

Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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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: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 3rd May 5 th Sunday of Easter	HC Scripture	<i>Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14</i>
	9 30am	Holy Communion at Covenham (IC)
	9 30am	Holy Communion at Great Carlton (RM)
	9 30am	Parish Mass at St Michael's (TS)
	10am	Holy Communion at St James (Archdeacon)
	10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby (KG)
	10am	Morning Prayer at Marshchapel (AURH)
	10am	Methodist at Fulstow
	11am	Morning Prayer at Legbourne (HM)
	11am	Eucharist at Saltfleetby (PC)
	11 15am	Holy Communion at Stewton (RM)
	11 15am	Parish Mass at Ludford (TS)
	12 noon	Baptism (Harriet Howells) at Ludborough (JW)
Diary Date: Annual Meeting for St James DCC to be held after communion service on Sunday 10 th May 2026.		
Monday 4th Rural Mission Enablers Day Off	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 145 or 71; Number 9.15-end, 10.33-end; Luke 4.38-end</i>
Tuesday 5th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 19, 147.1-12 or 73; Numbers 11.1-33; Luke 5.1-11</i>
	11am	Holy Communion BCP at St James' (TS)
	2pm	Ashes Interment (Pamela Lovesey) at Marshchapel (KG)
Wednesday 6th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 30, 143.13-end or 77; Numbers 12; Luke 5.12-26</i>
	6pm	AGM at Wold Newton
Thursday 7th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 57-148 or 78.1-39*; Numbers 13.1-3, 17-end; Luke 5.27-end</i>
	2 30pm	Ashes Interment (Lorna Payne) at Grimoldby (JOB)
	7pm	Louth PCC Meeting at Church House
	7pm	Night Prayer/Compline – Not on due to PCC Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641 Code: 370 774 9666
Friday 8th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 138, 149 or 55; Numbers 14.1-25; Luke 6.1-11</i>
Saturday 9th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 146, 150 or 76, 79; Numbers 14.26-end; Luke 6.12-26</i>
	10 00am	Deanery Synod at St Andrew's Church Stewton
Sunday 10th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	HC Scripture	<i>Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end; John 14.15-21</i>
	8 45am	Parish Mass at Wold Newton (TS)
	10am	Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (Local Team)
	10am	Holy Communion at St James (TBC)
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB & BP)
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Binbrook (TS)
	11am	ALM service at Ludborough (DM)
	11am	Holy Communion at Swaby (PC)

11am Holy Communion at North Somercotes (KG)
11am Methodist at Saltfleetby
11am ?? at South Elkington (TBC)
1pm Baptism at Fulstow (KG)
3pm Holy Communion at Fotherby (KG)

Diary Date: Annual Meeting for St James DCC to be held after communion service on Sunday 10th May 2026.
Thursday 21st May, Louth APCM, 7pm St James Church House.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Acts 7.55–end †

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31.1–5, 15–16, 31.1–5

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name’s sake.

4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

15 ‘My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 ‘Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy’s sake.’

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name’s sake.

4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2.2–10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by

mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 14.1–14

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

¹⁴ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, 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, Graham Clayton, Kate Clarke, Kim Thompson.*

Those who have died: *Andrew Peart, Colin German, Barry Baldock, Julie Johnson.*

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For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Memorials and other enquiries relating to the 'below churches'

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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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As there was no opportunity to make a collection for Revd. Mike Croft before his departure, Churchwardens Mike Angus and Jane Fletcher will be pleased to accept contributions towards a leaving gift.

"Churches Without Walls" (CWW)

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

CWW meets from 7.00pm till 9.00pm, on **14th & 28th May**, then normally every **2nd & 4th (not 5th) Thursday** of each month, thereafter, at St James' C of E Church **House**, Westgate, **Louth LN11 9YE**.
Members attend **when** they can.

"Come and see!" (Jn 1:39,46;4:29)

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