

Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 18th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th–25th January



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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 at Daily Prayer this week

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 18th	HC Scripture	<i>Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42</i>
<i>Epiphany 2</i>	9 30am	Morning Prayer at Great Carlton
<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Starts</i>	9 30am	Holy Communion at Marshchapel
	10am	Holy Communion at Fulstow
	10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby
	10am	Holy Communion at St James'
	10 30am	Morning Worship at Grimoldby
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Saltfleetby
	11am	Morning Worship at Legbourne
	11 15am	Holy Communion at Stewton
Monday 19th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 146; Genesis 6.11-7.10; Matthew 24.1-14</i>
<i>Rural Mission Enablers Day Off</i>	1 30pm	Funeral (Revd Ian Partridge) at Stewton
Tuesday 20th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 132; Genesis 7.11-End; Matthew 24.15-28</i>
	11am	BCP at St James
Wednesday 21st	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 81; Genesis 8.1-14; Matthew 24.29-End</i>
Thursday 22nd	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 76; Genesis 8.15-9.7; Matthew 25.1.13</i>
	11am	Funeral (Rodger Jenkinson) at St James'
Friday 23rd	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 27; Genesis 9.8-19; Matthew 25.14.30</i>
<i>Priest In Charge of Louth - Day Off</i>		
Saturday 24th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 122; Genesis 11.19; Matthew 25.31-End</i>
Sunday 25th	HC Scripture	<i>Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 67; Acts 1.9-22; Matthew 19.27-End</i>
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	10am	Holy Communion at St James'
<i>Conversion of Paul</i>	10 30am	Morning Worship at St Alvingham
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Grimoldby with +Bishop Stephen
	10 30am	Methodist Service at Saltfleetby
	11 15am	Holy Communion at South Elketton
	12noon	Baptism (Harry Peter Fletcher) at Fulstow
	3pm	ALM Commissioning at Nth Thoresby with +Bishop Stephen

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49.1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' ⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' ⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' ⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40.1–12

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

³ He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us! There is none that can be compared with you.

⁶ If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.

⁷ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;

⁸ Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.'

⁹ 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

¹⁰ I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.

¹¹ Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.

¹² Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1–9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 1.29–42

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

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³²And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our prayers this week...

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

Those who have died: *Derek Moulding, John Rodden, Patricia Spencer, Revd Ian Partridge, Rodger Jenkinson, Lorna Payne, Barbara Bishell, Betty Dixon, Betty Reeson.*

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