

Weekly notes and information for W/C Sunday 21st September 2025

13th 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.

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

DIARY ACROSS LOUTHESK DEANERY...

Trinity 14

Proper 20

MP Scripture *Psalm 130, 131; Isaiah 45.9-22; revelation 14.1-5*

9 30am **Morning Prayer** at Great Carlton

9 30am **Holy Communion** at Marshchapel

10am **Holy Communion** at St James'*

10am **Harvest Festival** at Fulstow

10am **Songs of Praise** at North Thoresby

10 30am **Pet Blessing Service** at Binbrook

10 30am **Morning Worship** at Grimoldby

10 30am **Methodist Service** at Saltfleetby

11am **Holy Communion** at Legbourne

11am **Baptism** (Sage Goodard) at Legbourne

11.15am **Holy Communion** at Stewton


12 30pm **Baptism** (Hattie Stark) at Tathwell

6pm **Harvest Festival** at South Elkington

EP Scripture *Psalm 129; Ezra 1; John 7.14-36*

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 22nd

DEL week 25

MP Scripture Psalm 1, 2, 3; Wisdom 1; Mark 9.38-end

2pm Woldmarsh PCC meeting

Tuesday 23rd

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 24th

MP Scripture Psalm 119.1-32; Wisdom 3.1-9; Mark 10.17-31

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 25th

MP Scripture Psalm 14, 15, 16; Wisdom 4.7-end; Mark 10.32-34

10am Coffee & Chat at Reading Room Binbrook

10 30am 'Craft and Chatter' at St James'

1 30pm **Funeral** (Erik Pelham) at St James'

7pm Night Prayer/Compline

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641>

Zoom Code: 370 774 9666

7pm Talk by Martin Chapman at Withcall

"To Square a Circle" Light Refreshments available

A retiring collection for the church building fund will operate.

7pm Churches without Walls 7-9pm at St James Louth

Friday 26th

MP Scripture Psalm 17, 19; Wisdom 5.1-16; Mark 10.35-45

7pm Harvest Service & Super at Covenham

Saturday 27th

MP Scripture Psalm 20, 21, 23; Wisdom 5.17-6.11; Mark 10.46-end

10am ~~Deanery 'Village Away Day'~~ **POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2026**

7 30pm City of Hull Brass Band 7.30pm at St James'

PRAYERS AND READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 8.18—9.1

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: ‘Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?’ (‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’) ²⁰ ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’ ²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ⁹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1–7

²First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16.1–13

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

¹⁶Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” ³Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” ⁶He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” ⁷Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted

shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 129

¹Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up : may Israel now say.

² Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up : but they have not prevailed against me.

³ The plowers plowed upon my back : and made long furrows.

⁴ But the righteous Lord : hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

⁵ Let them be confounded and turned backward: as many as have evil will at Sion.

⁶ Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops : which withereth afore it be plucked up;

⁷ Whereof the mower filleth not his hand : neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

⁸ So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lord prosper you : we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord.

Old Testament: Ezra 1

¹In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: ² 'Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. ³Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah,

and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; ⁴and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill-offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.’ ⁵ The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. ⁶All their neighbours aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. ⁷King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. ⁸King Cyrus of Persia had them released into the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. ⁹And this was the inventory: gold basins, thirty; silver basins, one thousand; knives, twenty-nine; ¹⁰gold bowls, thirty; other silver bowls, four hundred and ten; other vessels, one thousand; ¹¹the total of the gold and silver vessels was five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

Here ends the first lesson.

New Testament: John 7.14-36

¹⁴ About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. ¹⁵The Jews were astonished at it, saying, ‘How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?’ ¹⁶Then Jesus answered them, ‘My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. ¹⁷Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. ¹⁸Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him. ¹⁹ ‘Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?’ ²⁰The crowd answered, ‘You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?’ ²¹Jesus answered them, ‘I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. ²²Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. ²³If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man’s whole body on the sabbath? ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement.’ ²⁵ Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, ‘Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? ²⁶And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? ²⁷Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.’ ²⁸Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, ‘You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and

you do not know him. ²⁹I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.' ³⁰Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, 'When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?' ³²The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him. ³³Jesus then said, 'I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.' ³⁵The Jews said to one another, 'Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does he mean by saying, "You will search for me and you will not find me" and, "Where I am, you cannot come"?'

Here ends the second lesson.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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 3rd 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.

- **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.

Mother Karen invites you to:

Deanery Village Away Day **Cancelled new**

Buffet lunch provided

Please book a place by emailing
stephen@churchbuying.co.uk

before 15 September

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

Spring 2026

Saturday September 27th 10.30am - 3pm

Celebrating the lives of our village

Harvest Praise

With the

Grimoldby Singers

St. Edith's Church, Grimoldby

Sunday 5th October 2025

at 3.00 pm

Followed by Harvest Tea

(suggested donation of £5 pp to cover costs)

Please bring donations of tinned/dried food,
bathroom necessities, pet food etc. which will be taken to
Louth Food Bank after the service



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

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

HARVEST

SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
11.00AM TO 1.00PM

Utterby



COME AND JOIN US!

St Andrews Church Utterby

HARVEST

FESTIVAL

with David Margaron

Sunday, 28th September

10:00 AM

A joyful time of worship,
thanksgiving, and
celebration of
God's provision.

Everyone Welcome!

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

The Rotary Club of Louth is proud to present

CITY OF HULL BRASS BAND

Saturday 27th September 2025
7:30pm

Tickets from £15.50
ScanQR code for tickets

St James Church
Westgate
Louth
LN11 9YE

This event will be supporting local dementia
charities and RYA Sailability -for people with
disabilities to enjoy the experience of
sailing.



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.



CHURCHES TOGETHER
in LOUTH & DISTRICT

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

St Andrew's Church Stewton
Harvest Festival
&
Auction

Sunday October 5th @ 3pm

Refreshments after the service
Come & join us



COFFEE & CATCH-UP

EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 AM
at St Andrew's Church, Utterby



 **WEEKLY - EVERY TUESDAY**

 **11:00 AM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,**

Everyone's welcome! Bring a friend or just yourself

**WALK THE
PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE
IN THE
LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS**



VISIT THE CHURCHES OF
ST ANDREW'S AT SOUTH THORESBY (FAITH)
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S AT BELLEAU (HOPE)
AND ST NICHOLAS'S AT SWABY (CHARITY)



Binbrook St Mary & St Gabriel

**Pet Blessing
with Mother Karen**

**Sunday 21st September
10.30am**



Harvest Festival

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

ANNUAL
APPLES
AUTUMN
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CROPS
FARMER
FEASTING
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
GAMES
HARVEST

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HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
MUSIC
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH



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.

A friendly welcome, coffee and delicious cake.



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

12th 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!

NEW AND SECOND HAND BOOKS FOR SALE

Come along and browse our extensive book shop
Relax and enjoy our onsite CAFÉ
Picturesque scenery and rustic facilities.

Rooms available for quiet days or retreats.

Open 10.00am till 4.00pm
Closed Sunday and Tuesdays

We may have just what you are looking for.
For a professional and friendly service to discuss
all your needs, whether large or small:

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

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

FOTHERBY ART EXHIBITION

at

St Mary's Church

on

4th & 5th October

11.00 am to 4.00 pm



Raffle



& Delicious Homemade
Refreshments

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 28th September

Trinity 15
Proper 21

MP Scripture *Psalm 132, Isaiah 48.12-end; Luke 11.37-end*

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 **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 Little Grimsby

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*

"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 25th 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.

Rev'd Deacon James Hunter (email: james.hunter200@btinternet.com) or

Rev'd 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: Sage Goodard, Hettie Stark.

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

Those who have died; *John Loft, Gloria Bannister, Joyce Wilkinson, Erik Pelham, Philip Lovesey, Roy Taylor.*

CONTACTS

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

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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.