said Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Holy Communion & Nativity 5.00pm Service of Nine Lessons with Carols
Wed 22 nd	10.30am Said Holy Communion
Thu 23 rd	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Fri 24 th	Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
Sat 25 th	Christmas Day 10.00am All Age Holy Communion
Sun 26th	St Stephen Acts 7.521-end; Luke 3.7-18 10.00am Said Holy Communion

The Office of Morning Prayer is said Monday - Saturday at 9am and that of Evening Prayer Monday - Friday at 5pm.

Rotas for 19th December

Sides-	8.00am Kevin Dawson
people:	10.00am Janis Hewitt, Keith & Chris Warren 5.00pm Kay & Henry Roberts, Janis Hewitt, Kevin Dawson
Readers:	8.00am Kevin Dawson 10.00am Chloe Fowler 5.00pm As arranged

Sidespeople for 24th December

11.30pm Pete Hilton, Gordon Tyler, Anne Guthrie

Sidespeople for 25th December

10.00am Janis Hewitt, Joy Elliman, Anne Guthrie

Sides people for 26th December

10.00am Two from Team 4

Reader: 10.00am Julie Bacon

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Deadline 6pm Thursday; hard copy to Dorothy Harriss, 1 The Orchard, MD; email dorothy@harriss.me.uk or ring 218743

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 2nd January: Revd Annie Billson joins us at 10am to take her first service for us

Sunday 23rd January: Churches Together United Service, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Priory Church, DSJ, 6pm

Green School: Visit the Church website to book our hall, www.stguthlacs.org.uk then click the link to Our Church Hall. Thanks.

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.

Floodlighting: Mark a birthday or anniversary in a unique way – sponsor the floodlights, £10 per evening. Contact Kay 349021.

Website maintenance: Lorna Mellowes now updates our website. Send news via melloweslorna@gmail.com

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ST GUTHLAC'S PARISH NEWS



December 19th 2021: 4th Sunday of Advent

Nativity: Kate Brown; Prayers: Daniel Fowler

Today's 10am Service is being live streamed to Facebook.
Only those leading the service will be on the screen.

Welcome to our All Age Holy Communion with Nativity. Thanks to those who've come dressed as a character from the story and those who've taken advantage of our dressing-up box! Let's make this as joyful a service as possible.

Then today at 5pm we have our Service of Nine Lessons with Carols, with bible readings, carols, choir pieces and prayers – a feast for the ears! Please come back this afternoon to sing many of your favourite carols and hear the story of Jesus Christ's birth.

Facemasks in Church:

In line with the latest regulations from the Government and Church of England, facemasks are now required to be worn in church at all times. Exemptions apply for those with certain health conditions and children under the age of 11. Please help us all to keep safe by complying with this.

Advent Study Group: Our final session covers the life story of Abigail which you'll find in 1 Samuel chapter 25. Using guidance notes from Kate, we will each consider the lessons we can learn.

Christmas Eve: Take the opportunity to have your first Holy Communion of Christmas by coming along to our service at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day: Our joyful, festive All Age Holy Communion this morning includes the opportunity for you to have one of your unwrapped gifts blessed during the service. Please bring visiting family and friends with you, as all are welcome!

We are delighted Revd Annie Billson will take on the part-time role of Interim Priest in Charge for St. Guthlac's Church, covering Revd George's maternity leave from January-August. She will support the Parish pastorally & lead most of the services, though she will not be in Deeping the first week of each month. Revd George intends to resume her full-time role as Rector early in September. Please keep them both in your prayers, as they do you. Contact Revd Annie by emailing priest@stguthlacs.org.uk

WaterAid: We are supporting this important charity again by buying one Christmas card to send to our church family and donating money saved to its vital work. Read about it on the display board, pin up your card and use an envelope for your donation. Thanks.

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