

**All Saints of Lincolnshire  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church Lincoln.**

Charity Number: 1205990

**Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.**

St Matthias Church Centre

Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX

Parish Priest: Archimandrite Philip.

**Come and See!**

**No 235**

**December 2025**

**From Fr. Philip:**



**Harvest Barn Dance:**

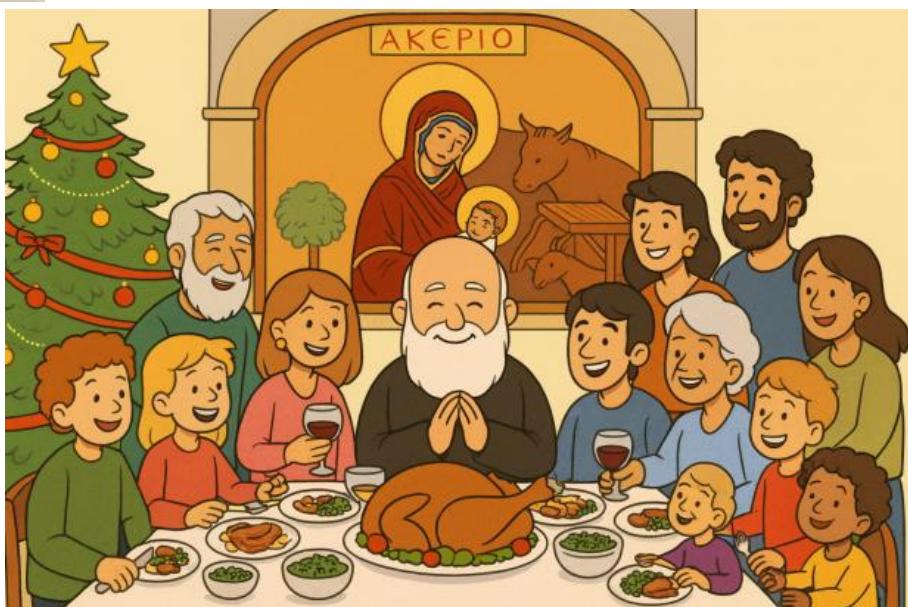
By all accounts the Harvest Festival Barn Dance was very successful and enjoyable. Watch this space for next year's Harvest Festivities (Saturday 17th October next year – put it in your diary now!).

If you have ideas for other Pilgrimages, parties or events please let me know.

**Christmas Lunch:**

**Now is the time to sign up for the  
Christmas Bring and Share Lunch.**

This will take place after the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day (i.e. about 12.30pm). In past years there has been a wonderful array of foods from round the world. What is traditional for you? Bring that!



# CHRISTMAS FAIR



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## **Christmas Season.**

Contrary to popular view Christmas starts after Great Vespers on 24<sup>th</sup> December. The Afterfeast continues until 31<sup>st</sup> December. This is followed by the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord on 1<sup>st</sup> January. This is followed by the Feast of Theophany on 6<sup>th</sup> January. A lesser festal period then continues until 2<sup>nd</sup> February (The Presentation) which marks the end of the Nativity Season.

There is, therefore, PLENTY of time to celebrate so please don't anticipate the Feast.

## **Festival Weekend: 17 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

This is to celebrate the buying of our Church buildings. The Anglican Bishop of Lincoln is invited along with the Archdeacon of Lincoln and Protestant and Catholic clergy from the area.

The Metropolitan will be coming, and the Mosaic Choir will hold a concert the evening of 17<sup>th</sup>. We need to have accommodation for the choir – do you have a spare bed for one night (Fr. Philip will be accommodating 4 people plus the Metropolitan). There will be about 14 altogether so we will need accommodation for about 10 women. They charge nothing for their concert.

Saturday 8am: Episcopal Divine Liturgy

Saturday 5pm: Great Vespers

Saturday after Vespers: Concert, Bring and Share Supper

Sunday 10am: Episcopal Divine Liturgy followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

## **Next Catechism group:**

This will begin after Pascha (Easter) 2026. You can begin asking Fr. Philip to be added to the Group.



## Cleaning Team:

Church cleaning is not the most romantic or exciting of tasks, but it is,



nevertheless, an important weekly job. Some weeks we only have two people cleaning. If you can manage an hour in the week (or preferably on Friday between 8.30 and 10am) then that would be great.

Men and women can BOTH be involved. There is vacuuming,

washing down, spider hunting, cleaning icons, removing wax on the floors, polishing, maintaining the lamps, cleaning toilets etc.

## Sunday Breakfast.



**More people needed!**

**Perhaps this is something you can do too?**

- Heating the oven
- Prepare and serve hot drinks
- Put out food,
- Clear tables
- Wipe down surfaces

- Washing up and stacking the dishwasher.

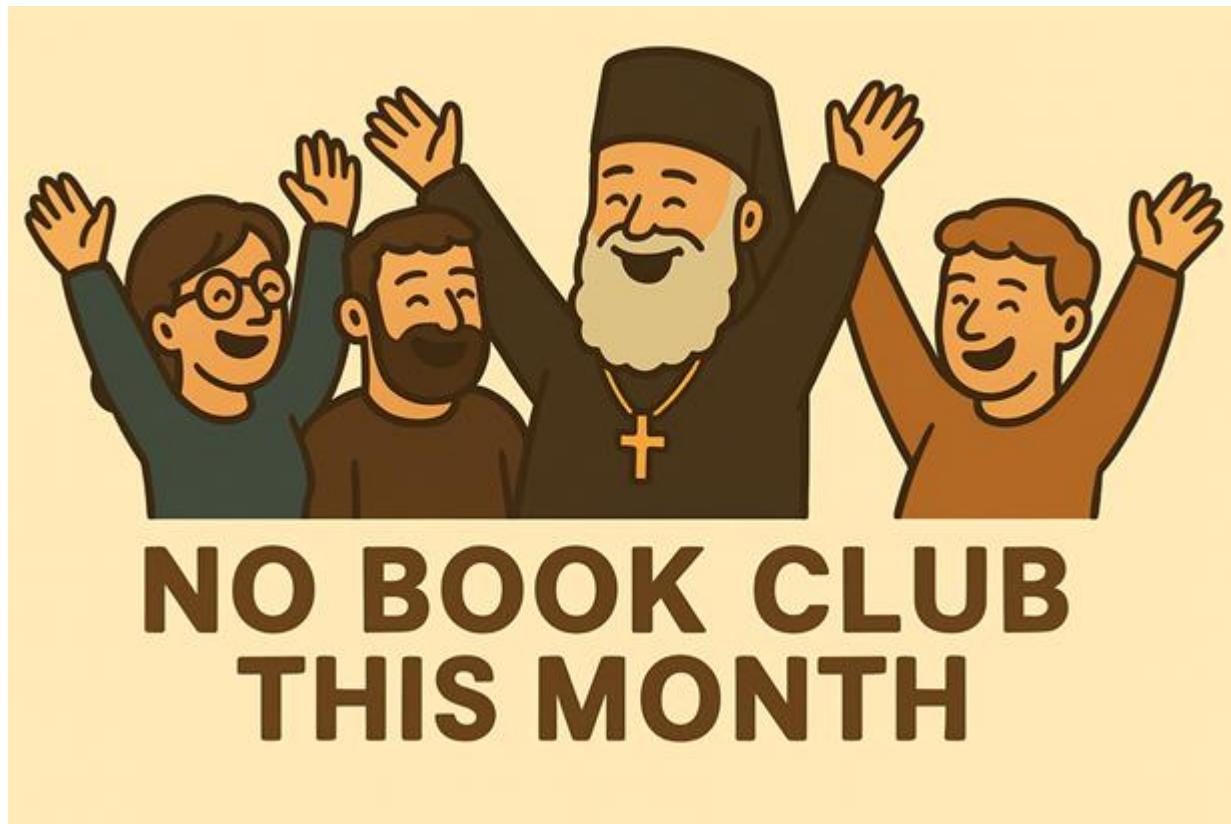
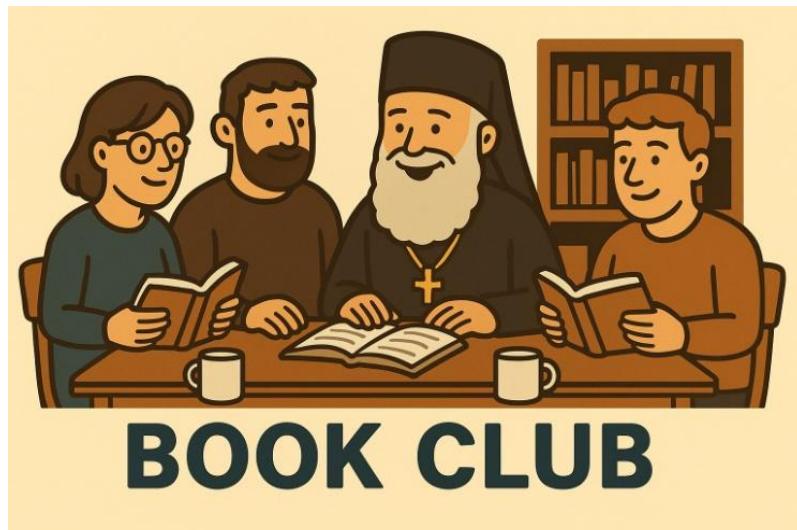
See Fr Philip for more details!

**Safeguarding** is about making sure we are all safe from people who may harm us. We can be harmed in many ways: look out for each other. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. See it – report it!





**20<sup>th</sup> December: Farmers' Market:**  
This takes place in the car park from 9am to 12noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. **Lots of wonderful foods!**



**There will be no Book Club in December.**

**(Actually we will meet as if for November on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December)**



Orthodox Christian  
Home Educators UK

# Northern Community Meet

Grace Baptist Church, Foils  
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**SAT 24th JANUARY 1PM - 4:30PM**

Are you Orthodox Christian and  
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Join our first fellowship meeting where  
we'll be teaching and learning about the  
first 500 years of Church history.

Presentations by families, interspersed  
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All ages and abilities welcome.  
We plan on meeting 4 times a year.

**RSVP [ayumi@yescards.org](mailto:ayumi@yescards.org)**

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## Services and Events in December:

### Weekday Services at 78 Jasmin Road, LN6 0YR

#### **Matins:**

7.30am Monday,  
6.30am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

#### **Vespers:**

5pm: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

#### **At the Church:**

Weekday Wednesday service (check below) 6pm at the Temple.  
Thursday 11am: Molieben or some other prayers of intercession at the Temple.  
Friday 8.30am to 11am Church cleaning (volunteers needed and welcome)  
Saturdays 8am: Divine Liturgy most Saturdays. Followed by breakfast.  
Saturdays 5pm: Great Vespers, preceded by Confessions.  
Sundays 10am: Divine Liturgy. This is preceded by Great Matins starting at about 9.20am.

**3<sup>rd</sup> December: Wednesday 6pm Vespers followed by vegan supper.**

Veneration of the relic of St Babara and anointing.

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Thursday 11am Moleiben in the St Arsenios' Chapel.

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Friday 8.30am Church cleaning. Volunteers needed.

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday 8am Divine Liturgy followed by Breakfast. St Nicholas of Myra (Santa Claus).

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday 5pm Great Vespers.

**7<sup>th</sup>: Sunday 10am Divine Liturgy. Procession of the Icon of St Nicholas.**

**10<sup>th</sup>:** Wednesday 6pm Vespers Veneration of the relic and anointing.  
Followed by vegan supper.

**11<sup>th</sup>:** Thursday 11am Moleiben in the St Arsenios' Chapel.

**11<sup>th</sup>:** 6pm Divine Liturgy. St Spiridon the Wonderworker.

**12<sup>th</sup>:** Friday 8.30am Church cleaning. Volunteers needed. Fasting becomes stricter from today. No fish until Christmas Day.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** NO LITURGY TODAY AS FR. PHILIP IS TEACHING IN BIRMINGHAM.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers.

**14<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday 10am Divine Liturgy.** Sunday of the Forefathers.

**17<sup>th</sup>:** Wednesday 6pm Vespers followed by vegan supper.

**18<sup>th</sup>:** Thursday 11am Moleiben in the St Arsenios' Chapel.

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Friday 8.30am Church cleaning. Volunteers needed.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday 8am Divine Liturgy followed by vegan Breakfast.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers.

**21<sup>st</sup>:** **Sunday 10am Divine Liturgy. Forefeast of the Nativity.**  
**Sunday of the Righteous.**

**24<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday 4pm Nativity Vespers and blessing of Gifts**  
**25<sup>th</sup>: Thursday 10am Divine Liturgy. Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. No fasting until Theophany (6<sup>th</sup> January) followed by a bring and share lunch.**

**26<sup>th</sup>: Friday 8.30am Church cleaning. Volunteers needed.**

**27<sup>th</sup>: Saturday 8am Divine Liturgy followed by Breakfast.**

**27<sup>th</sup>: Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers.**

**28<sup>th</sup>: Sunday 10am Divine Liturgy. Sunday after the Nativity.**

**31<sup>st</sup>: Wednesday 10pm. All Night Vigil, Divine Liturgy, Anointing before the Relic of St Basil and followed by breakfast.**



## Standing Order Form.

To the Manager

Bank Address:


I/we hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our

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### Account Details

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And credit

The Orthodox Community of All Saints of Lincolnshire, 33-35 High Street, Grantham, NG31 6PH, Lincolnshire.

Sort Code: 20 34 60	Account: 70353175
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Quoting reference: All Saints of Lincolnshire.

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\* Please ensure that the actual name on/of the account is included in this box so that we can accurately match your payment to our records.

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# Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN



It is now **12 years and 7 months** since ISIS kidnapped Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN.

## PRAY LOVE FORGIVE

The world is full of conflict now – do not add to it.

Also please keep in your prayers the peoples of Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan, Sudan, Yemen, Chile, and Somalia who suffer through conflict and civil war, for the sick, bereaved, and

homeless here in Lincolnshire and abroad and all who have asked for our prayers unworthy though we are.

**Remember to give thanks for all the good that is happening too.**

Rachel's Vineyard: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/home>

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time.





## **Metropolitan SILOUAN**

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<http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/comeandsee>

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**Newsletter Editor:** Fr. Philip.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ArchimandritePhilip/videos>

**Safeguarding Officer for Lincoln:** Emma Lambert.

Dn. Panayotis is continuing to help E-Quip candidates think about their essays and with finding sources etc. If you want help please talk to him after the Liturgy.

E-Quip ONLINE:

<https://tinyurl.com/E-Quip-Audio>(Audio (only) recordings of the lectures in the Orthodox Faith and Life Course: "E-Quip." Some of these recordings are somewhat shorter than the full transcripts available on the E-Quip website but are for the most part complete.

## All Saints of Lincolnshire, Lincoln.

Application for Membership of the Electoral Roll.

**PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS**

Full Name: .....

Full Address: .....

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Phone Number(s) .....

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Please tick each box:

I declare that:

- I am aged 18 years or over.
- I am a baptised and /or Chrismated member of the Orthodox Church.
- I am NOT a member of another parish or Orthodox Community.
- I am normally resident in U.K., Northern Ireland, or the Republic of Ireland.
- I declare that the above answers are true, and I apply of inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll as an official member of this parish.
- I would like to receive the Newsletter
- I consent to my address and details being kept for clergy use only.
- I would like to receive the Newsletter electronically

Signed: ..... Date: .....

**Please return this to Fr. Philip.**

## Barnardo's Boxes:

We fill shoe boxes with gifts for young men and women who have left care. Please see Eleni Simpson about this. NEW clothing please: hats, scarves, gloves, T-shirts (black), socks. You can get a print-out from Eleni with details.

## Christmas Orthodox Hymn

*to the tune of “God rest ye Merrie Gentlemen”.*

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,  
Has brought us heav'nly light;  
For those who once sought  
wisdom

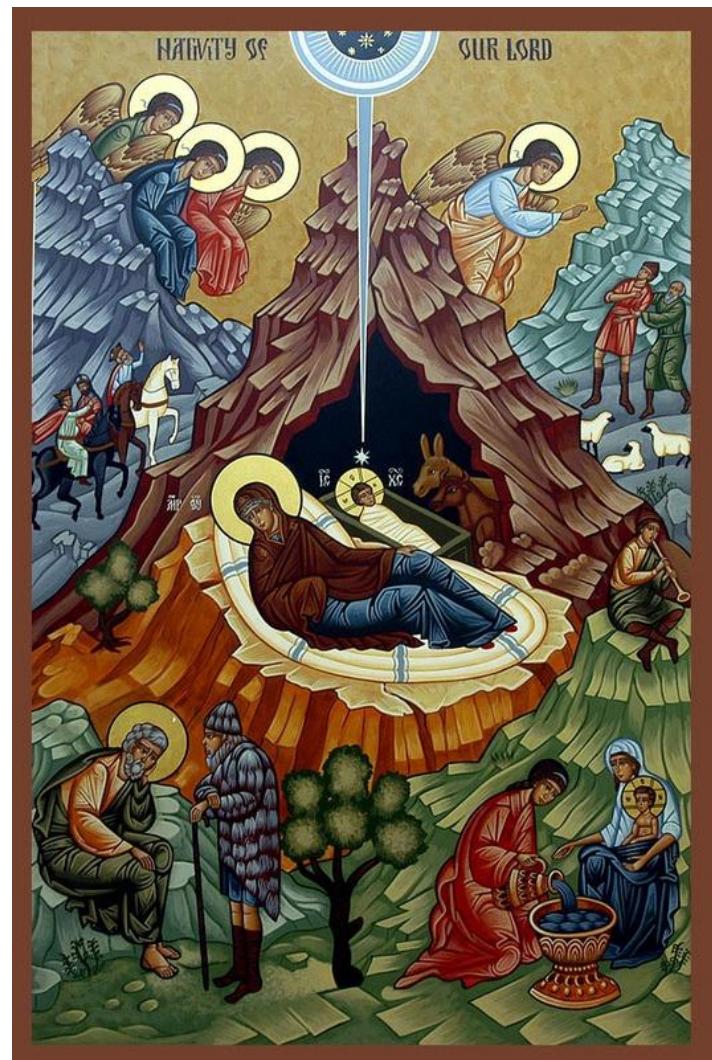
In stars of ancient night,  
Were led unto the Righteous  
Sun

By Thine appearing bright.  
O tidings of glory and praise,  
Glory and praise;  
O tidings of glory and praise!

For Christ is born! Make glad,  
you righteous,  
Rejoice, you heav'ns on high;  
Let mountains leap for holy joy,  
For God draws ever nigh.

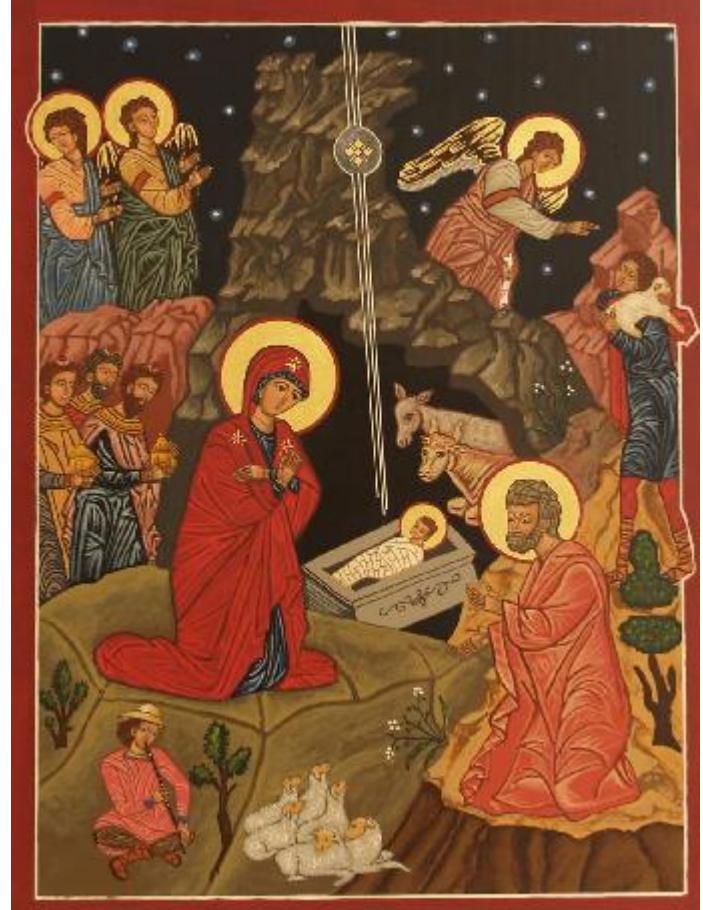
The Virgin bears the Word  
made flesh,

The Lord of earth and sky.  
O tidings of glory and praise,  
Glory and praise;  
O tidings of glory and praise!



The shepherds glorify the Child,  
The wise their treasures bring;  
The angel hosts in wonder praise  
Our ever-living King.  
O Lord beyond all knowing, we  
Thy name in glory sing.  
O tidings of glory and praise,  
Glory and praise;  
O tidings of glory and praise!

The Lord sends forth His mighty rod  
From Zion's holy hill;  
He rules within the midst of foes  
And works His sovereign will.  
The radiance of His holiness  
Shines at His birth fulfilled.  
O tidings of glory and praise,  
Glory and praise;  
O tidings of glory and praise!





**May God bless you with a happy and Holy  
Christmas Season!**

Archimandrite Philip +

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>
Dec-11	6pm	Liturgy St Spyridon
Dec-24	4pm	Christmas Vespers
Dec-25	10am	Christmas Liturgy and Bring and Share Lunch
Dec-31	10pm	All Night Vigil for St Basil. Ending in Breakfast.

## **2026**

Jan 5	6pm	Divine Liturgy for Theophany
Jan 6	11am	Theophany Blessing of the Brayford. "Spoons" Lunch
Jan 17	5.30pm	Mosaic Choir and Parish Festival
Jan 18	10am	Episcopal Liturgy
Feb 2	9am	Divine Liturgy – Meeting of our Lord. Presentation.
Feb 15	10am	Meatfare Sunday.
Feb 22	10am	Cheesefare: Pancake Party in Church.
Feb 22	5pm	Canon of St Andrew. Start of Gt. Lent.
Feb 26	6pm	Presanctified Liturgy (this is repeated weekly)
March 1	10am	Sunday Of Orthodoxy
April 4	2pm	Reception of Converts
April 5	6pm	Beginning of Great Week. Bridegroom Matins
April 9	10am	Lord's Supper Liturgy
April 9	6pm	Unction Service
April 10	Various	Great Friday
April 11	10am	Earthquake service
April 11	11.30pm	Pascal Services
April 12	1pm	Parish Pascal Lunch. Bring and Share.
May 20	6pm	Divine Liturgy. Ascension. Constantine and Helena
May 31	10am	Pentecost: Barbeque. Flags go up.

June 7	10am	All Saints. Apostles fast starts after Vespers
June 21	10am	All Saints of Lincolnshire. Procession.
June 28	4pm	Afternoon Tea and vespers in the Monastery Garden
July 19	10am	St Seraphim. Veneration of relic.
August 5	6pm	Divine Liturgy Transfiguration
August 9	10am	St Matthias. Procession. Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Mother of God of Egmanton. Bring and share lunch. Entertainment.
August 22	All day	
Aug 28-31		TMES Summer School in Walsingham
Sept 8	10am	Divine Liturgy. Nativity of the Theotokos
Sept 26	10 – 12	Macmillan Fund Coffee Morning
Sept 30	6pm	Divine Liturgy Protection of the Mother of God
Oct 9	6pm	Divine Liturgy. St James son of Alpheus
Oct 17	5pm	Harvest Festival Vespers and Entertainment
Nov 15		Nativity Fast Starts
Nov 28	10 – 2pm	Christmas Fair
Dec 24	4pm	Christmas Vespers
Dec 25	10am	Christmas Liturgy and Bring and Share Lunch
Dec 31	10pm	All Night Vigil for St Basil. Ending in Breakfast.

Sundays	10am	Divine Liturgy followed by bring and share lunch
Wed	6pm	Vespers (unless a feast) followed by soup supper
Thurs	11am	Moleiben followed by coffee
Fri	8am	Cleaning until 10.30 followed by coffee
Sat	6.50pm	Orthros
Sat	8am	Divine Liturgy followed by breakfast