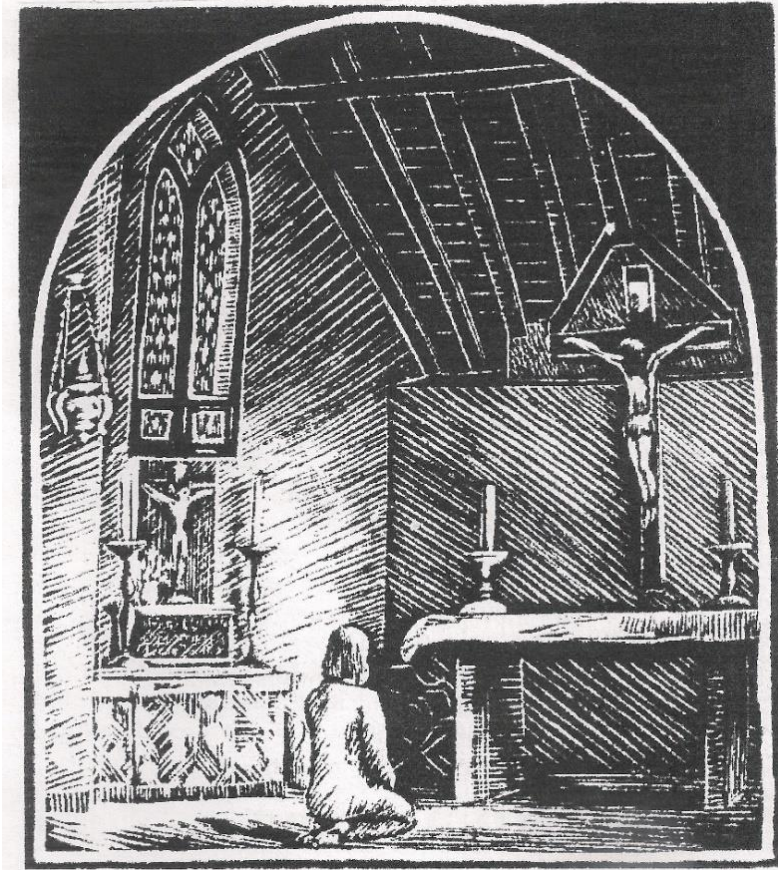


# St Julian's Church, Norwich

The Parish of St John the Baptist, Timberhill with St Julian, Norwich  
with the Friends of Julian of Norwich



## The Julian Festival 2022

### High Mass

Saturday 7 May • 10.30 a.m.

**This Mass is being livestreamed online**

With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling

We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.  
Through the unknown, unremembered gate  
When the last of earth left to discover  
Is that which was the beginning;  
At the source of the longest river  
The voice of the hidden waterfall  
And the children in the apple-tree

Not known, because not looked for  
But heard, half-heard, in the stillness  
Between two waves of the sea.  
Quick now, here, now, always—  
A condition of complete simplicity  
(Costing not less than everything)  
And all shall be well and  
All manner of thing shall be well  
When the tongues of flames are in-folded  
Into the crowned knot of fire  
And the fire and the rose are one.

*from 'Little Gidding' (1942)*  
*T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)*

# Alleluia! Christ is risen!

## Welcome to the Julian Festival.

**O**n behalf of the whole Church Family here in the parish of St John's Timberhill and St Julian's Norwich, may I welcome you very warmly to this annual festival day in honour of Julian of Norwich.

As we celebrate this festival, honouring Julian's teaching and legacy to the Church and the world, we give thanks too for the life and witness of the Friends of Julian of Norwich here and around the world, and we unite in prayer with all who come to this holy place sanctified by the presence of the Spirit of the living God, by whose power Jesus was raised from the dead. Our thanksgiving today is situated, rightly, in the context of our Eastertide rejoicing and our conviction that nothing, not even death, can ever come between us and the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As an Easter people, we not only give thanks for what is past and for what we receive from our forebears in faith, but we look forward too with joyful hope. The ongoing redevelopment of All Hallows House and the Julian Centre holds out much promise for ministry and witness in this place in the coming years, and it is good that on this festival day we unite as one family committed to working together for the flourishing of this sacred spot as a place of prayer, hospitality, education and service.

The writings and spirituality of the Lady Julian have brought strength, support and fresh inspiration to people all over the world during the trials of the pandemic: we give thanks not least for that gift today, gathered in the victory light which streams from the Cross and the Crucified.

May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Julian our patron, the Lady Julian of Norwich and all the friends of God in every age surround and uphold you, and bring you closer to the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ.

*Fr Richard*

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*Fr Richard Stanton  
Parish Priest and Priest Director*

*When the sacristy bell rings, we stand to sing the hymn as the altar party enters the church and the altar is honoured with incense.*

**God, whose city's sure foundation  
Stands upon his holy hill,  
By his mighty inspiration  
Chose of old and chooseth still  
Saints of every race and nation  
His good pleasure to fulfil.**

**Here in England through the ages,  
While the Christian years went by,  
Saints, Confessors, mystics, sages,  
Strong to live and strong to die,  
Wrote their names upon the pages  
Of God's blessed company.**

**Some there were like lamps of learning  
Shining in a faithless night,  
Some on fire with love, and burning  
With a flaming zeal for right,  
Some by simple goodness turning  
Souls from darkness unto light.**

**As we now with high thanksgiving  
Julian's blessed name record,  
Grant that we, like her, believing  
In the promise of thy word,  
May, like her, in all good living,  
Praise and magnify the Lord.**

*Cyril A. Alington 1872-1955  
Tune: Westminster Abbey (NEH 205)*

*We sign ourselves with the Cross as the celebrant says*

✠ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The celebrant reads the Introit and then greets us.*

How great is the love that the Father has shown to us.  
We were called God's children, and that is what we are, alleluia.

*1 John 3.1*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The celebrant introduces the Eucharist and then invites us to make an act of  
penitence for our failures and sins.*

In sorrow for our sins and with faith in his mercy,  
let us turn to the Lord,  
for with him there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,  
and your salvation according to your word:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*We remain standing to sing the Gloria.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
✠ in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*We remain standing as the celebrant prays the Collect.*

Let us pray.

Most Holy Lord,  
the ground of our beseeching,  
who through your servant Julian revealed the wonder of your love:  
grant that as we are created in your nature  
and restored by your grace,  
our wills may be so made one with yours,  
that we may come to see you face to face  
and gaze on you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*We sit for the Epistle, read by Josiah English, Resident Steward of All Hallows House.*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*Romans 8.31-39*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated for these verses from Psalm 84, led by Shirley Buxton,  
Chair of the Trustees of the Friends of Julian of Norwich.*

How lovely is your dwelling place.

**How lovely is your dwelling place.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs to enter your courts,  
to rejoice in the living God.

**How lovely is your dwelling place.**

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
they will never cease your praise:  
for one day in your courts  
is better than a thousand days.

**How lovely is your dwelling place.**

Blessed is the one whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are all your ways:

O Lord God of hosts,

happy the one who trusts in you.

**How lovely is your dwelling place.**

*We remain seated for a reading from the writings of the Lady Julian, read by  
Margaret Mary McFadyen, Trustee of the Friends of Julian of Norwich.*

A reading from the Revelations of Divine Love.

*Chapter 9, LT*

I am not good because of the Showings. I am only good if I love God better.  
If you love God better than I do because of it, it does you more good than



me. I do not say this to those who are wise, for they know it well, but I say it to you who are simple, to cheer and comfort you – for we all need comfort. For truly it was not shown to me that God loved me better than he loves the humblest soul that is in grace – for I am sure that there are many who never had either Sign or Showing, except for the ordinary teaching of Holy Church, who love God better than I do.

For if I look at myself alone, I am nothing. But when I think of myself and my fellow-Christians joined together by love, I have hope. For in this joining lies the life of all who shall be saved.

For God is all that is good, as I see it, and God has made all that is made, and God loves all that he has made. And he who loves all his fellow-Christians for God's sake, loves all that is. And he who loves thus, loves all.

*We stand to sing the Gradual Hymn.*

**All shall be well, for on our Easter skies  
See Christ the sun of righteousness arise;  
All shall be well: the sacrifice is made,  
The sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.**

**All shall be well, the Cross and Passion past;  
Dark night is done, bright morning comes at last.  
All shall be well: creation now is calm;  
All that he made he holds safe on his palm.**

**All shall be well: within our Father's plan  
Death has no more dominion over man.  
Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again  
'All shall be well for evermore': amen!**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)  
Tune: Woodlands (NEH 186)*

*We remain standing to acclaim the Gospel.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father:  
and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*St John 14.21*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*St Matthew 11.25-30*

Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*We sit after the reading of the Gospel for a short time of shared silence, then we stand for the Nicene Creed.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.**

**God from God, Light from Light  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation,**

**he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son:  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The celebrant introduces the Intercessions.*

As we celebrate the revelation of divine love to the Lady Julian of Norwich,  
we turn in confidence to our loving Lord  
and bring the needs of his people before him.

*We remain standing for the Prayer of the Faithful, during which we use the  
response*        Lord, hear us:  
                      **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The celebrant concludes the Intercessions with a prayer.*

Lord our God,  
may the life and writings of the Lady Julian  
inspire us in our Christian discipleship  
to grow in love of you and of our brothers and sisters,  
and to rejoice in the love you have revealed and given to the world  
in the Passion and Death of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We sit for the reception of two new Companions of Julian of Norwich, who  
join the Convenor of the Companions in the chancel.*

*The Convenor of the Companions says*

Spirit of God, breathe into us strong affection and such homely wisdom that, taught by your servant Julian, we may know that your hands hold all.



We present *NN* who desire to be Companions of Julian of Norwich.

*The Convenor asks the new Companions*

Do you undertake to follow the 'way of life of a Companion' you have received, living in the spirit of Julian?

*They reply* I do.

Which phrase from the *Revelations of Divine Love* have you chosen for your own spiritual journey?

*Each reads their chosen phrase, and the Convenor says*

May these words be a blessing to you as you journey onwards.

*Presenting the CJN medal, he continues*

Receive this medal and wear it as a sign of commitment and fellowship within the Companions of Julian, pledging your place among us in silence, prayer and loving service.

*NN*, we welcome you.

*Other Companions of Julian of Norwich who are present for this Mass now come forward to the front of the church to reaffirm their own commitment, uniting as they do so with those renewing the same commitment elsewhere this Juliantide.*

Let us recommit ourselves to a life of solitude, prayer, compassion and loving intercession, according to the teachings of Julian, and as Companions in communion with her and with one another, offering each other friendship, support, acceptance and care.

*Companions may light a candle to reaffirm their commitment, while saying the phrase chosen as their own particular focus when joining the CJNs.*

*After the candles have been lit, we all stand and the Companions remain at the front of the church as the celebrant introduces the Peace.*

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will,  
who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The Sign of Peace is not exchanged physically.*

*We remain standing to sing a hymn while the altar is prepared and honoured with incense. During the hymn, a collection is taken to support the life and work of this Church and the expenses of this day: please give generously and, if you pay tax, use the enclosed Gift Aid envelope to increase the value of your gift at no extra cost to you.*

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**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!**

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear:  
    Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Dear mother earth, who day by day,  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
    O praise him, alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
    O praise him, alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

*St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226  
tr. William Draper 1855-1933  
NEH 263 (omit vv. 5 & 6)*

*The celebrant calls us to join in offering the Eucharist.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept the Sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The celebrant prays the Prayer over the Gifts:*

Almighty God, who by your servant Julian declared,  
'It is I whom you delight in, I whom you desire':  
grant that through these gifts of bread and wine  
we who truly long for you may ever find you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We remain standing for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer:*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant praises God for his goodness revealed in Julian of Norwich and all the saints, and we all sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**hosanna in the highest!**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*We remain standing and the celebrant, calling upon the Holy Spirit, recalls the Last Supper and repeats Christ's words over the bread and wine, consecrating them as the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord, after which we acclaim:*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again!**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues and concludes with the doxology, to which we all joyfully acclaim **Amen!***

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*As the Bread is broken, we say the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*The celebrant then invites us to receive Holy Communion:*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia!**

*After he has received Holy Communion, the celebrant says the Communion Antiphon:*

One thing I seek:

to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, alleluia.

*Psalm 27.4*

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion. **To aid movement, all those seated on the right (cell) side of the church come to the altar first**, followed after everyone on that side has received by those seated on the left (Our Lady's) side. Come forward and form a line across the chancel.*

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, it is perfectly acceptable to receive only the Host, in which the full gift of Holy Communion is still received.*

*As the Blessed Sacrament is given, the minister says:*

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

The Blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

*If you have not been baptised and admitted to Holy Communion in this church or your own, please come forward for a blessing from the celebrant, bringing this booklet as a sign of your intention.*



*Towards the end of the distribution of Holy Communion, we remain kneeling or seated to sing the hymn.*

**Rejoice in God's saints, this day of all days:  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Rejoice in their courage, their spiritual skill;  
In Julian of Norwich, rejoice all who will!**

**The candle she lit six centuries gone  
By darkness beset shines quietly on;  
Her cell is no prison, though narrow and dim,  
For Jesus is risen, and she lives in him.**

**How bright in her cell the Shewings of God,  
No writings could tell what love understood;  
She suffers his Passion, she grieves over sin,  
And shares that compassion which makes us all kin.**

**How courteous is God, all love and all light,  
In God's motherhood she finds her delight.  
She pleads for the sinner, she wrestles with hell;  
God answers: 'All manner of thing shall be well.'**

**Dear Lord, we would learn to walk in this way,  
With patience discern how best to obey.  
The disciplined spirit, how saintly and rare,  
Lord, help us to wear it – this habit of prayer.**

*Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000  
Tune: Hanover (NEH 433)*

Let us pray.

*We stand.*

God our Father,  
in tender courtesy you give us the Blessed Sacrament,  
which is the previous food of life itself:  
grant that by its saving power  
we may live gladly and gaily because of your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We remain standing for the Blessing.*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The deacon says*  
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God,  
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.  
**Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.  
**Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,  
the ✠ Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*We face Our Lady, with whom we rejoice greatly in her Son's Resurrection,  
and greet her as we sing the noonday Regina Coeli.*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!**  
**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!**  
**As he promised, hath aris'n: alleluia!**  
**Pour for us to God thy prayer: alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
**For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Let us pray.

O God, who through the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that aided by the prayers of his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may attain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The deacon sends us into the world to live our Easter faith.*

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*We remain standing as the altar party leaves the church, then we sit to enjoy the organ voluntary.*

*A short break follows the Mass while the sanctuary is cleared and the church is prepared for the lecture: you are welcome to walk in the garden for a few minutes or to visit the WC in the Julian Centre, but please be back in church at 11.55am so that the lecture can begin promptly.*

*The Julian Centre is currently closed for refurbishment: we are able to use the WCs today, but please be careful in doing so as the site is not currently set up properly for public access.*

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*If you are still in Norwich tomorrow,  
we would love to welcome you to one of the parish services*

**Sunday 8 May • The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Good Shepherd Sunday

**9am • Low Mass**  
*at St Julian's  
followed by continental breakfast*

**11am • High Mass**  
*at the Parish Church, St John's Timberhill  
followed by refreshments*

**6pm • Evening Prayer**  
*at St John's Timberhill*

# Today's programme

## 10.30am High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Richard Stanton, Parish Priest

followed by a short break

## 12 noon The Julian Lecture:

### 'Julian of Norwich and Ecological Consciousness'

given by Dr Claire Foster-Gilbert,

Director of the Westminster Abbey Institute

*presented in association with The Montgomery Trust*

## 1pm Lunch

Picnic lunches may be eaten in the garden or the church.

Drinks and home baking are available,

and you will find a bookstall in the church porch.

## 1.45pm Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Julian of Norwich

## 2.40pm Forum

Chaired by Sally-Anne Lomas, Trustee of the Friends of Julian of Norwich. You will be invited to join the discussion and ask questions.

1. The Julian Partnership
2. Julian650 celebrations
3. The role and future developments of the Friends and Companions of Julian of Norwich

## 3.50pm Julian Office

