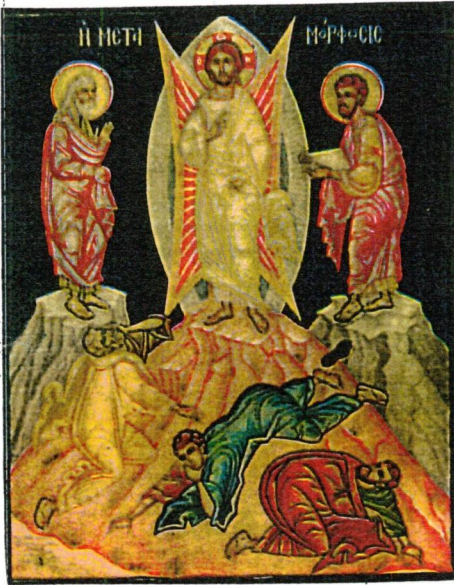


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COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

AUGUST 2020



AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of our Lord
and God and Saviour Jesus Christ
Dismissal Hymn. Grave Tone

O THOU who wast transfigured upon the mountain, Christ our God, and shewedst to thy disciples thy glory, as they were able to bear it: kindle thine everlasting light even upon us sinners, by the intercessions of the Mother of God. O Giver of Light, glory be to thee.

Kontakion

UPON the mountain wast thou transfigured, O Christ our God, and thy disciples, as far as they were able, beheld thy glory: so that, when they should see thee crucified, they might understand thy suffering to be of thy own will, and might proclaim to the world that thou art verily the glorious light of the Father:

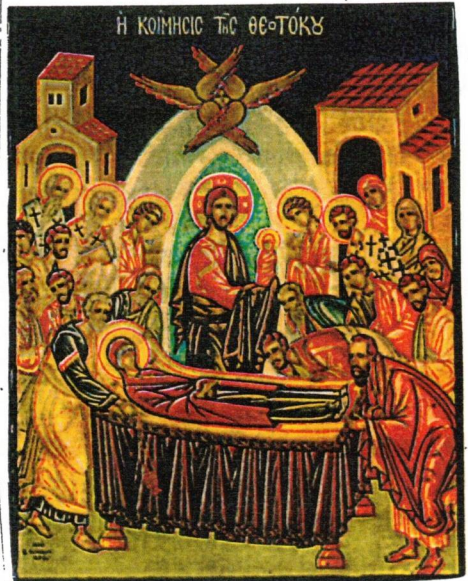
AUGUST 15

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady,
the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary
Dismissal Hymn. First Tone

IN giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity: in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Mother of God. Thou art passed over into Life, who art the Mother of Life, and by thy intercessions dost deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion

NEITHER grave nor death had power over the Mother of God, who resteth not in her intercessions and is a hope that faileth not in her protection: for the Mother of Life hath been brought into Life by Him who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb.

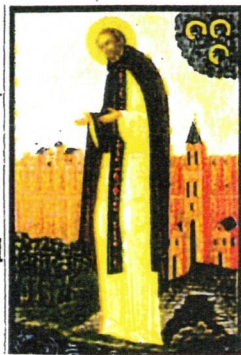


British Orthodox Saints Commemorated in August

- 01 Cennydd (Kenneth) of Llangennithi (6th)
Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester and Father of Monks
- 02 Alfreda of Crowland, Virgin
Plegmund, Archbishop of Canterbury
Sidwell, Virgin Martyr
- 05 Oswald, King and Martyr
- 06 Hardulph, Hermit
- 08 Ultan Abbot of Crayke
- 10 Bettelin of Stafford, Hermit
- 12 Janbert, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 13 Wigbert, Abbot and Missionary
- 14 Werenfrid, Missionary
- 17 James, the Deacon of York
- 19 Credan, Abbot of Evesham
Sebald, Hermit
- 20 Edbert of York, Monk
Oswin, King and Martyr
- 22 Arnult, of Eynesbury, Hermit
Ethelgitha, of Northumbria, Abbess
Sigfrid, Abbot of Wearmouth
- 23 Ebbe the Younger and her Companion Martyrs
- 24 Bregwine Archbishop of Canterbury
- 25 Ebbe the Elder, Abbess of Coldingham
- 26 Ninian, Bishop of Whithorn
Pandwynna of Eltisley, Virgin
- 27 Decuman, Hermit and Martyr
- 29 Edwold of Cerne, Hermit
Sebbe, King of the East Saxons, Monk
Willeic, Abbot and Missionary
- 30 Bumon, Irish Missionary, Bishop
- 31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne
Cuthburgh and Cwenburgh, Abbesses of Wimborne
Eanswyth, Abbess of Folkestone

Troparion of St. Fursey

Establishing thy monastery in a Roman Fortress
Thou didst teach men that the Orthodox faith is
A true bastion against the onslaughts of every
Evil force O Father Fursey
Wherefore pray to God for us that we may all be
Bastions of the faith standing firm against the
Rising tide of falsehood, that our souls may be saved



SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH IN AUGUST

(We hope that these will be open to all)

Sat August 1st	Beginning of the Dormition Fast Vespers 4pm.
Sunday August 2nd	8th Sunday After Pentecost Translation of the Relics of Ste Stephen Divine Liturgy 10am.
Wed August 5th	Forefeast of the Transfiguration Vesperal Divine Liturgy 7pm. (St Fursey's Chapel, Neville Road)
Thurs August 6th	Transfiguration of Our Lord <i>Typika 9am. St Fursey's Chapel</i>
Sat August 8th	Vespers 4pm
Sun August 9th	9th Sunday after Pentecost <i>After Feast of the Transfiguration</i> Divine Liturgy 10am.
Friday August 14th	Forefeast of the Dormition Vespers 4pm <i>(St Fursey's Chapel).</i>
Sat August 15th	Dormition of the Theotokos Vespers 4pm.
Sun August 16th	Dormition of the Theotokos <i>(Translation of the Icon "Not made by Hands," from Edessa to Constantinople).</i> Divine Liturgy 10am.
Sat August 22nd	After Feast of the Dormition <i>(St Sigfrid of Wearmouth 688)</i> Vespers 4pm.
Sun August 23rd	11th Sunday after Pentecost Leave taking of the Dormition Divine Liturgy 10am.
Friday August 28th	Vespers 4pm for beheading of JB.

Sat August 29th	Beheading of St John, Forerunner Vespers 4pm.
Sun August 30th	12 th Sunday after Pentecost Commemoration of St John Baptist. Divine Liturgy 10am. Vespers 4pm.
Mon August 31st	Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos 530. St Aidan of Lindisfarne 651.

Daily Services in St Fursey's Chapel (Neville Road)

These are usually 3rd hour, 9am plus reading from the Fathers.
Vespers 4pm. All are welcome but please ring 01692 580552 to
check that I have not been called away as sometimes happens.

COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTICES

BUILDING WORK AT THE PARISH CHURCH

As I prepare this newsletter July 15th, we look forward to
our builder coming at the weekend to begin work on the
church. Nathan comes from Wales and will be here for
two weeks and with the help of volunteers he hopes to
get most of the building done on the aisle walls up to the
window level. Needless to say we have all been affected
by the COVID-19 lockdown and although the country is
beginning to get back to the new normal, our financial
situation is very difficult and it is possible that we can
afford only one more visit by our builder, then we will
have to delay the building work until next year. The third
appeal we launched was in February was hit by the
lockdown so it had little result. But Praise God for the
progress already made.

NORWICH MARKET STALL

Last year Norwich City Council insisted that we have insurance for running the market stall which we did. They also insisted that the booking of the stall had to be done online. To book our nine dates, took Photini 5 hours because she had to go through a laborious process nine times! She did this in January and paid the rent for the whole year. Then came the lockdown and as soon as this happened the Charity Stall was demolished. We are trying to negotiate an alternative but have not succeeded yet. Hopefully, something will happen in September.

INTRODUCTORY TALKS ON ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

As mentioned last month we plan four talks.

- 1) **THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 7 PM**
"Finding the New Testament Church ..
- 2) **THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 7PM**
"New Heaven New Earth" Orthodox Worship.
- 3) **THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 7PM**
"Deification" Our Human Destiny.
- 4) **THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 7PM**
"Windows into Heaven ..." Icons

There seems to be some interest within Stalham and Norwich, so the venue details will be decided by August 15th and will appear in the September Newsletter. WATCH THIS SPACE.

A PILGRIMAGE TO BURGH CASTLE

We did not have a pilgrimage last year due to all what was going on with the building work but several people have mentioned an interest in visiting the site of St Fursey's monastery at Burgh Castle near Great Yarmouth. We are still thinking about this. Please let me know if you are interested!

COMMUNITY + PARISH Acc. April - June 2020

2019 Income	2020	2019 Expenses	2020
£8910	£2347	105 Postage	229
1139 Donations	1045	9 Iwm prints	—
120 Iwm+Bark	244	29 Chapel	195
275 Market stall	NIL*	150 Books	70
155 Coffee Mummy	NIL*	450 Fr. Ste,	450
485 Conference,	NIL*	300 Bishop	300
		545 Office,	400
		— Mis,	289
<u>3084</u>	<u>3636</u>		<u>1933</u>
* Due to COVID 19 virus		<u>2048</u>	<u>750</u>
Repayment of loan £10,000		Loan	<u>750</u>
			<u>£2683</u>

BUILDING FUND

INCOME April-June 31078

EXPENSES 2279

799

TOTAL IN BUILDING FUND £3078

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6 AUGUST

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Small Vespers

On Lord, I have cried, four stichera are sung:

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TONE FOUR

(to the special melody, Thou hast given an ensign . . .)

Come, let us rejoice, mounting up from the earth to the highest contemplation of the virtues: let us be transformed this day into a better state and direct our minds to heavenly things, being shaped anew in piety according to the form of Christ.¹ For in His mercy the Saviour of our souls has transfigured disfigured man and made him shine with light upon Mount Tabor (*twice*).

O let us who love to see and hear things past understanding, mystically behold Christ shine as lightning with the rays of divine splendour; and let us make the Father's voice resound, who proclaimed Him as His well-beloved Son.² On Mount Tabor He makes bright the weakness of man and bestows enlightenment upon our souls.

Let the assembly of all on earth and in the world above be moved to praise Christ our God, Lord both of the living and the dead.³ For when He was divinely transfigured on Tabor, the Saviour of our souls was pleased to have at His side the leaders and the preachers of both the Law and Grace.

Glory be to the Father . . . Both now . . .

TONE EIGHT

The shining cloud of the Transfiguration has taken the place of the darkness of the Law. Moses and Elijah were counted worthy of this glory brighter than light and, taken up within it, they said unto God: 'Thou art our God, the King of the ages.'

SELECTED LIVES OF THE SAINTS.

ETHELDRITHA (Alfreda, Ælfryth) (d. c.835), recluse. The daughter of Offa, king of Mercia, Etheldritha was sought in marriage by *Ethelbert, king of the East Angles. On his death, through her father's treachery, she became a hermit at Croyland c.793. There she remained for the rest of her life and was famous for her prophecies. Her tomb was among those of Croyland saints arranged round that of *Guthlac, but her relics were lost in 870 when the Danes destroyed the monastery. Such is the Croyland tradition about her, but it lacks any supporting evidence from elsewhere. Feast at Croyland: 2 August. AASS. Aug. I (1733), 173-5.

BETTELIN (2) (Bertram) of Ilam (Stafford), where a chapel, font, and well preserve his memory and where substantial fragments of his shrine survive. Very little is known about his life. It seems likely that he was an Anglo-Saxon hermit, who lived and died in this neighbourhood and was venerated locally.

Legend supplied striking but probably fictitious details, such as that he was the son of a Mercian prince, that he fell in love with an Irish princess, brought her back to England and left her in the forest in urgent need of a midwife. When he returned, a pack of wolves was devouring her, so he became a hermit for the rest of his life. This story is borrowed from the Legend of St. Bertelme of Fécamp. Feast: 10 August.

NLA. i. 162-7; Görlach, p. 67; see also B.T.A., iii. 517.

SIGFRID (1) (d. 688), abbot of Wearmouth. Nothing is known of his origins or early life, but in 686, while still a deacon, he was chosen to succeed *Eosterwine, the first abbot of Wearmouth appointed by the founder *Benedict Biscop to rule the community in his absence. Sigfrid was notable for his knowledge of Scripture, his temperance, and obedience. Unfortunately he also had a weak constitution and died of a lung disease after Benedict's return in 686, on 22 August, 688. *Bede is the authority for this date: a cult at Wearmouth and Jarrow is certain, following *Ceolfrith's translation of his relics.

Baedae Opera Historica (ed. C. Plummer, 1956), i. 364-404; ii. 355-77; J. F. Webb and D. H. Farmer, *The Age of Bede* (1983).

BREGOWINE (d. 764), archbishop of Canterbury. Reputedly a Continental Saxon who became a monk in England after attending the school founded by *Theodore, he became archbishop in 761. He received the pallium from Pope Paul I. The only recorded act of his episcopate is an attempt to recover the monastery of Cookham (Berks.) from Cynewulf, king of Wessex. But there are also later references to a synod held by him. A letter of his to *Lull, archbishop of Mainz, survives. This reminds him of their friendship during a visit to Rome, regrets the loss of contact due to war, and refers to the present of a reliquary.

Like his predecessor *Cuthbert he was buried in the baptistery of Canterbury cathedral, to the intense indignation of the monks of St. Augustine's, whose ancient privilege it was to bury the archbishops in their own church. When the baptistery was destroyed by fire in 1067, the relics of Bregwine and other archbishops buried there were placed together over the vault of the north transept.

In 1121-2 a German monk named Lambert, who had friends in high places, came to Canterbury and obtained permission from the dying archbishop Ralph to transfer Bregwine's body to a monastery he planned to build in his own country. But Lambert died soon afterwards, supposedly through the saint's displeasure, and was buried at Canterbury. Bregwine's relics were translated, not to his native Germany, but to the altar of St. Gregory in the south transept of Canterbury Cathedral: this event was the occasion for the short Life by Eadmer. There is no surviving record of an early feast: Florence of Worcester placed his death on 24 August, while some 15th-century calendars record his feast on 26 August.

Life by Osbern in H. Wharton, *Anglia Sacra* (1691), i. 75-7; B. W. Scholz, 'Eadmer's Life of Bregwine'.

SEBBI (Sebbe), king of East Saxons 664-94. After the apostasy of King Sighere, Sebbi sustained bishop Jaruman of Mercia in his conversion of the East Saxons (Essex, Hertfordshire, and London). Sebbi resigned his throne and became a monk shortly before his death, being notable for his prayer, penance, and lavish almsgiving. He was buried by the north wall of the old cathedral of St. Paul, London. There seems no trace of an ancient liturgical cult; his name was added to the Roman Martyrology, presumably through Bede's account of him.