Weekly notes and information for W/C Sunday 31st August 2025



11th Sunday after Trinity

In all we do, we seek to live out Jesus' command to draw close to the love of God in worship, and to share this by loving our neighbour

Collect Prayer and Daily Prayer this week.

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

DIARY ACROSS LOUTHESK DEANERY...

Trinity 11 MP Scripture Psalm 119.161-end; Johah 3.1-9; Ecclesiasticus 11.(7-17)18-28

10am Holy Communion at St James'*

10 30am Methodist at Saltfleetby

11am Holy Communion at Belleau3pm Licensing Service at Binbrook

Please see below for parking.

Service to be live streamed see below

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EP Scripture *Psalm 119.81-96; Isaiah 33.13-22; John 3.22-36*

JOINING IN WORSHIP

Services marked with * are being streamed on the Parish of Louth Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to view these services – just click on 'Not now' when it asks you to sign up.

Watch Louth CofE Services as live streams (and previously recorded) on Facebook. No account needed

WELCOME. The collections taken at each of our services go to support the work and ministry of the Church and in the wider world. In each church you will find yellow Gift Aid envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, we can claim an additional 25p for every £1 you give if you complete the details on these envelopes. There is a chance to meet others over coffee at the end of our morning services in most of the churches – please do stay if you are able – if you would like to set up a regular gift to the church please look at https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/ to see if your church is signed up.

	THE	WEEK AHEAD
Monday 1st DEL Week 22	MP Scripture	Psalm 80, 82; Proverbs 8.1-21; Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday 2 nd	MP Scripture 11am	Psalm 87, 89.1-18; Proverbs 8.22-end; Mark 5.21-34 Weekly Informal Coffee break at Utterby — Summer Break
	11am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St James'
	1pm	Funeral – Alford Crem – Rosemary West
	7pm	Chess Club at St James' Church Hse
Wednesday 3 rd	MP Scripture 9 30am 11am	Psalm 119.105-128; Proverbs 9; Mark 5.35-end Morning Prayer at St James' — Cancelled Coffee Morning at Legbourne 10am -12noon
	12 30pm	Monthly Lunches at Covenham to book call 01507 363508
	12 30pm	Pop-in light lunches between 12:30 & 2:30pm Alongside Church Mice Craft Group at Fotherby
	5pm	Night Light Café at Trinity Centre till 8pm
	6 30pm	Gardening Club at Ludborough
	7nm	Louth Photographic Society at St James' Church Hse
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PRAYERS AND READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Reading: Jeremiah 2.4-13

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' ⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. 8 The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. 9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, 13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

¹³Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷Remember your leaders, those

who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7–14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 119.81-96

My soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word.

- ⁸² Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
- ⁸³ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.
- ⁸⁴ How many are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
- ⁸⁵ The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.
- ⁸⁶ All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.
- ⁸⁷ They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not thy commandments.
- ⁸⁸ O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.
- ⁸⁹O Lord, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.
- ⁹⁰ Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.
- ⁹¹ They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.
- ⁹² If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.
- ⁹³ I will never forget thy commandments: for with them thou hast quickened me.
- ⁹⁴ I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy commandments.
- ⁹⁵ The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
- ⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Old Testament: Isaiah 33.13-22

¹³ Hear, you who are far away, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might. ¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: 'Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting flames?' ¹⁵ Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly, who despise the gain of oppression, who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it, who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed and shut their eyes from looking on evil, 16 they will live on the heights; their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks; their food will be supplied, their water assured. ¹⁷ Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will behold a land that stretches far away. 18 Your mind will muse on the terror: 'Where is the one who counted? Where is the one who weighed the tribute? Where is the one who counted the towers?' ¹⁹ No longer will you see the insolent people, the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend, stammering in a language that you cannot understand. ²⁰ Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken. ²¹ But there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor stately ship can

pass. ²² For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us. Here ends the first lesson.

New Testament: John 3.22-36

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized— ²⁴John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. ²⁵ Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. ²⁶They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' ²⁷John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.' 31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's Here ends the second lesson. wrath.

Collect

O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEWS, NOTES & DIARY DATES

- Coffee Morning Held at St Leonards, South Cockerington on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10am till 12noon. (2nd Sept/7th Oct/4th Nov/2nd Dec)
- The Bunting Trail in North Somercotes Sunday 31st August 10am to 5pm (see poster)
- 'Daily Bread' bible reading notes now available, free for the next quarter.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MANBY



Sunday 28th September 6pm Following the well attended public meeting on the 3^{rd of} July we thank those who have indicated their willingness to support St Mary's Church. There will be a meeting on the church as per above to discuss moving forward with the start of an action plan. Everyone is welcome, both those who came to the July meeting and anyone who would like to support St Marys Church in any way.



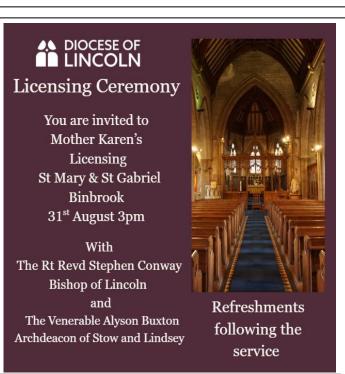
Louth Community Larder needs the following items

Tinned curry, meat balls, hot dogs, tinned chilli, coffee, teabags, tinned rice pudding, long life milk, jam, tinned beans, carrots, peas, pasta sauce.



Items can be dropped off at either Trinity Centre or a St James' Church Louth





PARKING FOR THE LICENSING CEREMONY

Available in The Pub - The Plough

Children's Centre

Behind Village Hall



Buffet lunch provided
Please book a place by emailing
stephen.woodcockmbe@gmail.com
before 15 September

Event kindly sponsored by Trinitas Church Insurance Services and Parish Buying.

Fulstow Village Hall Saturday September 27th 10.30am - 3pm

Celebrating the lives of our village churches together!

ST JAMES CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday 10am-4pm
Tuesday 10am-4pm
Wednesday 10am-4pm
Thursday 10am-4pm
Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

St James Tower

open daily 10.30am - 3.30pm except Sundays (Some Closures for special services may apply) S THE PARISH OF LOUTH

Admission £3.00 Adults £2.00 Children



St James Coffee Shop OPEN

Monday 10.30am - 3.30pm Tuesday 10.30am - 3.30pm Wednesday 10.30am - 3.30pm Thursday 10.30am - 3.30pm Friday 10.30am - 3.30pm Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm These times are subject to change





WOLDS & COAST CHURCHES FESTIVAL

STEWTON CHURCH Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September 10am-4pm



MASSIVE Book Sale

History and Historical Tours

Discover 40 toilets in the grounds!

World War 1 information from the village

Delicious Cakes - Hot and Cold Drinks - All Day Outdoor Seating

A warm welcome awaits



LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS & COAST CHURCHES FESTIVAL

6th & 7th September 2025 St Mary's Church, Fotherby

Church Open: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm









Come and visit our lovely church and see the newly crafted kneelers, showing all aspects of church and Fotherby life.

Secondhand Book



Wooden Crafts

Homemade refreshments available.

For more information on all the churches taking part, please visit: www.lineswoldsandcoastchurches.org



This year's Ride and Stride event will take place on Saturday 13 September 2025. Supported by the National Churches Trust, Ride and Stride is a well-established fundraising occasion for churches to open their doors to cyclists, walkers and horse riders visiting as many churches and chapels as they can in a single day. Thirty-two churches within Louthesk Deanery are taking part this year from Belleau, St John Baptist to Wold Newton All Saints. Walking or riding even a short distance will help raise much needed funds and all the money raised will be used to support churches within the Deanery and throughout Lincolnshire. We are looking for volunteers to help man a reception table in St James on the day and we would love to see as many participants as possible. If you would like to take part or are able to help in any way, please contact Jane Fletcher (cjanefletcher@btinternet.com) or John Craig (jsemplecrg@gmail.com) for more details.



Sunday 7th September
Join us for Churches Festival Weekend
as South Elkington welcomes visitors
from 2pm to 4pm, accompanied by the
gentle sounds of live music filling the air.
Local Musicians

Enjoy a selection of refreshments to make your visit even more delightful.



Louthesk Church Bells

For detailed information about the parish of Louth church Bells do not hesitate to contact

Jill Day

01507 603998

She's ready to assist you with everything you need to know.

St John the Baptist Church, Great Carlton



St John the Baptist Church, Great Carlton Saturday 6 Sept. open 10am to 5pm Sunday 7 Sept open 11am to 5pm after Holy Communion @ 9:30am All welcome

Displays

Little Carlton Saxon settlement

Castle Carlton, artifacts from Neolithic to 19c.

Churches of the Mid Marsh Carltons



Saturday 13 September

Our Ride and Stride Event, in aid of the Lincolnshire Churches Trust is fast approaching. People will be cycling or

walking around churches all over Lincolnshire. We're delighted to announce that this year Michael and Lucas Galey will be cycling on behalf of St John the Baptist Church! Please sponsor if you can, half of funds raised will remain with us at St John the Baptist Church, the other half will go to Lincolnshire Churches Trust. You can get in touch to sponsor on Facebook, by phone call or text to Victoria on 07774015918 or Carol on 07887623803. Thank you.

Dates for Diary Harvest Festival - 6pm Sunday 19 October 2025 Carol Service - 6pm Tuesday 23 December

Please feel free to contact Churchwardens

Carol Carter 07887 623803 or Kathy Crust 01507 450552 if you ever need to discuss any aspect of our Church as we are here to serve our community through Christ.'

FOTHERBY ART EXHIBITION

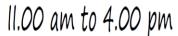
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St Mary's Church

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Raffle



& Delicious Homemade

Refreshments

St Mary's Church Fotherby 12⁴ October 2025 at 3.00 pm

HARVEST

CELEBRATION



led by Mother Karen



Please come and join us!

Donations of tinned food and packets, also toiletries and warm clothing to go to ECHO.

(East Coast Homeless Outreach)

Your generosity is much appreciated.





CHURCH SUPPLIES

Candles, wafers etc and so much more!

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Deanery Office Update

We hope this message finds you well.

We would like to inform you that the Deanery office is currently closed. However, both Julie (available on Tuesday and Wednesday) and I (available Monday to Friday) are continuing our work from home.

For any inquiries, please feel free to reach us at the same phone number: 01507 610247.

You can also contact us via email at the following addresses:

Louthesk@lincoln.anglican.org

Denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org

Julie.speakman@lincoln.anglican.org.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival September 6th & 7th, 2025

St Andrew's at South Thoresby is proud to participate in this very popular festival that sees many of the beautiful churches & chapels open across the stunning Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast.

We will be open 10am - 4pm on Saturday & Sunday Our postcode is LN13 0AS.



Please note: the church is open daily.

Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival September 6th & 7th, 2025

St Nicholas at Swaby is proud to participate in this very popular festival that sees many of the beautiful churches & chapels open across the stunning Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast.

For the festival we will be open 11am - 3pm on Saturday & Sunday Our postcode is LN13 0BQ.



Please note: the church is open daily.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 7th September

Trinity 12 MP Scripture Psalm 122, 123; Johah 3.10-end of 4; Ecclesiasticus 27.30-28.9

9 30am Morning Prayer at Covenham

9 30am Holy Communion at Great Carlton

9 30am Parish Mass at St Michaels

10am **Methodist** at Fulstow

10am Holy Communion at St James'*10am Moring Prayer at Marshchapel

10am Holy Communion at North Thoresby

10 30am **Methodist** at Saltfleetby

11am **Morning Worship** at Legbourne

11.15am Parish Mass at Ludford

11.15am **Holy Communion** at Stewton

2pm Baptism – Aubree Ada Johnson – Wold Newton

EP Scripture Psalm 121; Isaiah 43.14; John 5.30-end

"Churches Without Walls" (CWW)

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

CWW meets from 7.00pm till 9.00pm, the next meeting is on **Thursday 11th September 2025**every **2nd & 4th Thursday** of each month, thereafter, at
St James' **Main** Church, Louth.
Members attend **when** they can.

For more details, and any questions or enquiries, etc, please contact.

Revd Deacon James Hunter (email: <u>james.hunter200@btinternet.com</u>) or

Revd Mike Croft (email: mike.croft@teamparishoflouth.org.uk)

In our prayers this week...

All those affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

Those who we welcome into the Church in Baptism:

The sick and those in need: Sylvia Hynes, Patrick Lee, Phil Mamwell, Andrew Mawer, Richard Mawer, Ronnie and Revd Ian Partridge, Christina Pettifer, John and Liz Morris, Margaret Pinchbeck, Elaine Walsh, Lawrence Willets, Connie Robinson, Lesley Carroll.

Those who have died; *Joyce Lamboard, Alec Lovesey, John Loft.*

CONTACTS

To add or remove someone from the prayer list or if you are aware of anyone in <u>urgent</u> pastoral need, please e-mail or call the below.

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mike.croft@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Louthesk Deanery Office: 01507 610247
louthesk@lincoln.anglican.org
For Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals
Across Louthesk Deanery

Trinity Centre: 01507 605803
trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk
For matters relating to activities or bookings
at The Trinity Centre

For information about how to respond to safeguarding concerns, or for sources of support, please see Safeguarding Notices in church porches.