

Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 22nd February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent



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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

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 22nd <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	HC Scripture <i>Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11</i>
8 45am	Parish Mass at Wold Newton
10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby
10am	Holy Communion at St James'
10am	Café Church at Utterby
10 30am	Morning Worship at Alvingham
10 30am	Holy Communion at Binbrook
10 30am	Holy Communion at Grimoldby
11am	Morning Worship at North Somercotes 'Church Hall'
11am	Morning Worship at Swaby
11 15am	Holy Communion at South Elkington
6pm	Lent Course (Building Good Communities) at St James'
Monday 23rd <i>Rural Mission Enablers Day Off</i>	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 11; Genesis 41.25-45; Galatians 3.23-4.7</i>
1pm	Funeral (Ann McClean) at St James'
6pm	Stations of the Cross at St Michaels
Tuesday 24th	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 44; Genesis 41.46-42.5; Galatians 4.8-20</i>
10am	Set Out Hearts On Fire Lent Course at Great Carlton
11am	BCP at St James
3pm	Funeral (Freda Clark) at North Thoresby
Wednesday 25th	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 6; Genesis 42.6-17; Galatians 4.21-5.1</i>
Thursday 26th	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 78.1-39; Genesis 42.18-28; Galatians 5.2-15</i>
12noon	Funeral (Keith Willerton) at St Michaels
7pm	Night Prayer/Compline https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641 Code: 370 774 9666
7pm	Churches without Walls at St James' Church Hse
Friday 27th <i>Priest In Charge of Louth - Day Off</i>	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 22; Genesis 42.29-End; Galatians 5.16-End</i>
Saturday 28th	MP Scripture <i>Psalm 63; Genesis 43.1-15; Galatians 6</i>
1pm	Baptism (Louie-James Dean) at St Michaels

Sunday 1st	HC Scripture	<i>Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17</i>
2nd Sunday of Lent	9 30am	Café Church at Covenham
	9 30am	Holy Communion at Great Carlton
	9 30am	Parish Mass at St Michaels
	10am	Methodist Srv 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	Holy Communion at Saltfleetby
	11 15am	Parish Mass at Ludford
	11 15am	Holy Communion at Stewton
	6pm	Lent Course (What Lent Look Like) at St James'

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 2.15–17, 3.1–7

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ ²The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

¹Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.
²Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
³For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
⁴Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.
⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.

⁶I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

⁸You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁹I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'

¹¹Great tribulations remain for the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

New Testament Reading: Romans 5.12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.1–11

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our prayers this week...

Those being baptised: *Louie-James Dean*

The sick and those in need: *Christina Pettifer, Julie Johnson, Pauline & Stuart Watson*

Those who have died: *John Mansfield, Betty Reeson, Brian Keys, Ann McClean, Freda Clark, Keith Willerton, Peter Whitworth, Marlene Brown, Sean Simpson, Barnie Canter.*

If you wish for a name to be added to 'the sick and those in need' list, please advise

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Fotherby Group: Covenham St Mary's, Fotherby St Mary's, Fulstow St Lawrence, Grainsby St Nicholas - Little Grimsby St Edith's, Ludborough St Mary's, North Thoresby St Helens, Utterby St Andrew's.

Legbourne & Woldmarsh: All Saints' Legbourne, St Vedast Tathwell, St Peter's Raithby, St Martin's Withcall, St Nicholas Swaby, St Andrew's South Thoresby, St Edith's North Reston, St John the Baptist Belleau and St Oswald's Strubby.

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Midmarsh Group: Alvingham St Adelwolds, Great Carlton St John Baptist, Grimoldby St Edith's, Manby St Mary's, Saltfleetby St Peters, South Cockerington St Leonards.

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