



LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS & COAST CHURCHES FESTIVAL

3rd & 4th and 10th & 11th
September 2022

A beautiful collection of churches, all with a story to tell



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A celebration of churches in a special part of Lincolnshire

Welcome to the Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival. And what a terrific party we have in store for you with 140 churches and chapels opening their doors over the first two weekends in September to offer a warm welcome.

There is something for everyone... rich architecture and heritage, beautiful tranquillity and spiritually, vibrant exhibitions and music... as well as a welcoming oasis of peace and spirituality. Numerous exciting activities are being staged to whet your appetites, from flower and art displays to exhibitions and guided tours.

Alternatively, if all you want is a bit of time to yourself, to relax in the quiet of a beautiful spiritual building, then make sure you choose one of the self nominated 'quiet' churches.

And finally, many churches will have refreshments available to help nourish you on your visits, varying from tea, coffee and biscuits to local Lincolnshire treats.

Once again, we thank you for your support of our church heritage, ensuring the success of what we believe is perhaps the biggest Churches Festival in the UK. And this support will help ensure that the lovely community support that binds these rural Lincolnshire villages together stays forever.

So, please do enjoy this third Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Festival...



*Cover main picture: Brigsley, insets L-R: Horncastle, Raithby and East Keal
Below L-R: Horncastle, Brigsley, Revesby and Markby*



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KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Bell-ringing		Organ available to play by public
	Church Manned		Organ Music
	Disabled Visitors - Full Access		Quiet Church
	Disabled Visitors - Partial Access		Refreshments
	Flower Display(s)		Stained Glass
	Lunches		Themed Exhibition
	Monuments		Toilets Nearby
			Toilets Onsite



WEEK 1

3RD & 4TH SEPTEMBER

Horncastle, Spilsby and villages

Our churches really are magnificent story tellers. Monuments, glass, graves, artefacts and the buildings themselves contain a wealth of secrets, just waiting to be told. Some of our churches are connected by a myriad of footpaths including the Viking Way which takes you through the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Birthplace of the architect of Magna Carta

Oldest Methodist church in Lincolnshire

Scene of the dramatic tower collapse

Alfred Lord Tennyson connections

Exhibitions: Belchford, Burgh on Bain, Fulleby, Greetham, Hatton, Hemingby, High Toynton, Horncastle, Langton by Wragby, Langton Old Woodhall, Mareham on the Hill, Minting, Revesby, Tattershall, Thimbleby, Wickenby, Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, New Leake, Old Bolingbroke, Partney, Raithby, Somersby

Lunches: Hatton, High Toynton, Stainfield, Stickford

Clockwise from Top Left: Langton by Wragby, Belchford, Raithby, Holton cum Beckering



1 Ashby Puerorum, St Andrew



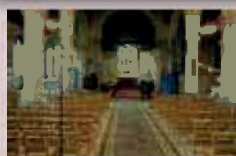
Delightful Grade II listed church with outstanding views, tucked behind Church Farm. The tower was completed in 1312 and it houses a 3cwt tenor bell from around 1150, believed to be the oldest in England. The church was restored in 1850 and 1878 by Ewan Christian and the windows date from that time. Mounted on the south wall are several 16th century brasses to members of the Littlebury family of Stainsby. In the late 13th century, the living was appropriated to provide an endowment for the boy choristers of Lincoln Cathedral hence the name Ashby Puerorum.

Postcode LN9 6QU

Opening Times
Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



2 Bardney, St Lawrence



There is an exhibition of stones which were unearthed from the site of Bardney Abbey in 1910. There are three charity boards that have survived from the 17th century. The chancel is decorated with pictures of saints including St Oswald and St Lawrence. A stained-glass memorial window in the chancel is by Edward Woore, one of the Arts & Crafts artists trained by Christopher Whall. The church has connections with the RAF's IX Squadron and their standard is laid up in the church.

Postcode LN3 5TZ

Opening Times
Saturday 2pm-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



3 Baumber, St Swithin



Grade I listed church dating from the 11th century onwards. Originally built of Lincolnshire greenstone with many additions and alterations over the centuries, namely complete re-cladding in local brick in 1758. Several interesting tombs, monuments, and hatchings. Three bells of interest on the aisle floor.

Postcode LN9 5ND

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



4 Belchford, St Peter & St Paul



Enjoy this delightful church set in a tranquil village in the heart of the Wolds. Small exhibition and information on the Lincolnshire Rising. Photographic competition for pictures in and around the parish and a display of old photographs of Belchford, together with a history of the village.

Postcode LN9 6LQ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



5 Benniworth, St Julian



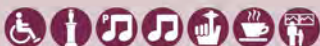
A beautiful peaceful church, always open, with a Saxon cross in the churchyard. Norman doorway but extensively rebuilt by James Fowler in the 1870s.

Postcode LN8 6JP

Opening Times

Saturday dawn-dusk

Sunday dawn-dusk



6 Bucknall, St Margaret



The church stands in an attractive churchyard with a Queen Anne rectory as neighbour. The church is partly 13th century, with a chancel restored last century and a tower restored in our time. In the low sturdy tower hangs a medieval bell. The base of an ancient cross is by the timber porch which shelters a 13th century doorway. Facing the 700-year-old arcading on the south side of the nave is an arcade of the 14th century. The octagonal font was originally square and is a link with Norman times. The altar table, the carved pulpit, and a chest with a band of carving are Jacobean. Postcode LN10 5DT

Opening Times

Sunday 11am-5pm



7 Burgh on Bain, St Helen



11th century with Norman tower and arch. Major restoration 1871 by the Fox family of Girsby Manor including stained glass in memory of the family. Church clock presented to village by the family in appreciation of the WWI efforts. 17th century wooden lectern, greatly admired by Pevsner, and two substantial marble monuments, commemorating the 18th century lords of the manor. Teas, coffee and home-made cakes.

Postcode LN8 6JY

Opening Times

Saturday 10.30am-4.30pm

Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm



8 Coningsby, St Michael



Imposing church with a rather unique one handed clock on the tower. The chancel roof is painted with stars.

Postcode LN4 4RA

Opening Times

Saturday 11am-4pm

Sunday 11am-4pm



9 Coningsby, United Methodist Centre



An interesting modern church, it was previously a doctor's surgery and converted into a Methodist Chapel 13 years ago. There is a large public car park to the rear of the building. Nearby sites of interest are Tattershall Castle and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre.

Postcode LN4 4SG

Opening Times

Saturday 11am-4pm

Sunday 11am-4pm



10 Donington on Bain, St Andrew



Late Saxon/early Norman font. Display of kneelers worked by village members in 1988-9. God's Acre in part of the churchyard, village school involved with growing and planting flowers.

Postcode LN11 9TJ

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 9am-5pm



11 Fulletby, St Andrew



Small village church on the Viking Way. Old medieval origins, constructed in local greenstone; modified by Nicholson in 1855 with stone and wood carving by Richard Winn. 13th century stone sedilia. Church is connected to Henry Winn (1816-1914) local historian, poet and England's longest serving churchwarden.

Postcode LN9 6JY

Opening Times

Saturday dawn-dusk

Sunday dawn-dusk



12 Gautby, All Saints



Photo by Richard Croft

A beautifully maintained Grade II* Listed church in a peaceful setting. Dating from 1750s. Originally the private chapel of the Vyner family. Contains wonderful monuments of the Vyner family. Well worth a visit.

Postcode LN8 5JP

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 9am-5pm



13 Gayton le Wold, St Peter



Charming little church consecrated in 1889. Simply decorated low altar, a clear window behind lights it and shows the views. Oil lamps and harmonium to see.

Postcode LN11 0RA

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



14 Goulceby, All Saints



Consecrated in 1909 after the previous church was declared beyond restoration. It later emerged that the building had not been officially licensed for marriages. Legislation was required to validate the weddings of the previous first years! A visible sign of God's presence in our world, All Saints is visited by people who appreciate the peace a church can bring. A plaque commemorates the men with a local connection who did not return from WWI.

Postcode LN11 9TZ

Opening Times

Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



15 Greetham, All Saints



Small church set on one of the highest points of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Built of greenstone with some original Norman stonework. Restoration on the tower and bellcote in 1863. Greetham was listed in the Domesday Book of 1086. The church was extensively restored by kind generosity of the Dennis Family in 1901.

Postcode LN9 6NT

Opening Times

Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



16 Haltham, St Benedict



A lovely Norman church with a stunning decorated east window and a beautifully simple interior. Look out for the 17th century pulpit and the unusual Norman carving above the south doorway. There are old pews with carved ends facing the 17th century pulpit, a screen adapted as a family pew, Royal Arms of Charles I and lovely old, tiled floors.

Postcode LN9 6JF

Opening Times

Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



17 Hameringham, All Saints



There is a special reason to visit, or revisit, All Saints' this year. Our newly installed early 19th century pipe organ (with 54 note keyboard and 25 note pedalboard) will be available to play. The organ was built by Charles Allen, the son of William Allen who built the 1809 Peterborough Cathedral and the 1826 Lincoln Cathedral organs, and has been restored by Martin Renshaw (one of the driving forces behind the new charity to save pipe organs from being lost; 'Pipe up for Pipe Organs', www.pipe-up.org.uk).

Postcode LN9 6PG

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



18 Hatton, St Stephen



Delightful 19th century church on the site of a medieval church, in a beautiful setting in a Wolds village. Rounded apse contains three stained glass windows. Scroll naming rectors and patrons starting with Adam de Oteby in 1221. The church was rebuilt in 1871 by James Fowler, using local red bricks with bands of the previous Spilsby greenstone to show how nothing was wasted. Historical display on celebrations through the ages.

Postcode LN8 5QG

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



19 Hemingby, St Margaret



Beautiful setting in a Wolds village, near to a village pub. Choir performance on Saturday at 2pm. Historical display on celebrations through the ages. Bell ringing and organ playing.

Postcode LN9 5QF

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



20 High Toynton, St John the Baptist



We are no longer a pile of rubble! Come to see how a small but determined community can, with the help of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, arise from the devastation of our tower collapsing in January 2020. Photographic display of progress together with details of the "High Toynton Renewed" project and the history of this "Doubly Thankful" village. View the chancel artwork by Toni Cunningham. Enjoy the celebratory Music Festival in the sheep paddock down the lane where there is ample parking, and sample the delights of High Toynton cuisine. Postcode LN9 6NN

Opening Times

Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



21 Holton cum Beckering, All Saints



The church dates to the 13th century. Exquisite stained glass, a very rare and beautiful mosaic and marble reredos, a carved rood screen and painted chancel ceiling. In 1259 its former vicar became Bishop of London.

Postcode LN8 5NG

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



22 Horncastle, St Mary



The third church built on the site. Completed around 1160, the oldest part is the tower. Nearby parts of the Roman wall. Connections with Alfred Tennyson, the Dymoke family (King's Champion) and John Franklin. Beautiful stained glass, ten gilded angels in the nave roof, lepers' squint, medieval scythes (linked to the War of the Roses or the Lincolnshire Rising).

Postcode LN9 5HW

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
(wedding 12.30pm-2pm)
Sunday 12noon-4pm



23 Langton by Wragby, St Giles



Langton by Wragby is famous as the birthplace of Stephen Langton who was Archbishop of Canterbury and the principle architect of Magna Carta. Stained glass window dedicated to him in the church. Displays on Stephen Langton, Magna Carta and local history.

Postcode LN8 5PX

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 11am-5pm



24 Langton with Old Woodhall, St Margaret



St Margaret's, a small greenstone church, was once a larger building, but restoration in 1750 and 1891 left it as we see it today. There has been a church on this site since the 12th century, the first account of the Parish being in The Domesday Book. There is now only a nave and chancel, but evidence of a north aisle can be seen in the form of two arches and pillars. The church will be open over the weekend for viewing and private prayer. This is a popular and innovative village church with a regular service. Well worth a visit.

Postcode LN9 5JT

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-4pm
Sunday 9am-4pm



25 Mareham on the Hill, All Saints



Plain Georgian style church in a commanding position behind a quiet farmyard. Box pews with double pulpit. Medieval lepers' hole. Early 19th century hatchment. "Gods Acre" churchyard. Exhibition of local history and people.

Postcode LN9 6PQ

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



26 Mareham le Fen, St Helen



A fine greenstone Grade II listed church with parts of the tower from around 1270. The tower has three stages with an embattled parapet. South aisle is 15th century and has crocketed pinnacles, featuring human heads and gargoyles. Partially rebuilt in 1879, the 19th century south porch leads to a 14th century doorway. Inside the church is the James Roberts gravestone. He accompanied Sir Joseph Banks on the first voyage around the world under Captain James Cook.

Postcode PE22 7QU

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



27 Minting, St Andrew



Minting appears in the Domesday book and is the site of a priory linked to the French Abbey of St. Benedict on Loire. The church was rebuilt in 1863, although the chancel is mainly original. It contains the remains of two naively carved stone slabs found in the church yard and are believed to date to the 13th century. Minting is a 'thankful village' and we have commemorative plaques remembering all those who safely returned from WWI. St Andrew's continues to be a place of worship with one service per month as well as annual Harvest and Christmas services. Displays of local history and live music played during the festival. Postcode LN8 5LN

Opening Times

Saturday 10.30am-3pm
Sunday 10.30am-3pm



28 Rand, St Oswald



St Oswald's is surrounded by a deserted medieval village site. Containing a surprising number of notable monuments, in brass and stone, dating from the 14th-16th centuries. Outstanding is a rare coped stone coffin lid from between 10th and 12th centuries. Information on church history, brass rubbing, cake stall. Interesting memorials from WWI to be seen.

Postcode LN8 5NJ

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



29 Revesby, St Lawrence



This elegant Grade II listed Anglican church, which seats nearly 200 parishioners, was built in the Decorated style during the late 19th century, on the site of a previous church built during the early 18th century. That church was built on the site of an even earlier church dating back to the Norman era. The church has close connections with Sir Joseph Banks. Along with the original Joseph Banks banner, a specially commissioned framed embroidery which will be on display.

Postcode PE22 7NA

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm



30 Roughton with Haltham, St Margaret



Church open for quiet reflection. This Grade II listed building is mainly 13/14th century with foundations dating from 1265. The nave is greenstone and reputedly early Norman or late Saxon. The chancel is reputedly 13th century with a Priest's door on the south side. In 1870 the church was re-roofed, slate replacing the original thatch. Remains of a Saxon cross in the churchyard.

Postcode LN10 6YJ

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



31 Scamblesby, St Martin



Photo by Richard Croft

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday 9am-6pm

Lovely views of the surrounding countryside. Unusual, medieval poppy headed pew ends. Unusual pillar, it is different to others, combining Norman and English styles. A massive and unusual Norman font, rounded at the top and octagonal below. A triptych above the side altar is a Medici reproduction of an altar piece by Hans Memlin at Lubeck in Hanover.

Postcode LN11 9XL



32 Scamblesby, Wolds Methodist Centre



The Methodist heritage is maintained as the centre continues to be used for worship. Displays of items of the chapel's history and heritage. Adjacent to the Viking Way, ideally situated for walkers, horse riders, cyclists, artists and those who enjoy the natural and cultural heritage of the Wolds and the local wildlife.

Postcode LN10 6YJ

Opening Times

Saturday 10.30am-4pm
Sunday 11.30am-4pm



33 Snelland, All Saints



Beautiful atmospheric church dates back to the 12th century. Contains beautiful carved stone medieval faces and a rare lepers window that enabled succour to be passed to those with leprosy who had to stay outside the church. Ancient sundial on south elevation. Thomas Retford, vicar, courageously gave his life in the Lincolnshire Rising.

Postcode LN3 5AA

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



34 Stainfield, St Andrew



This unique Queen Anne church in picturesque parkland on the Viking Way was reconsecrated in 1711; Sir Christopher Wren is reputed to have designed the building, which lays north-south to form part of the vista in the park. The church is home to the magnificent 18th century Tyrwhitt Tapestries; the local legend of the Wild man of Stainfield is also featured, alongside displays relating to the nunnery and village history. Programme of music recitals in the church over the weekend. Check out details of timings and performers on United Parish of Bardney Facebook page. Postcode LN8 5JJ

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



35 Stenigot, St Nicholas



Photo by Colin Park

This quaint parish church of St Nicholas holds a wonderful story within its walls, inside are memorials to two Spanish citizens of the Guevara family who came to England with Katherine of Aragon.

Postcode LN11 9SH

Opening Times

Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



36 Tattershall, Holy Trinity



A large medieval Perpendicular church founded in 1439 by Baron Ralph Cromwell. It has some important stained glass in the east window. Near the font is Tom Thumb's grave. The church accommodates several hundred bats.

Postcode LN4 4LR

Opening Times

Saturday 11am-3pm
Sunday 11am-3pm



37 Thimbleby, St Margaret



Highlights are the stained glass windows and the beautiful reredos carved in stone to illustrate the Last Supper. The Crowder family commissioned a window following the death of Robert at Passchendale in 1917. Another soldier with a window commemoration was Walter Barlow who was injured but survived. Both men were organists at the church. Exhibition describes the renovation from the closure of the church for safety reasons in 2010 to the completion of the project in 2019. Exhibition detailing the creation of a large church in the 12th century to its demolition and replacement by a small church in 1744 which was enlarged to its present size in 1879. Including a photograph of the small Georgian church. Postcode LN9 5RE

Opening Times
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



38 Thornton, St Wilfrid



Grade II church from the 15th century and restored in 1890 by Ewan Christian. The organ is one of the oldest in Britain. It originally was situated in the choristers' practise room of Magdalen College, Oxford in 1740. The village is mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book, with 19 households and Robert the Bursar as Lord of the Manor. Postcode LN9 5JX

Opening Times
Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



39 West Ashby, All Saints



Grade I listed, originating late middle-ages. 19th century restoration, partly in memory of Victorian songwriter, Claribel. Oscar Wilde came to the church whilst visiting his uncle who was the vicar. But Oscar soon fell out with his relative over theology and quickly escaped back to London on the train! Interesting features include Victorian stained glass, late medieval font and windows, and curious masonic gravestone outside south porch. Postcode LN9 5PU

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



40 Wickenby, St Peter & St Lawrence



Contains wonderful medieval artefacts: rare 14th century stained glass, a scratch sundial, an imposing 14th century church door with ancient ironwork, fascinating carved stone heads. Themed exhibition on local history information. Postcode LN3 5AB

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



41 Wilksby, All Saints



A beautiful, isolated, tiny church amid fields seating some 30 people. An ancient foundation staffed by the monks of nearby Revesby Abbey and restored and extended in 1802 by the Revd John Dymoke. Postcode PE22 7PB

Opening Times
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm

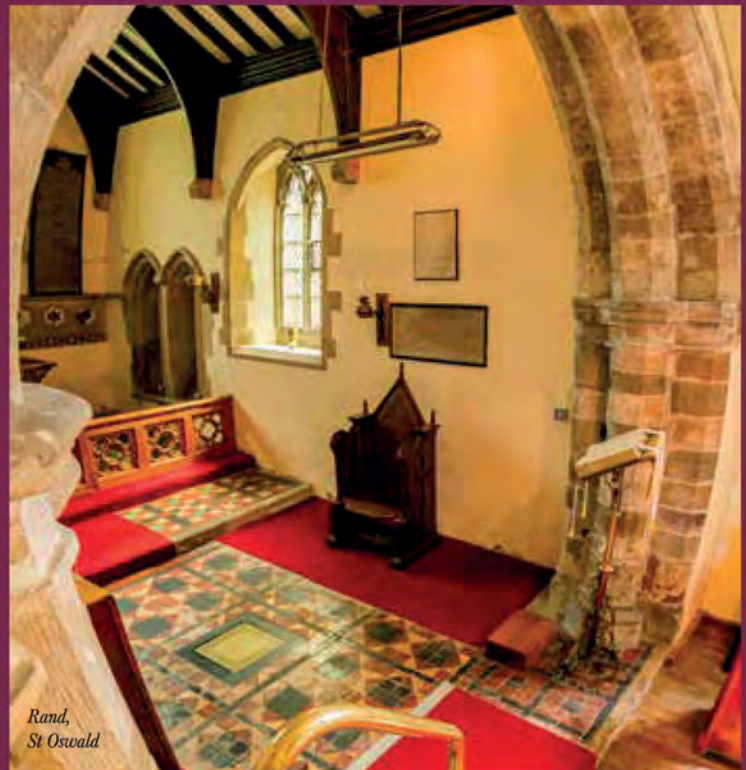


42 Wragby, All Saints



Fine Victorian church with gallery, rare early organ, medieval stoop and fascinating bell tower including 15th century bells. Fine stained glass windows depict "love, hope and charity." There are community kneelers. Local artefacts will be displayed. Postcode LN8 5RA

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



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St Oswald



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43 Aswardby by Partney, St Helen



Built in 1747 of stone and brick with later work in the 19th century. Stands opposite Aswardby Hall and surrounded by trees. Fr T Pelham Dale, parish priest from 1881-1892, was prosecuted and imprisoned for ritualistic practices in 1876 and 1880. He was regarded a martyr by Anglo-Catholics.

Postcode PE23 4JS

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



44 Bag Enderby, St Margaret



St. Margaret's is Perpendicular in style; built by Albinus de Enderby who died in 1407. It contains an original rood screen, original oak door with Anglo Saxon shield boss nailed to it found in a field nearby, and an interesting font mentioned by Pevsner. There is also some medieval stained glass, some predating the church and considered rare, showing the coat of arms of Crowland Abbey. George Clayton Tennyson was rector here, and in nearby Somersby from 1806 until his death in 1831. The church houses interpretation boards pertaining to Alfred, Lord Tennyson. Postcode PE23 4NP

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



45 Brinkhill, St Philip



Grade II listed church, built in red brick with greenstone bands and slate in 1857 by Maugham and Fowler. It replaced an original chalk and thatch building. Vestry and hall to the north of the nave added 1988. In the churchyard stands a cross which is an ancient scheduled monument and Grade II listed; the base dates from the 14th century.

Postcode LN11 8QY

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10pm-4pm



46 Candlesby, St Benedict



Grade II* listed parish church dedicated to Saint Benedict. It fell into ruin and was pulled down and rebuilt of brick in 1838 on the same site. The chancel east window has fine early 20th century stained glass, to commemorate Margaret Massingberd; d.1906, of Gunby Hall. Connections to Gunby Hall and chapel.

Postcode PE23 5RY

Opening Times

Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



47 Dalby, St Lawrence & Bishop Edward King



Photo by J Hannan-Briggs

The Domesday Book mentions two churches in Dalby, but one is thought to have been in Dexthorpe. The old church had a Norman chancel and a thatched roof and was demolished in 1862 when the present building was erected. It contains two monuments to the Llandon family who lived in Dalby in the 17th century.

Postcode PE23 4BX

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



48 East Keal, St Helen



Photo by Dave Hitchborne

Grade 11* listed church with 13th & 14th century features and a 16th century octagonal font. It is built in the Early English and Perpendicular styles. Extensive rebuilding in 1853-54 by Steven Levin but it still retains many of its original features. Edmund de Grimby, later a prominent judge and Crown official was parish priest here in the 1320's.

Postcode PE23 4AT

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 9am-3pm
(service at 9.30am)



49 East Kirkby, St Nicholas



Pew ends eaten off by horses being stabled overnight by Oliver Cromwell's army at the Battle of Winceby. Statue of three angels dating back to medieval times. Mosaic tiled floor in chancel. Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer and Creed painted on boards at back of church. Altar back has statue of Jesus and lamb carved from piece of oak. Church once in centre of village but now is half a mile away.

Postcode PE23 4BX

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



50 Firsby, St Andrew



Built 1856 by G.E. Street and Grade II listed. Slate tiled roof sits atop a limestone ashlar structure. A tabled monument to Mary Alice Walls, who died in 1877, is of coloured mosaic marble, with gilded diaper work; a young woman with flowing red hair. In the churchyard is the base and part shaft of a 15th century cross, which has been restored and made into a war memorial.

Postcode PE23 5QW

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



51 Great Steeping, All Saints



Parish church dating from 1891 designed by William Bassett-Smith and constructed of red brick with white brick and ashlar dressings. Plain tile roofs. This replaces an older All Saints church, which still stands in the village
Postcode PE23 5PU

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



52 Hagworthingham, Holy Trinity



Exhibitions of the history of the church and village. Most of the church has stained glass windows donated by the Cheales family. Brass, silver and other furniture donated by the family is also well worth seeing as well as 15th century font. The tower fell down in 1972, the base still remains. There are gravestones peculiar to the Wolds area. Creation of a community space. The church is full of beauty and wonder. Also on display is a stunning collection of doll's houses
Postcode PE23 4LP

Opening Times
Saturday 12noon-5pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



53 Harrington, St Mary



Photo by Dave Hitchborne

Delightful small greenstone church almost completely rebuilt in 1855, however there was a chantry on the site in 1334, founded by John de Harrington. Inside are numerous monuments to successive Lords of the Manor. Original tower arch supports three bells and a 'ting-tang' dated 1814. The bowl of the octagonal 15th century font has interesting coats of arms and strange supporting figures.
Postcode PE23 4NH

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



54 Haugh, St Leonard



Grade I listed from the 11th century, with later additions, and restoration in 1873. Built of chalk and greenstone with red-brick patching. Blocked north door late 12th century, font and south door 14th century. On the south wall is an alabaster wall plaque to Sir Charles Bolle, died 1690, and on the north wall a large wall monument to Sir John Bolle, died 1606.
Postcode LN13 0AN

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



55 Hundleby, St Mary



A small friendly church. This is the third church on this site. The first was listed in the Domesday Book. This was replaced in the 15th century. It was rebuilt in the 1850s after falling into disrepair, using some of the original Spilsby sandstone. This is very soft and much loved by masonry bees! Come and see the stained glass windows and single manual organ. See if you can spot the hidden church mice!
Postcode PE23 5NA

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



56 Langton with Sutterby, St Peter & St Paul



Langton's perfect, unspoiled Georgian church, built in 1725 has oak box pews facing each other as in many Oxford and Cambridge college chapels. Hatchments record members of the Langton family, which still lives here after 900 years. The six bells were restored in 2008 by Whitechapel Foundry, London.
Postcode PE23 4PU

Opening Times
Saturday dawn to dusk
(closed pm)
Sunday dawn-dusk



57 Little Steeping, St Andrew



Photo by Bethukjolmes

An imposing stone font with decorated wooden lid. A beautiful carved wooden rood screen. The stained glass in the chancel is of great significance. Also in the chancel is a recumbent stone effigy of Thomas de Redyng (1318-1353), priest of Little Steeping at the time. There will also be a document and photographic display showing and describing more of its history.
Postcode PE23 5BL

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



58 Lusby with Asgarby, St Peter



Fascinating little church, probably dating back to 11th century. North wall of chancel has delightful little keyhole window of Saxon origin. East wall above chancel arch is painted bright ochre and the arch contains 15th century rood screen. Niche built into south wall with brass memorial inscription, recording the grief of a husband at the loss of his wife. Part of memorial to Katherine Palfreyman, wife of wool merchant Anthony. She died in 1555.
Postcode PE23 4JD

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



59 Mavis Enderby, St Michael



14th and 15th century greenstone church with Victorian restorations. By the west door to the tower is part of a coped 11th century grave slab. Remains of 14th century churchyard cross in graveyard. Porch has a Norman piscina. Mavis Enderby has a peal of bells named after it, called The Brides of Enderby, which is mentioned in Jean Ingelow's poem, The High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire, 1571.

Postcode PE23 4EF

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



60 New Leake, St Jude



St Jude's is a small "homely" church with a comfortable and comforting atmosphere. Work on replacing the windows was completed last year and the new glass in the front elevation seems to glow even on a dull day.

There is a brass plaque inside commemorating Midville war dead. We are having a poppy display for the festival.

Postcode PE22 8JT

Opening Times
Saturday 11am-3pm
Sunday 11am-3pm



61 Old Bolingbroke, St Peter & St Paul



Lying directly opposite Bolingbroke Castle, birthplace of Henry IV, John of Gaunt was responsible for the building of the church. Partially destroyed in 1643 during the Siege of Bolingbroke Castle when the Parliamentarian's (including Cromwell himself) sought to oust the Royalists from the castle. What remains is the south aisle and tower of the original larger church. 14th century font, mysterious medieval graffiti, relics of original paintwork, working belltower, beautiful churchyard. Exhibitions about Henry Bolingbroke future King of England and the 1643 Civil War battle and siege here. Churchyard wildlife film. Cakes, teas. A historic building in a beautiful setting with castle next door! Postcode PE23 4HH

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4.30pm
Sunday 10am-4.30pm



62 Partney, St Nicholas



Built of greenstone in Perpendicular style and dates from 14th century. Brick chancel built 1828. In the churchyard stands a stone commemorating the marriage of Matthew Flinders within the church. Also connected to Matthew Flinders is the weather vane on the church in the shape of a sailing ship.

Postcode PE23 4PQ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



63 Raithby, Methodist Chapel



John Wesley dedicated this unique, Grade 1 listed Chapel, in July 1779. Built in the grounds of Raithby Hall over the Stable Block by Robert Carr Brackenbury. Charles Wesley, a founding member of the Methodist movement is best known for writing the words for over 6,500 hymns. Read and hear some of his stirring contributions to the world's musical history. Special display in our county's oldest Methodist Chapel. 'Rejoice! The Greatest Hymns of Charles Wesley, the Poet of Methodism'

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm

Postcode PE23 4DW



64 Raithby, Holy Trinity



Village church in the heart of Raithby's conservation area dating from the 12th century, although largely rebuilt in 1873. Grade II listed lychgate and listed stone cross in the grounds. Situated next to Raithby Hall, the site of the oldest Methodist chapel in Lincolnshire which was built by the hall's owners and preached in by John Wesley.

Postcode PE23 4DS

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



65 Ruckland with Farforth, St Olave



One of the smallest churches in Lincolnshire. Dating from 1885 and built by W. Scorer, constructed of green sandstone with plain tiled roof with decorative red ridge tiles, overhanging eaves and barge boards, and a small bell cote. The churchyard contains the war graves of a Royal Navy sailor and an Army Veteran soldier of the Second World War.

Postcode LN11 8RQ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



66 Sausthorpe, St Andrew

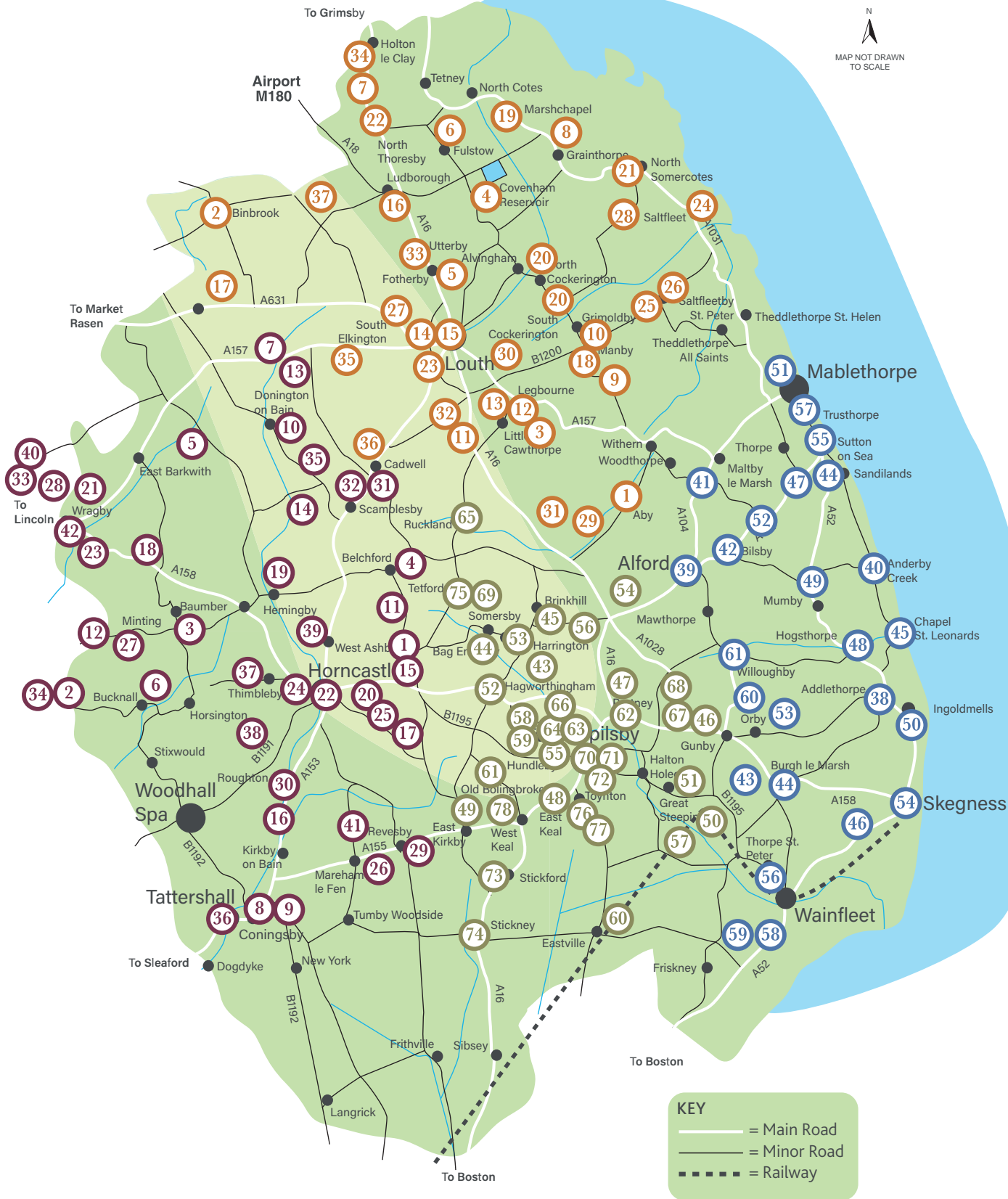


Grade II parish church designed by Charles Kirk and built in the early/mid-19th century on the site of an earlier medieval church. Its construction was sponsored by Revd Francis Swan, Lord of the Manor and parish priest from 1821 until 1878. The church spire is a landmark on the road to the coast. There are two Morris & Co stained glass windows in the south chancel. T Pelham Dale, a clergyman imprisoned for ritualistic practices in 1880, was appointed to the living of Sausthorpe after his release and was buried in the churchyard after his death in 1892.

Postcode PE23 4JJ

Opening Times
Saturday 2pm-4pm
Sunday 2pm-4pm





67 Scremby, St Peter & St Paul



Pretty Georgian brick church with west end gallery containing Victorian glass. Internal panelling. Lovely rural setting. A church recorded in 1086 Domesday Survey. Between 2017 and 2018, archaeological excavations near Scremby revealed a 5th-6th century Anglo-Saxon cemetery, with a range of grave goods including jewellery, combs, shields and other weapons, in 24 graves containing the remains of men and women. Deserted medieval village of Laysingthorpe was nearby.

Postcode PE23 5RP

Opening Times

Saturday 12noon-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



68 Skendleby, St Peter & St Paul



Skendleby church was restored in 1875. The chancel and some internal details are medieval. Octagonal font with animal heads and foliage bosses. Good stained glass, including a fine Ascension west window. Views from the churchyard of Wolds countryside. Exhibition of local photographs.

Postcode PE23 4QE

Opening Times

Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



69 Somersby, St Margaret



St. Margaret's claim to fame is that George Clayton Tennyson, the father of Poet Laureate Alfred was rector here and in nearby Bag Enderby from 1806-1831 and is buried in the churchyard. Alfred was born across the road in the cream-coloured rambling house and spent the first 28 years of his life here. St. Margaret's is early Perpendicular in style but was thoroughly restored in 1833. It contains some interesting information and artefacts relating to the poet.

Postcode PE23 4NP

Opening Times

Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



70 Spilsby, St James



William Hill organ available to be played. See the stained glass window dedicated to William Hill. Willoughby chapel containing fine tombs and brass connected to the Willoughby de Eresby family. Stone memorials for Sir John Franklin and his brothers.

Postcode PE23 5DU

Opening Times

Saturday 8am-4pm
Sunday 8am-4pm
(Service in morning)



71 Spilsby, Methodist Chapel



Imposing Chapel dating from 1878, with wooden vaulted ceiling, gallery and seating for 650. Four murals depicting events in Christ's life decorate the walls. Painted in 1950s by Mona Oliver. Fine Foster and Andrews pipe organ (1878) used for weekly services and recitals. The Meeting Point is a hub for the local community including weekly coffee mornings, clubs, meetings, films and community events.

Postcode PE23 5JX

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-12noon
Sunday 10.30am-11.30am
(morning service)



72 Spilsby, Our Lady & the English Martyrs



Photo by Dave Hitchborne

The neo-Gothic Church was built from 1902 till 1925 through the generosity of William Gainsford of Skendleby Hall. Special features include screens in the Lady Chapel and high altar, the depiction of the crucified Jesus, with Mary and John below the chancel arch. A lancet window in the sanctuary depicts St George. Surrounding gardens are designed in the spirit of Pope Francis' environmental letter 'Laudate Si'. The allotments are owned by the Church. The Lady Chapel is available for private prayer. A display of Christian poetry will include a reading on Sunday at 3pm. We close with Evening Prayer.

Postcode PE23 5EF

Opening Times

Saturday 2pm-4.30pm
Sunday 1.30pm-4.30pm



73 Stickford, St Helen



St Helen's Church is a Grade II* listed building dating back to the 13th century, but there was a church here before that as it is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Outstanding features include medieval pew ends, some of which have undergone conservation work at Lincoln University and are on display in the church. There is also a 15th century font, which was possibly damaged when Cromwell's troops were stationed there in the Civil War prior to the Battle of Winceby. A medieval bell dating to 1490 stands on the floor at the back of the nave having been lowered from the tower in 1939. Recent major improvements include a water supply in the church, kitchen facilities and a disabled toilet. On Saturday 3rd September there will be a Craft Fair in the church with a variety of stalls. Postcode PE22 8EP

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



74 Stickney, St Luke



A 13th century church set in the centre of the village. There are several beautiful stained-glass windows to come and view. There is an area set aside for quiet prayer. If you are interested in researching your ancestors there are plans to show where the graves are along with their inscriptions. The church will not be manned but there is a History Exhibition being held in village hall (PE22 8BA) should you require information regarding the church.

Postcode PE22 8AA

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



75 Tetford, St Mary



The present building is 14th century, built of local greenstone with 15th century tower. Outside is a headstone to two gypsies, Tyso Boswell and Edward Hearn, killed by lightning on the eve of Horncastle Fair in 1831.

Memorial to Captain Edward Dymoke, champion of George II. His helmet and breastplate are above the tablet high on the arch high up to on the right-hand side of the main area of worship.

Postcode LN9 6QH

Opening Times
Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



76 Toynton All Saints, All Saints



Toynton was known as 'Totintun' at the time of the Domesday Book, which means 'the farmstead or village'. It was the centre of a thriving pottery industry, thought to have been established around 1200. Grade II listed, dating from the 18th century, of red brick with 19th century additions. 14th century octagonal font with a later 19th century restored base.

Postcode PE23 5AE

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



77 Toynton St Peter, St Peter



Grade II parish church dating from the 14th century. Rebuilt in 1876 by James Fowler of Louth. Built of greenstone and limestone with brick patching. 15th century tower and a 14th century font. In the churchyard is the base of a 14th century churchyard cross which is both Grade II listed and a scheduled monument.

Postcode PE23 5AT

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



78 West Keal, St Helen



Stunning position above the village looking south to Boston and east to the Wash. Beautifully tended and documented churchyard. Exquisitely carved stone pillar capitals, Norman boss, interesting piscina and organ, originally from Lincoln Cathedral, but unfortunately not now in working condition (mice!).

Postcode PE22 4BJ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



Ludborough, St Mary

WEEK 2

10TH & 11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Louth, Alford and villages

There are monuments, hatchments, carvings and fabulous architecture in abundance in our churches. Discover for yourself the rich treasures within these living mini museums.

Lincolnshire's only thatched church

Birthplace of Captain John Smith, Governor of Virginia US

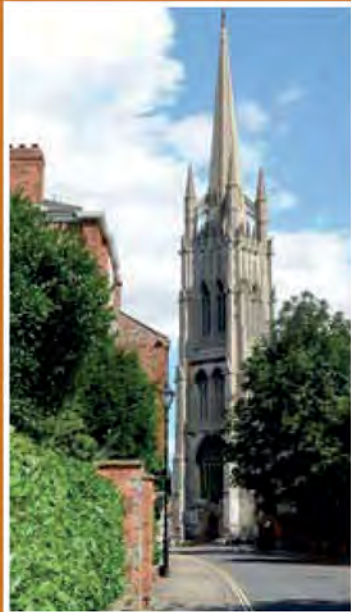
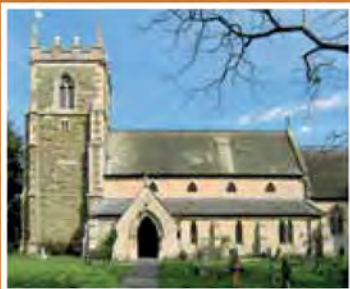
Angel roofs adorned with green men and winged angels

Tower climbs revealing spectacular views across the Wash

Exhibitions: Belleau, Covenham St Mary, Grainthorpe, Great Carlton, Legbourne, Ludford, South Elkington, Utterby, Beesby, Trusthorpe, Welton le Marsh,

Lunches: Addelethorpe, Hogsthorpe, Louth, Skegness Methodist, Trusthorpe,

Top Left: Wold Newton, Bottom Left: Great Carlton, Right: Louth



1 Belleau, St John the Baptist



On the east facing bank of the church you can still find seashells marking the old coastline to the North Sea. St John the Baptist church is of great antiquity since it was already being built in the time of Edward II (early 1300s). This dates the church to the time of Giotto and the start of the Renaissance in Italy. If you visit the Doges Palace in Venice, inside there is a huge globe of the known world. On the map of Great Britain there is no mention of London, with the only named place on the map being Belleau. Postcode LN13 0BW

Opening Times
Saturday 7.30am-8pm
Sunday 7.30am-8pm



2 Binbrook, St Mary & St Gabriel



Designed by James Fowler, the church was consecrated in 1869 with a dual dedication, as it replaced the two village churches. Links to the RAF include a stained-glass window, commemorating squadrons serving at RAF Binbrook, and a Roll of Honour to 460SQ RAAF. A warm welcome awaits visitors to the 'Cathedral in the Wolds'. Postcode LN8 6BJ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



3 Burwell, St Michael



The brick and greensand church tower of St Michael's can be seen on a hillside above the main road and the church has great views over gently rolling countryside. The walls show clear signs of alterations over the centuries: there was once a south aisle and the near windowless north wall may have been adjacent to monastic buildings. Prominent inside is the exquisite Norman chancel arch with carved capitals; above it, a medieval wall painting depicts a crowned head. There is also a 17th century pulpit and some interesting monuments. Postcode LN11 8PR

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



4 Covenham St Mary, St Mary



Items of interest include an Easter Sepulchre and what is thought to be a leper's squint. The font is decorated with instruments of the Passion. Several of the brackets which support the roof are carved with corbels, some decorated with grotesque figures, one of which we understand to be quite rare. There are sundials on the southern outer wall and oddly one on the northern wall. Several builders' marks are scratched into both the outer and inner walls, the clearest being a playing card. We will be holding an exhibition of jigsaws, some of which will be for sale. Postcode LN11 0PG

Opening Times
Saturday 1pm-4pm
Sunday 1pm-4pm



5 Fotherby, St Mary



Photo by Steven Ruffles

Opening Times
Sunday 10am-4pm



The church will be decorated with flowers from the two weddings to be held during the previous week. This church was rebuilt in 1863, under the direction of Louth architect James Fowler. The external walls made mostly of Ancaster stone and internally lined with red brick. Features from the original building remain and include the arch leading to the tower, the font and the three bells which had hung in the old church since the 16th century. Outside there is the tomb of Everitt Allenby, Esq. the benefactor who financed much of the re-build.
Postcode LN11 0UH

6 Fulstow, St Lawrence



Opening Times
Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



A quiet sacred space, with parts of church dating from the 13th century. Renovated in 1868. The churchyard contains a medieval shaft of a cross.
Postcode LN11 0XW

7 Grainsby, St Nicholas



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



11th century Norman Tower with Vesica window. The nave has stout sloping walls which are perhaps as old as the tower, with a Norman doorway on the south side. Woodwork includes 15th century screen dividing nave and chancel, two old chairs with men's heads carved on the armrests adorned with an eagle and a pigeon.
Postcode DN36 5PT

8 Grainthorpe, St Clements



Opening Times
Saturday 10.30am-3pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



Beautiful and imposing Grade I listed marshland church, that has evolved over 800 years. Elements of the Decorated and Perpendicular Gothic styles. Interesting medieval brass engraved with fantastical fish. Discover 18th century graffiti of sailing ships, shoes and hands – come and create some yourself!
Postcode LN11 7JR

9 Great Carlton, St John the Baptist



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



Rebuilt in 1861 to a James Fowler design, it has a long drive access to the car park described as an "approach unsurpassed in all Lincolnshire." Extensively repaired 10 years ago. Many features including splendid reredos. Displays on:
Castle Carlton featuring artefacts covering 10 millennia; and
Little Carlton Saxon settlement discovered about 10 years ago. Bell Tower will be open 2pm-4pm
Saturday 10th for bell ringing demonstration.
Postcode LN11 8JU

10 Grimoldby, St Edith



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



Historical interests are the external stone carved gargoyles, nine hand carved oak internal roof angels (eight angels now being conserved), lower remains of the rood screen, three 15th century bells with remains of medieval bell frame, remains of early wooden threshing line sleeve to main roof beam in nave. The north churchyard contains a Saxon cross and Great War memorial. Artistic and archaeological features include numerous medieval and later graffiti to door jambs and columns. Faint signs of medieval painting to two nave arches and a column, with potential and yet unfound additional medieval painting. Postcode LN11 8SW

11 Haugham, All Saints



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



The spire of All Saints soars above a round of trees in the open country of the Wolds, visible for miles around. As you reach All Saints on foot down a green lane, you might expect a rustic church - in fact, the building is an example of ecclesiastical elegance. It was built in 1840, modelled on the church of St James in nearby Louth. Inside, the church is solid and welcoming. There are handsome pews, a timber roof, and several memorials to Lincolnshire people.
Postcode LN11 8PU

12 Legbourne, All Saints



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



Search for medieval graffiti and fragments of glass. Discover Biblical scenes in the 'Preedy' stained glass windows. Identify wild-flowers and butterflies in the wildlife area. Look through albums and scrapbooks of the village.
Postcode LN11 8LL

13 Little Cawthorpe, St Helen



Built in red brick with contrasting bands of black brick, St Helen's stands on a mound near the centre of an attractive village. This charming Victorian church with its vibrant stained glass and elegant spire is in the style of the early fourteenth century. It was considered to be a model for parishes of modest means.

Postcode LN11 8LZ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



14 Louth, St James



St James's parish church is internationally famous for the height and beauty of its tower and spire, which was completed in 1515 and is today widely regarded as one of the great achievements of medieval church architecture. The church is mainly fifteenth century Perpendicular, with splendid east and west Perpendicular windows, but the piers and arcades date from the thirteenth century. Two fragments of a very rare mid-tenth century wheel cross, showing the crucified Christ, can be seen on display at the back of the church. It is a busy church which hosts exhibitions, concerts and community events.

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



Postcode LN11 9YE

15 Louth, Methodist Church



'Wesley in Wool' exhibition, kindly loaned by Barton & Brigg Methodist Circuit. This shows the life of the Wesley family using knitted figures and displays. Metal wall sculpture by Noel Black. The Abbey organ will be available for any organist who wishes to play. Louth Methodist Church is a Grade II listed building in the centre of the Georgian market town. Opposite, Lakings the Butchers is often used to describe its location.

Opening Times
Saturday 10.30am-3.30pm
Sunday 12noon-3.30pm

Postcode LN11 9NQ



16 Ludborough, St Mary



Grade I listed built around 1200, contains a medieval wall painting. There is early English scroll work on one of the north windowsills. The north chancel door (Priest door) has two unusual drip stone terminations. The tower is built of local sandstone and has been used as a look out post in times of danger and war. The south aisle was used as a school until 1863 when the church school was built.

Opening Times
Saturday 10am -5pm
Sunday 10am -5pm

Postcode DN36 5SF



17 Ludford, St Mary & St Peter



Photo by Tim Heaton

Opening Times
Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



St Mary and St Peter's holds Parish Mass on the first and Third Sundays at 11am. It hosts the 101 Squadron memorial service in June each year and holds the memorial book of those lost during WWII. There is a beautiful full height, stained glass window above the altar depicting scenes from the lives of St Mary and St Peter. The organ has a beautiful tone, but is in serious need of repair, having been brought to the church in the 1890s after its original church was demolished. Exhibition of village memorabilia. Extensive graveyard worth exploring with two WWII gravestones. Postcode LN8 6AD

18 Manby, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



Built of ashlar greenstone in late Perpendicular style during Henry VII's reign. From 1938 associations with the RAF. Served as chapel for the School of Air Warfare until its closure in 1974. Information on display. Cast window from the demolished Missionary College, Burgh representing the Conversion of St Paul. A cushion on the altar table is made from material left over from the Queen's coronation train.

Postcode LN11 8HU

19 Marshchapel, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



Built in 1420, this Grade I listed church is one of the finest fabrics in the district. Interesting carved pew ends, rood screen, pulpit and font cover, gargoyles and War Graves. An extensive history.

Postcode DN36 5TW

20 North Cockerington, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



Unusually, the square-towered St Mary's shares a churchyard with another church, St Adelwold's. The bulk of St Mary's dates from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, although a blocked-up window in the chancel could date from before the Norman Conquest in 1066. It also has box pews and improving texts from the early 19th century, when the tower was rebuilt. There is a working watermill nearby. Both churches are accessible through a farmyard.

Postcode LN11 0QD

21 North & South Somercotes, St Mary



Built mainly in the 13th century. The nave and south aisle roofs were destroyed in 1685. The present roof dates from 1902 and 1984. 15th century font has eight carved panels. Three bells, treble is 15th century, second dated 1616 and tenor 1603. The belfry was restored in 1984/85. Organ built by Forster & Andrews of Hull in 1888. A single manual instrument with six stops and 293 decorated zinc plates. Stained glass window depicting a lamb. Lifesize paper angels adorn the church.

Postcode LN11 7PZ

Opening Times
Saturday 11am-3pm
Sunday 11am-3pm



22 North Thoresby, St Helen



Fragment of original Saxon cross used for open air worship before the church was built. 400-year-old Tudor bench ends. Norman stone font with unfinished carving. East window memorial for both World Wars (details in frames on nearby window sills).

Postcode DN36 5QG

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



23 Raithby, St Peter



A great feature is the splendid barrel organ – the only one in working order still to be found in a Lincolnshire church. Built 1839 with 3 barrels, each with 10 tunes. The organ will be demonstrated 2pm-4pm. Tea will be served during this time. Beautiful setting by footpath running across fields to Louth. German/Flemish glass roundels and box pews.

Postcode LN11 9RR

Opening Times
Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday 9am-6pm



24 Saltfleet, Methodist Church



We are blessed to have a small tranquil garden, with benches to sit and enjoy the peace. Our large windows will hold displays of different types of Harvest. Tea and coffee, scones and cake will be sold.

Postcode LN11 7RZ

Opening Times
Saturday 12noon-3pm
Sunday 12noon-3pm



25 Saltfleetby, All Saints



The tall, square tower of this marshland church leans dramatically to the west, as if trying to stretch away from the long, low nave below. Inside, the church is striking for its light and stillness - it has an air of peace in contrast to its wild, marshy setting. All Saints is sparsely but beautifully furnished with a gorgeous 15th century carved screen and two pulpits, one Elizabethan and rustic, the other 17th century from Oriel College, Oxford. The heavy timbered roof demonstrates the good, honest craftsmanship of medieval builder.

Postcode LN11 7TU

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



26 Saltfleetby, St Peter



St Peter's Church has the unusual distinction of not being in its original position. The main body of the building was moved about half a mile in 1877 to its present position at the crossroads near the centre of the village.

Postcode LN11 7TU

Photo by Mark Morton
Opening Times
Saturday 2pm-4pm
Sunday 2pm-4pm



27 South Elkington, All Saints



The chancel ceiling is extremely special. We have 15th century carved angels high in the nave ceiling. Daniel Crane, a Lincolnshire artist, is exhibiting both days with his paintings. The exhibition is entitled 'Horses and Soldiers'.

Postcode LN11 0SA

Photo by J Hannan-Briggs
Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



28 South Somercotes, St Peter



This 13th century church has a tall, slender spire, which for centuries has guided sailors along the Lincolnshire coast, giving the church the nickname of 'The Queen of the Marsh'. The building is mainly from the 13th century, but the tower and spire were added somewhat later, and many windows were inserted in the 15th century. Its spacious interior contains a superb 15th century font carved with the instruments of the Passion.

Postcode LN11 7BW

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



29 South Thoresby, St Andrew



Grade II Listed Georgian red brick design. Restored in 1872. Venetian window on east wall. 14th century font with medieval graffiti. Crypt under church. War graves in churchyard. Wildlife habitat to rear of church. Situated on eastern edge of the Wolds.

Postcode LN13 0AS

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



30 Stewton, St Andrew



Grade II* building of late Saxon and early Norman origin. In a country setting 2 miles east of Louth. Consisting of chancel, nave, vestry, west porch and a bell-cote with one bell. Beautiful peaceful churchyard, with gazebos for picnics, and home-made cake and drinks available both days, for people to enjoy the peace of the countryside. A short outdoor service will be held on Sunday at 11am. Some outdoor stalls selling goods also in the churchyard.

Postcode LN11 8SF

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



31 Swaby, St Nicholas



There will be knowledgeable guides available to answer most of your questions about the church. Church burial records will be available to view.

Postcode LN13 0BQ

Opening Times
Saturday 10.30am-3pm
Sunday 10.30am-3pm



32 Tathwell, St Vedast



Built on the highest point in the village, our church commands a view of Tathwell Lake. Enter through a timber-framed porch to discover an interesting mix of Norman, Georgian and Victorian architecture. Grade II* listed building houses many fascinating monuments to the Hamby and Chaplin families who once owned our village and vast acres of Lincolnshire. The east window commemorates three Chaplin brothers (and includes their weeping mother) and a mid 20th century window depicts St Vedast and the racehorses bred by another local family. Guide leaflet available. Guided tour of history and architectural features at 2.30pm on both days.

Postcode LN11 9SR

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



33 Utterby, St Andrew



Engraved glass window, unique in Lincolnshire, depicting 'Utterby past, present and future'. Stained glass by Thomas Willement; glass artist to Queen Victoria. Monument in stone relief to Gilbert de Cumberbatch, 14th century rector. Touchscreen information, Listening Post with oral histories. Utterby Church guide leaflet, Heritage Collection Booklet and Children's Church Trail.

Postcode LN11 0TH

Opening Times
Sunday 11am-4pm



34 Waithe, St Martin



St Martin's, with its beautiful square tower, dates back to the 11th century. The building is a fascinating combination of Romanesque work and Victorian Gothic. It was restored exquisitely in 1861 by noted local architect James Fowler for local landowners. The wonderfully colourful interior has elaborately patterned Minton tiles on the floor, walls and reredos, stunning stained glass and a number of monuments to members of the Haigh family.

Postcode DN36 5PR

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm



35 Welton le Wold, St Martin



St Martin's church is open for visitors and private prayer. A kettle and consumables for "Do-It-Yourself" tea and coffee will be available over the weekend. Invalid-access toilet. Wheelchair in church. Visiting ringers may ring our medieval (1426-1456) bells by arrangement with Peter on 07766 564402. Harvest Thanksgiving on 11th at 5pm with light refreshments and drinks following the service.

Postcode LN11 0QT

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 12noon-5pm
(following morning service)



36 Withcall, St Martin



Nestled within a secluded fold of the Lincolnshire Wolds, offering beautiful views of surrounding farmland. Stained glass dedicated to St Martin. Music and Singer at times during the days For times please phone: 01507 343607

Postcode LN11 0QT

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



37 Wold Newton, All Saints



A beautiful Victorian Grade II listed church by James Fowler (1861) sits in a remote and peaceful churchyard above the hamlet, decorated in the High Church style, with statues of a number of saints with a local attachment. A fine example of a Forster and Andrews organ available to play. Lovely Victorian and medieval stained-glass, and a collection of carved masonry from abbeys across Lincolnshire. Accessible by popular walking and cycling routes, car or powered wheelchair support may be available. Light refreshments nearby. Church activities over the weekend updated on Facebook: All Saints Church Wold Newton. Postcode LN8 6BP

Opening Times

Saturday 1pm-4pm
 Sunday 10am-4pm (Mass at 8.45am, all welcome)



Wainfleet, All Saints

38 Addlethorpe, St Nicholas



15th century 'Cathedral of the Marsh' that retains most of the original features, in a good state of preservation: six carved oak screens, south porch notable for the level of fine detail both inside and out and unusually, retains an inscription recording the original benefactor. 'The Angel Roof' is the theme of our flower festival celebrating the 600-year-old roof that is adorned with winged angels, green men and many other curious carvings. The church tower roof will be open to visitors. The tower contains six bells all by Henry Harrison, 18th century bellfounder of Barrow on Humber. The bells will be rung throughout both days.

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4.30pm
 Sunday 10am-4.30pm



Postcode
 PE24 4TA

39 Alford, St Wilfrid



A church from the 14th century built of local sandstone with extensive Victorian improvements. There is a fine 17th century tomb of Sir Robert Christopher and his wife. The pulpit has fine Jacobean carving. The bell tower houses a peal of six bells. The Parvis Room over the porch was the original Alford Grammar School. John Smith, Virginia's first governor was probably a pupil. There are a number of stained-glass windows including one of St Wilfrid. Links to Anne Hutchinson, nee Marbury, one of the original colonists of America. Her father was vicar. Fine collection of over 200 kneelers depicting local organisations and in memory of loved ones.

Opening Times

Saturday 9.30am-4pm
 Sunday 11am-4pm (service 10am-11am)



Postcode LN13 9DS

40 Anderby, St Andrew



Attractive chancel with stained glass windows. Ashlar cross. A peaceful quiet environment. 'Faberge' style decorated eggs and floral arrangements using silk flowers for sale. Display of bobbin lace over the weekend with demonstrations on how to make bobbin lace on the Saturday. Display of knitted and crochet items also.

Postcode PE24 5YF

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
 Sunday 10am-4pm



41 Beesby with Maltby, St Andrew



A small much-loved church built in brick and stone in the middle of the village. The nave doubles as community centre and the stone chancel is absolutely charming. Look for the stone carving of the man with toothache at the front of the nave. Lovely area outside for picnics.

Postcode LN13 0JG

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
 Sunday 10am-4pm



42 Bilby, Holy Trinity



Holy Trinity is celebrating 800 years serving the community of Bilby, Farlethorpe and the surrounding area. The current church building replacing the original was built in the 16th century and consists of chancel, nave, single bell tower and entrance porch. The church is simple and largely unchanged over the centuries with the exception of modernisation to offer improved seating, disabled facilities and small kitchen. The stone altars are unusual and of particular interest. Holy Trinity is still central to the village community. Postcode LN13 9PY

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



43 Bratoft, St Peter & St Paul



Church was built in 14th century and in a quiet rural setting. Bratoft is the birthplace of the Reverend Thomas Scott, a well-known scholar and commentator on the Bible. The east window is in his memory. On view in the Church is the extraordinary and probably unique allegorical painting of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. It is 5 feet 1 inch high and 6 feet 9 inches wide. The Church has links with Gunby Hall and the Massingberd family. A leaflet giving further information about the church is available. Postcode PE24 5DJ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



44 Burgh le Marsh, St Peter & St Paul



Fine medieval parish church set in a former market town. Impressive tower is late Perpendicular. Clerestoried nave has carved ceiling bosses including eleven green men faces. Jacobean pulpit dates from 1625. Fine Jacobean lectern crafted by Jabez Good, a local man. It is in memory of William George Tozer, a vicar who became the second Bishop of Central Africa. Unique painted clock with inscription on the tower. Medieval paintings on pillars and arches. Memorabilia from St Paul's Missionary College (closed 1936). Postcode PE24 5DY

Opening Times
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 10.30am-5.30pm
(service 9.30am and 6pm)



45 Chapel St Leonards, St Leonard



A quiet country church built in 1794. Booklet available about the history of the church. Beautiful windows letting in light that illuminates the chancel. One stained glass window that depicts 'Samuel in the temple'. Beautiful flower displays. The church stands surrounded by a calm, tranquil churchyard. a place of quiet contemplation. Postcode PE24 5UJ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm (service 11am-12noon)



46 Croft, All Saints



A beautiful 13th century church, steeped in history. With the original pews, intricate carvings and brass, there is lots to see. The church will be decorated with flowers. There will be a display of 'Bridal Dresses from Weddings' in the church over the last 50 years. The tower will be open for magnificent views over the Wash and the Wolds. There will be craft & cake stalls. The homemade cakes being served come "Highly recommended"! Bellringing and a short Service on Sunday at 3.30pm. Postcode PE24 4RS

Opening Times
Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



47 Hannah cum Hagnaby, St Andrew



Georgian, Grade I, simple design incorporating some re-used masonry, medieval in origin. Flanked by arable farmland and sited on an elevated position giving interesting views of the area. Interior largely unchanged since 1753, containing original oak panelled box pews. Two-decker pulpit and unusual three sided altar rail extended in a semi-circle at the front which is hinged and opens outwards. Marble font, cleverly built into a pew. Postcode LN13 9QL

Opening Times
Saturday 11am-5pm
Sunday 11am-4pm



48 Hogsthorpe, St Mary



One of the finest medieval marshland churches, first recorded incumbent in 1232, mainly 14th and 15th century constructed of local green sandstone from the Wolds. South porch built by Guild of St Mary's in 1558. Large church built by the wealthy wool trade. Extensively renovated in 1870. Arts and crafts exhibition and sale both days with coffee and cake and light lunches served. Saturday concert 3pm. Rhythm & Steel music with a Caribbean feel. Sunday Songs of Praise at 3pm. Postcode PE24 5PP

Opening Times
Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm
Sunday 9.30am-4.30pm
(service at 9.30am, all welcome)



49 Huttoft, St Margaret of Antioch



13th century with lovely stone carvings. Every century more treasures have been added – font with wonderful carvings of the saints and wooden canopy, the old funeral byre, the barrel organ, parish chest, stained glass windows and the Great Chair. Postcode LN13 9RE

Opening Times
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



50 Ingoldmells, St Peter & St Paul



Early Norman Grade I listed with a peal of 8 bells acknowledged as one of the finest in Lincolnshire. The first service was held in 1205, but indications of a much older church. Traces of Viking and Anglo-Saxon settlements nearby. Evidence of a Roman garrison and salt works nearby. During WWII Butlins was HMS Royal Arthur. Church has a Royal Arthur chapel with a memorial stained-glass window, during the War HMS Royal Arthur was reported by the Germans as having been sunk!

Postcode PE25 1PW

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm



51 Mablethorpe, St Mary



Ancient church in extensive churchyard, dating from 1300 when Sir Roger de Montalt, a baron during reign of Henry VIII, gifted the land. Effigy of Robert de Mablethorpe can be seen. The head of the figure rests on a pillow upheld by angels, and beneath the feet are two dragons engaged in fierce combat.

Postcode LN12 2EW

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm



52 Markby, St Peter



The only thatched church in Lincolnshire, built from the remains of Markby Priory. Delightful inside with its box pews and font, which probably belonged to a former church.

Postcode LN13 9QH

Opening Times
Saturday dawn-dusk
Sunday dawn-dusk



53 Orby, All Saints



Medieval structure with the nave built in the year 1150. The south side aisle was added around 1450 and the tower around 1600. There is a list of vicars going back to the 13th century. There is a peal of three bells and the tenor weights about 9cwt. Local artist will be painting and displaying his work. Please have a go on our tombola over both days. Sunday Eucharist at 11am, all welcome.

Postcode PE24 5HT

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-3pm



54 Skegness Methodist Church



140-year-old Wesleyan Chapel modernised in 2013. History of the chapel on show. War memorial plaque and photos of recent events. Wheelchair access & toilet facilities available. Shops nearby.

Postcode PE25 2AJ

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm



55 Sutton on Sea, St Clement



Unusual leaning tower. Plaque marking height of 1953 flood water. Grave of local infantryman killed, age 21, while serving in Northern Ireland in 1972. Pleasant gardens. 5 min walk to sea front via Church Lane; sloping access to flat prom, walk or cycle north to Mablethorpe or south to Huttoft Car Terrace. Hot/cold drinks and biscuits served all day in church transept.

Postcode LN12 2RU

Opening Times
Saturday 9.30am-5pm
Sunday 9.30am-5pm
(Morning Worship 10.30am,
Songs of Praise 4pm)



56 Thorpe St Peter, St Peter



The church of St Peter dates from around 1396 and is built of greenstone and limestone. The architecture is mainly of the Decorated style but with examples of other periods. Features inside include the font (one of the best examples of Early English work in Lincolnshire), the pulpit (richly carved Jacobean) and the carved oak chancel screen. There is also a modern reredos on display. Outside is evidence that the church was at one time much bigger. The organ by Walkers dates from 1964.

Postcode PE24 4NW

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



57 Trusthorpe, St Peter



Original church is said to have been situated a quarter of a mile east of where it stands now, destroyed by the encroaching sea. The present church has nave, chancel and tower. This is constructed of red brick with a mediaeval font inside. In the wall of the porch is an inverted stone, carved with a shield, cross, and gothic inscription. This impressive church tower dates to 1606 with church re-built 1842.

Postcode LN12 2PH

Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



58 Wainfleet, All Saints



This year, All Saints, celebrates the two hundredth anniversary of its consecration. It is best described as 'simple preaching-house style', but the building incorporates stonework (mainly window tracery) salvaged from a much older church, which stood about a mile away, and collapsed around 1809 because it was built on a sandbank!

Its most outstanding feature are the engraved glass doors between the narthex and the nave, commemorating members of the Bateman family (proprietors of the local brewery). There are also two stained glass windows either side of the altar. The riverside path at the end of the churchyard is ideal for viewing swans and sometimes other wild animals. Postcode PE24 4BW

Opening Times

Saturday 10am to 4pm
Sunday 10.30am to 4pm



59 Wainfleet St Mary, St Mary



An impressive survivor of a deserted medieval settlement and lovingly restored in the late 19th century. The church has served this scattered community for about nine hundred years. The tower houses a peal of six bells. A 'High Church' with a rich 'Anglo-Catholic' tradition. Enter the churchyard by the lychgate and experience its unique peace and tranquillity.

Postcode PE24 4JT

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm



60 Welton le Marsh, St Martin



Rebuilt in 1797 retaining some of the medieval chalk base from the original building. One of the two fountains is a 14th century bowl (possibly from the original church) which was found in a field in 1912 and restored in 1914. Lovely organ which came from the Anglican shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Chalice by Thomas Evesden is dated 1718. This peaceful church is in the centre of the village, surrounded by a beautiful graveyard sheltered by mature trees.

Postcode PE23 5TJ

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



61 Willoughby with Sloothby, St Helena



St Helena's dates back to the 13th century; the octagonal font is where John Smith was baptized in 1580. He later became famous as Captain John Smith, leader of the Jamestown Colony in Virginia. See scenes of his life in the window adjacent to the font. Windows in the chancel depict scenes from the Jamestown Colony and include Pocahontas, wife of John Rolfe. In the bell tower there is what is described in Pevsner as 'a wonderfully primeval ladder'. St Helena's is home to the Alford Group's 'Forest Church' which meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm. Postcode LN13 9SU

Opening Times

Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



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