

Louthesk Deanery



Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

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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 for 4th Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect Prayer at Daily Prayer this week for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 15th

Mothering Sunday

HC Scripture *Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-35*

4th Sunday of Lent

HC Scripture *1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9*

9 30am **Mothering Sunday** at Great Carlton

9 30am **Holy Communion** at Marshchapel

10am **Holy Communion** at Fulstow

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

10 30am **Mothering Sunday** at Binbrook

10 30am **Morning Worship** at Grimoldby

11am **Morning Worship** at Legbourne

11am **Mothering Sunday** at North Thoresby Methodist Chapel

11am **Mothering Sunday** at Saltfleetby

11 15am **Mothering Sunday** at Stewton

3pm **Mothering Sunday** at Fotherby

6pm **Lent Course** What Connects People in Communities at St James'

Monday 16th

MP Scripture *Psalm 77; Exodus 2.11-22; Hebrews 9.1-14*

Rural Mission Enablers Day Off

2 30pm **FUNERAL** (Barnie Canter) at St James'

6pm **Stations of the Cross** at St Michaels

Tuesday 17th

MP Scripture *Psalm 79; Exodus 2.23-3.20; Hebrews 9.15-End*

10am **Lent Course** at Legbourne Community Centre LN11 8LJ until 11 30am

10am Coffee Morning at Stewton

11am **ASHES** (Stephen Inchley) at Manby

11am **ASHES** (John Limback) at Swaby

11am **BCP** at St James

Wednesday 18th

MP Scripture *Psalm 90; Exodus 4.1-23; Hebrews 10.1-18*

11am **FUNERAL** (Ethel Towler) at Alford Crem

Thursday 19th

Joseph of Nazareth

MP Scripture *Psalms 25, 147.1-12; Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 13.54-End*

7pm Grimoldby Meeting at Old Chapel Hse

7pm Night Prayer/Compline

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Friday 20th

Priest In Charge of Louth - Day Off

MP Scripture *Psalms 102; Exodus 6.2-13; Hebrews 10.26-End*

TBC Reflections Mtg at Fotherby Rectory

Saturday 21st

MP Scripture *Psalms 32; Exodus 7.8-End; Hebrews 11.1-16*

Sunday 22nd

5th Sunday of Lent

HC Scripture *1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9*

8 45am Parish Mass at Wold Newton

10am Holy Communion at North Thoresby

10am Holy Communion at St James'

10am Holy Communion at Utterby

10 30am Morning Worship at Alvingham

10 30am Holy Communion at Binbrook

10 30am Holy Communion at Grimoldby

10 30am Methodist Service at Saltfleetby

11am Informal Worship at North Somercotes

11 15am Holy Communion at South Elkington

3pm Holy Communion at Withcall

6pm Lent Course What Energises People in Communities at St James'

PRAYERS AND READINGS MOTHERING SUNDAY

Collect Prayer

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2.1–10

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.11–20

¹¹ Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them.

²⁰ He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33–35

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Collect Prayer

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

¹The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ²Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 9

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹²They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' ⁴¹Jesus said to

them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our prayers this week...

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

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