Weekly notes and information for W/C Sunday 7th September 2025



12th 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.

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

DIARY ACROSS LOUTHESK DEANERY...

Trinity 12	MP Scripture 9 30am 9 30am 9 30am 10am 10am 10am 10am 11am 11.15am 11.15am	Holy Communion at Covenham Holy Communion at Great Carlton Parish Mass at St Michaels Methodist at Fulstow Holy Communion at St James'* Moring Prayer at Marshchapel Holy Communion at North Thoresby Methodist at Saltfleetby Morning Worship at Legbourne Parish Mass at Ludford Holy Communion at Stewton
	11.15am 2pm EP Scripture	Holy Communion at Stewton Baptism — Aubree Ada Johnson — Wold Newton Psalm 121; Isaiah 43.14; John 5.30-end

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.parishqiving.org.uk/home/ to see if your church is signed up.

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Monday 8 th DEL week 23	MP Scripture	Psalm 98, 99, 101; Proverbs 14.31-15-17; Mark 6.45-end			
Tuesday 9 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 106; Proverbs 15.18-end; Mark 7.1-13			
	11am	Funeral – Alford Crem – Rosemary West			
	11am	Weekly Informal Coffee break at Utterby –			
		Summer Break			
	11am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St James'			
	7pm	Chess Club at St James' Church Hse			
Wednesday 10 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 110, 111, 122; Proverbs 18.10-end; Mark 7.14-23			
	11am	Coffee Morning at Legbourne 10am -12noon			
	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			
	7pm	Quiz Night at Ludborough – Bring your own drink.			
	7pm	Louth Photographic Society at St James' Church Hse			
Thursday 11 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 113, 115; Proverbs 20.1-22; Mark 7.24-30			
	10am	Coffee & Chat at Reading Room Binbrook			
	10 30am	'Craft and Chatter' at St James'			
	7pm	Rallentando Choir Practice at St James' Church Hse			
	7pm	Churches without Walls at St James Louth			
Friday 12 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 139; Proverbs 22.1-16; Mark 7.31-end			
Saturday 13 th	MP Scripture	Psalm 120, 121, 122; Proverbs 24.23-end; Mark 8.1-10			
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	3 30pm	Wedding – St Michaels – Sowler & Green			
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PRAYERS AND READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 18.1-11

¹⁸The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the

hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 191, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25–33

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

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 121.

- I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
- ² My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- ⁴Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- ⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Old Testament: Isaiah 43.14-44.5

¹⁴ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. ¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. ¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. ²² Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! 23 You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings, or honoured me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. ²⁴ You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. ²⁵ I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. ²⁶ Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right. 27 Your first ancestor sinned, and your

interpreters transgressed against me. ²⁸ Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling. ⁴⁴But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! ² Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. ³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. ⁴ They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. ⁵ This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel. Here ends the first lesson.

New Testament: John 5.30-end

³⁰ 'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31 'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. 32There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. ³³You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. ³⁴Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. ³⁹ 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?' Here ends the second lesson.

Collect

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and

giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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)
- '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.









St. Mary's Church, Covenham

Harvest 🥨 Celebration

led by Dr. Jenny Ballantyne

Friday, 26th September 7.00p.m.

The service will be followed by a

Harvest Supper

(Adult/11+ children £10, children 5-11 £6 for 2 courses)

All are welcome to the service but you need to book if you are joining us for supper

> Closing date for bookings is Monday, 22nd September

For further information or to book a place contact Anne on 01507 363508 or email: aemc.covenham@gmail.com

A thank you from Revd Karen Gooding



Mother Karen says a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported her licensing on Sunday. I hope you enjoyed the service as much as I did and that it will herald the beginning of much joyful and creative working together to God's glory in the Deanery.

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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



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



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

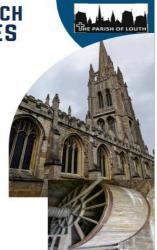
Celebrating the lives of our village churches together!

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)



Admission £3.00 Adults £2.00 Children



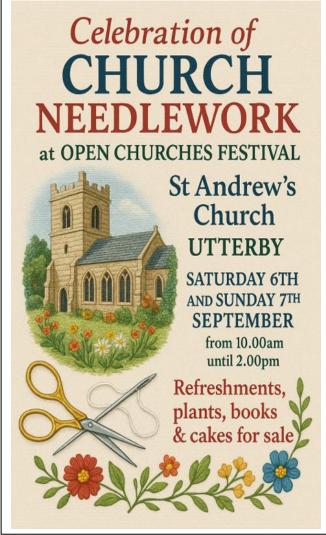
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Monday 10.30am - 3.30pm
Tuesday 10.30am - 3.30pm
Wednesday 10.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday 10.30am - 3.30pm
Friday 10.30am - 3.30pm

St James Coffee Shop

Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm





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.lincswoldsandcoastchurches.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

at



St Mary's Church

on



4th & 5th October

11.00 am to 4.00 pm

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.

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.





CHURCH SUPPLIES

Candles, wafers etc and so much more!

NEW AND SECOND HAND BOOKS

FOR SALE

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

Or come and visit us at High Mill, Kirkby Hill, Old Bolingbroke, Spilsby. PE23 4HP

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:

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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 14th September

Trinity 13 **MP Scripture** *Psalm 2, 8, 146; Genesis 3.1-15; John 12.27-36a*

Holy Cross Day 9 30am Parish Mass at Wold Newton

10am **Matins** at North Thoresby

10am Holy Communion at St James'*
10 30am Rise & Worship at Grimoldby

10 30am Holy Communion at Ludborough

10 30am Methodist at Saltfleetby
 11am TBC at North Somercotes
 11am Holy Communion at Raithby

11.15am Morning Praise at South Elkington Cancelled

3pm **Holy Communion** at Fotherby

EP Scripture *Psalm 110, 150; Isaiah 63.1-16; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

"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: james.hunter200@btinternet.com) 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: Aubree Ada Johnson.

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, Gloria Bannister.

Those who have died; John Loft, Rosemary West.

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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Across Louthesk Deanery

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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.