

Louthesk Deanery



Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 22nd March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent / Passiontide begins

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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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

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'

Monday 23rd

Rural Mission Enablers Day Off

MP Scripture *Psalm 73; Exodus 8.1-19; Hebrews 11.17-31*

10 30am **ASHES** (Walter Field) at Grimoldby

11am **FUNERAL** (Ian Corke) at Alford Crem

2pm **FUNERAL** (Margaret Anderson) at St James'

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

Tuesday 24th

MP Scripture *Psalm 35; Exodus 8.20-End; Hebrews 11.32-12.2*

10am **Lent Course** at Fotherby St Mary's LN11 0UH until 11 30am

11am **BCP** at St James

Wednesday 25th

Annunciation of Our Lord to
the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP Scripture *Psalm 111; 1 Samuel 2.1-10; Romans 5.12-End*

11 30am **FUNERAL** (Victor Matthews) at Great Carlton

Thursday 26th

MP Scripture *Psalm 40; Exodus 9.13-End; Hebrews 12.14-End*

7pm **Night Prayer/Compline**

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Friday 27th

MP Scripture *Psalm 22; Exodus 10; Hebrews 13.1-16*

Priest In Charge of Louth - Day Off

11 30am **FUNERAL** (Kenneth Watkinson) at St James'

Saturday 28th

MP Scripture *Psalms 23; Exodus 11; Hebrews 13.17-End*

12noon **WEDDING** (Hamilton/Harrison) at St James'

Sunday 29th

HC Scripture *Matthew 21.1-11; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11*

Palm Sunday

10am **Deanery Service** at Ludborough

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

6pm **Lent Course** 'A Service On Commitment' at St James'

7pm Louth Choral Society "Passiontide" Concert at St James'

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Ezekiel 37.1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

² If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

³ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.

⁴ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.

⁶ O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

⁷ With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.6–11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 11.1–45

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister

Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet

with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,

'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not

lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified

through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,

⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where

he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The

disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you

going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those

who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.

¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After

saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there

to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all

right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he

was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

In our prayers this week...

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

Those Marrying in Church: *Christopher Timothy Lane Hamilton & Putri-Ayu Wahyuni Harrison*

Those who have died: *Barnie Canter, Ethel Towler, Ian Corke, Margaret Anderson, Victor Matthews, Kenneth Watkinson, Jean Brown, Michael Bird, Eileen Wrisdale, Tony Clark*

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