Weekly notes and information for W/C Sunday 28th September 2025



15th Sunday after Trinity

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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.

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

DIARY ACROSS LOUTHESK DEANERY...

Trinity 15	MP Scripture	Psalm 132, Isaiah 48.12-end; Luke 11.37-end
Proper 21	8 45am	Parish Mass at Wold Newton
	10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby *
	10am	Holy Communion at St James'
	10am	Harvest Festival at Utterby
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Grimoldby
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Binbrook
	10 30am	Methodist Service at Saltfleetby
	11am	Informal Worship at North Somercotes
	11am	Harvest Lunch at Utterby 11am till 1pm
	11.15am	Holy Communion at St Elkington NO SERVICE
	3pm	Evening Prayer at Fotherby
	3pm	Harvest Festival at Swinhope
	6pm	Holy Communion & Church Wardens Admitted
		at Withcall
	EP Scripture	Psalm 134, 135; Nehemiah 2; John 8.31-38, 48-end

JOINING IN WORSHIP

Services marked with * are being streamed on the Parish of Louth Facebook page or The Louthesk Deanery page the link below:

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You do not need a Facebook account to view these services – just click on 'Not now' when it asks you to sign up.

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 29 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 34, 150; Tobit 12.6-end or Daniel 12.1-4; Acts 12.1-11
Michael and All Angels	11.15am	Funeral – Grimsby Crem – Joyce Wilkinson
	12noon	Mass at St Michaels
	2pm	Funeral – Fulstow – Philip Lovesey
Tuesday 30 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 5, 6; Wisdom 2; Mark 10.1-16
	11am	Weekly Informal Coffee break at Utterby
	11am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St James'
	7pm	Chess Club at St James' Church Hse
Wednesday 1st	MP Scripture	Psalm 34; Wisdom 7.15-8.4; Mark 11.27-end
	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
	7pm	Louth Photographic Society at St James' Church Hse
Thursday 2 nd	MP Scripture	Psalm 37*; Wisdom 8.5-18; Mark 12.1-12
,	10am	Coffee & Chat at Reading Room Binbrook
	10 30am	'Craft and Chatter' at St James'
	7pm	Night Prayer/Compline
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Friday 3 rd	MP Scripture	Psalm 31; Wisdom 8.21-end of 9; Mark 12.13-17
Saturday 4 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 41, 42, 43; Wisdom 10.15-11.10; Mark 12.18-27
		Harvest Lunch at Legbourne
	1pm	Wedding – South Elkington – Holiday & Brown

PRAYERS AND READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 32.1–3a, 6–15

³²The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army

of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁶ Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' 8Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6–19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep

the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16.19-end

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

Luke 16.19-end

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 134.

Behold now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord;

- ² Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God.
- ³ Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord.
- ⁴ The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.

Psalm 135.

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;

- ² Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
- ³ O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
- ⁴ For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself : and Israel for his own possession.
- ⁵ For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.
- ⁶ Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth: and in the sea, and in all deep places.
- ⁷ He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.
- ⁸ He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast.
- ⁹ He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
- ¹⁰ He smote divers nations : and slew mighty kings;
- ¹¹ Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
- ¹² And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people.
- ¹³ Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
- ¹⁴ For the Lord will avenge his people : and be gracious unto his servants.
- ¹⁵ As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold : the work of men's hands.

- ¹⁶ They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, but they see not.
- ¹⁷ They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- ¹⁸ They that make them are like unto them : and so are all they that put their trust in them.
- ¹⁹ Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
- ²⁰ Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
- ²¹ Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

Old Testament: Nehemiah 2

²In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served to him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. ²So the king said to me, 'Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.' Then I was very much afraid. 3I said to the king, 'May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?' 4Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it.' ⁶The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), 'How long will you be gone, and when will you return?' So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. ⁷Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; 8 and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.' And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me. ⁹ Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me. ¹⁰When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel. 11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. 12 Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. ¹³I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. 15So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. ¹⁶The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work. ¹⁷ Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burnt. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.' ¹⁸I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good. ¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, 'What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?' ²⁰Then I replied to them, 'The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem.'

New Testament: John 8.31-38, 48-end

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' 33They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?' 34 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.' ⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' ⁴⁹Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. 50Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. 51Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.' 52The Jews said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death." ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?' 54 Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God", ⁵⁵though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?' ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Collect

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEWS, NOTES & DIARY DATES

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.

Here ends the second lesson.

- 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)
- 'Daily Bread' bible reading notes now available, free for the next quarter

MUSIC STANDS NEEDED

If you have any music stands you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could donate them to Grimoldby Church. Please contact Denise in the Deanery office at 01507 610247.



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

Please note I am on Annual leave next week, should you need any assistance Julie will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday, or you can Contact Revd Mike Croft for Louth—St James, St Michael's, South Elkington, Holy Trinity, Welton and Stewton or Mother Karen for all the rural churches in the deanery, both details are at the bottom of these weekly notes. Regards Denise Bell.









St Andrew's Church Stewton

Harvest Festival

&

Auction

Sunday October 5th @ 3pm

Refreshments after the service Come & join us



ST MARY'S CHURCH, MANBY





EVENING WILDLIFE WATCH

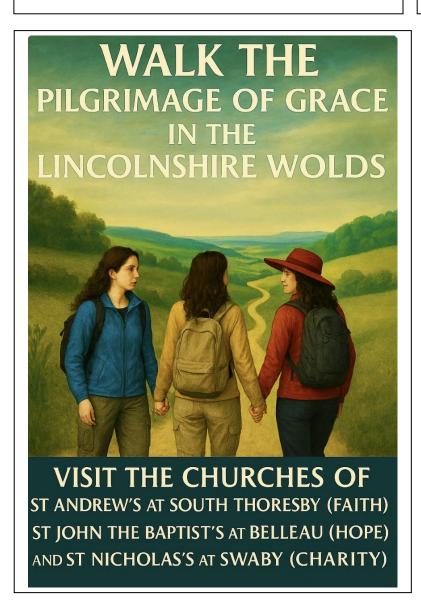
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025 7 PM to 10 PM

The church will be open from 7pm to 10pm for anyone to sit and watch for flying bats in and around the church and churchyard.

Badgers and Muntjac deer also visit the churchyard.

(Sightings cannot be guaranteed)

Refreshments will be available



The Friends of St James's Church
Christmas Tree festival
This year the festival will be from
Friday 5th December - Wednesday 10th
December
with a launch night event Thursday 4th
December

More information will be shared over the coming weeks

If you would like to exhibit a tree please contact denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH LEGBOURNE

Welcome on Wednesday Coffee Morning 10am-noon

19th March 16th April 21st May 18th June 16th July, 20th August 17th September 15th October. 19th November







CHURCH SUPPLIES

Candles, wafers etc and so much more!

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Call Linda

On 01790 763627 or Email: linda@olivetreelincs.co.uk

Or come and visit us at High Mill, Kirkby Hill, Old Bolingbroke, Spilsby.

Deanery Office Update

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to inform you that the Deanery office is still 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:

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Thank you for your understanding and support during this challenging time.

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

HARVEST CELEBRATION



Mother Karen



Plesse 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.

FOTHERBY ART EXHIBITION



St Mary's Church

4th & 5th October



11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Raffle



& Delicious Homemade Refreshments

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 5th October MP Scripture *Psalm 141; Isaiah 49.13-23; Luke 12.1-12* Trinity 16 9 30am Holy Communion at Covenham Proper 22 9 30am Parish Mass at St Michaels 9 30am Holy Communion at Great Carlton **Methodist** at Fulstow 10am Morning Prayer at Marshchapel 10am 10am **Harvest Thanksgiving** at North Thoresby 10am Holy Communion at St James' 11am Harvest Festival at Legbourne Parish Mass at Ludford 11 15am 3pm **Harvest Praise & Tea** at Grimoldby 3pm Harvest Thanksgiving at Stewton Harvest Thanksgiving at Wold Newton 6pm Psalm 142; Nehemiah 5.1-13; John 9 **EP Scripture**

"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 9th October 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: Oliver Stennet

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, Michelle Neal.

Those who have died; Joyce Wilkinson, Philip Lovesey, Brian Cooper, Gloria Bannister.

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 clergy.

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For Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

Across Louthesk Deanery

Trinity Centre: 01507 605803
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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.