

**ST GUTHLAC'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2020**

Love God – Love People – Follow Jesus

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Online Services:

Sundays 11.00 am – Spiritual Communion at home and online
via Facebook or YouTube (links can be found on the
home page of our website)

Wednesdays 8.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) via Zoom – please
let us know if you would like to receive the email
invites for these.

DIARY

Sunday 6th September – Creationtide 1 – “Love Your Neighbour”

11.00 am Holy Communion

Tues 8th Funeral of David West (*The church will therefore be closed in the morning. Please note that the service is limited to those already invited by the family but we will open the church in the afternoon from 2-5pm for people to come in and say a prayer and remember David.*)

Sat 12th 2.00 pm Wedding

Sunday 13th September – Creationtide 2 – “Protecting the Commons”

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 20th September – Creationtide 3 – HARVEST “Enough for our need not our greed”

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September – Creationtide 4 – “The Gift of Water”

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October – Creationtide 5 – Feast of St Francis – “Creation Spirituality”

11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 18

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 18th October – Trinity 19 – St Luke’s

11.00 am Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

Sunday 25th October – Trinity 20 – Bible Sunday

6.30 am Holy Communion

RoadHoG – Please pray for RoadHoG which will be coming to Fishtoft playing field 8.15 – 8.45pm on the following Wednesdays: September 2nd, 16th and 30th and October 14th and 28th.

We are delighted to hear that **Helen Moore** has been accepted for training as a Diocesan Reader. We pray for Helen as she starts this training and offer her all our support and encouragement. Congratulations Helen!

SANCTUM The church is usually open Mon – Sat for personal prayer, quiet and reflection. (Closed on Thursday mornings for a midweek clean)

ROTAS If you would like to volunteer for sides person's duties, reading or cleaning please sign the list at the back of church. Although we obviously welcome your help please do not feel under any obligation, even if you used to be on the rota, as we know that things are very different at the moment.

A final push for knitted **poppies** for the display planned for Remembrance. These need to be dropped off at church by mid October please.

Fundraising. Sadly we are still unable to return to our usual social and fundraising events for the foreseeable future. These obviously were a major source of income for the church and will be greatly missed both for social and financial reasons. We will continue to meet in the main nave of the church while social distancing regulations are in place, so our heating bill for the winter is going to be considerably higher than when we can move into the community room and we will need to try and raise enough money to cover these increased heating costs (as well as wrapping up warmly!).

We are very grateful to all those who continue to support our church financially either through regular direct debit giving, the envelope scheme or donations in the plate at the back of church. Thank you all so much – it is very much appreciated and helps towards our mission and ministry in the parish as well as maintaining the church building.

We continue to roll out our new Parish Giving Scheme and if you would like further details on this please contact David Blake, our Treasurer. We have packs available with more information in them if you are interested in joining.

Email davidblake111@btinternet.com

Or alternatively, if you are unable to email, please speak to Marc.



VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 12th October 2020 7.00 pm

As you know the APCM normally takes place in April but had to be cancelled this year due to the lockdown. We are now able however to go ahead. Proceedings start with the Vestry Meeting which is open to all parishioners and those on the Electoral Roll, and at this meeting the Churchwardens are elected. All on the Electoral Roll are then invited to remain for the APCM

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 you would like your name to be added on the Electoral Roll (which means you can vote on church matters, attend the APCM and stand for election to the PCC) please fill in a form at the back of church and return to Ruth Cooper by 27th September. If you are already on the Electoral Roll there is no need to fill in a new form this year.

HARVEST AND CREATIONTIDE - Our Harvest Holy Communion will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 20th September. Offerings of tinned or dried food will be gratefully received to be distributed to those in need in Boston.



We will once again use the time around Harvest to celebrate our Creator God. The theme for this year's **Creationtide** is "Jubilee for Creation".

During Lent we started collecting for the work of **ActionAid** – an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty, particularly in their campaign against "period poverty". Please can you bring in any donations you have between now and Harvest on 20th September and hopefully we will finally be able to send these off to the charity. Many thanks for your support.

DAVID WEST, who died unexpectedly on 12th August was a real fixture of Fishtoft church – his sense of humour and the often (exaggeratedly) lugubrious conversations we had were always interesting and often showed his sharp wit. He could be massively supportive (and occasionally infuriating!), but he always tried to have the best interests of the Gospel of Christ, and Fishtoft church at heart. It is impossible to say in a few words all that David did for, and meant to, St Guthlac's, where he met Jean bellringing in the 1960s. It was and remains his spiritual home. Please remember him, and John-William, Mary and Emily-Rose in your prayers, as well as his wider family. He will be greatly missed indeed. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory. Rev'd Marc Cooper.