

# Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany / Conversion of Paul



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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

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

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| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>HC Scripture</b> | <i>Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 67; Acts 1.9-22; Matthew 19.27-End</i>          |
| <i>Epiphany 3</i>   | 10am                | <b>Holy Communion</b> at St James'  |
| <i>Conversion of Paul</i>   | 10 30am             | <b>Morning Worship</b> at Alvingham                                       |
|   | 10 30am             | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at Binbrook   |
|   | 10 30am             | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Grimoldby with +Bishop Stephen                   |
|   | 10 30am             | <b>Methodist Service</b> at Saltfleetby                                   |
|   | 11 15am             | <b>Holy Communion</b> at South Elkington                                  |
|   | 12noon              | <b>Baptism</b> (Harry Peter Fletcher) at Fulstow                          |
|   | 3pm                 | <b>ALM Commissioning</b> at Nth Thoresby with +Bishop Stephen             |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Rural Mission Enablers Day Off</i>      | <b>MP Scripture</b> | <i>Psalm 108; Genesis 11.27-12.9; Matthew 26.1-16</i>                     |
| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>MP Scripture</b> | <i>Psalm 36; Genesis 13.2-End; Matthew 26.17-35</i>                       |
|   | 11am                | <b>BCP</b> at St James  |
| <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>MP Scripture</b> | <i>Psalm 46; Genesis 14; Matthew 26.36-46</i>                             |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>MP Scripture</b> | <i>Psalm 47; Genesis 15; Matthew 26.47.56</i>                             |
| <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Priest In Charge of Louth - Day Off</i> | <b>MP Scripture</b> | <i>Psalm 65; Genesis 16; Matthew 26.57-End</i>                            |
| <b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>MP Scripture</b> | <i>Psalm 68; Genesis 17.1-22; Matthew 27.1-10</i>                         |
|   | 10am                | All Church Wardens Mtg at Fulstow Village Hall                            |
|   | 11 30am             | <b>ASHES</b> (Blanca Ruzena Maria Sticka) at Binbrook                     |
| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>  | <b>HC Scripture</b> | <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              | <b>Candlemas Service</b> at Covenham                                      |
| <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>                                 | 10am                | <b>Methodist Service</b> at Fulstow                                       |
|   | 10am                | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at Marshchapel                                      |
|   | 10am                | <b>Holy Communion</b> at North Thoresby                                   |
|   | 10am                | <b>Holy Communion</b> at St James'  |
|   | 10 30am             | <b>Cofe Service</b> at Saltfleetby  |
|   | 11am                | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Legbourne  |
|   | 11 15am             | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Stewton  |

# PRAYERS AND READINGS

## Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your 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.**

## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ <sup>6</sup> Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup> That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup> Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.  
<sup>7</sup> God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

## New Testament Reading: Acts 9.1-22

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ <sup>5</sup> He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ <sup>7</sup> The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about

this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' <sup>21</sup>All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' <sup>22</sup>Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 19.27-end**

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

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## **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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