

Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 1st February 2026

4th Sunday of Epiphany / Presentation of Christ in the Temple



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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

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 1st Feb	HC Scripture	<i>Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24[1-6] 7-End; Hebrews 2.14-End; Luke 2.22-40</i>
<i>Epiphany 4</i>	9 30am	Parish Mass at St Michaels'
<i>Presentation of Christ in The Temple</i>	9 30am	Candlemas Service at Covenham
	10am	Methodist Service at Fulstow
	10am	Morning Prayer at Marshchapel
	10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby
	10am	Holy Communion at St James'
	11am	Holy Communion at Legbourne
	11am	Cofe Service at Saltfleetby
	11 15am	Parish Mass at Ludford
	11 15am	Holy Communion at Stewton
	3pm	Candlemas Service at Great Carlton
Monday 2nd <i>Rural Mission Enablers Day Off</i>	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 1; Genesis 18.1-15; Matthew 27.11-26</i>
Tuesday 3rd	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 5; Genesis 18.16-End; Matthew 27.27-44</i>
	10am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee Morning at Utterby
	11am	Funeral (Lorna Payne) at Grimoldby
	11am	BCP at St James
Wednesday 4th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 119.1-32; Genesis 19.1-3, 12-29; Matthew 27.45-56</i>
	12 30pm	Mthly Lunch at Covenham (call to book 01507 363508)
Thursday 5th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 15; Genesis 21.1-21; Matthew 27.57-End</i>
	10am	Funeral (Barbara Bishell) at North Somercotes
Friday 6th <i>Priest In Charge of Louth - Day Off</i>	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 19; Genesis 22.1-19; Matthew 28.1-15</i>
	Saturday 7th	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 23; Genesis 23; Matthew 28.16-End</i>
Sunday 8th Feb	HC Scripture	<i>Genesis 1.1-2.3; Psalm 136; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-End</i>
<i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	8 45am	Parish Mass at Wold Newton
	10am	Matins at North Thoresby
	10am	Holy Communion at St James'

10 30am	Rise & Worship at Grimoldby
11am	Holy Communion at North Somercotes
11am	Morning Praise at South Elkington
11am	Holy Communion at Tathwell
3pm	Holy Communion at Fotherby
3pm	Candlemas Service at Ludborough

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3.1-5

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24. 1–6 7–End

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- ² For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- ³ 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- ⁴ 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- ⁵ 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- ⁸ 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- ¹⁰ 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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: *Revd Ian Partridge, Rodger Jenkinson, Lorna Payne, Barbara Bishell, Betty Dixon, John Mansfield, Brian Keys, Betty Reeson, Ann McClean*

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