



**"If you want to go fast go alone;  
If you want to go far go together"**

**(African proverb)**

**Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**

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# Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

9th Sunday after Trinity

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

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| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b><br><i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i><br><i>Proper 13</i> | HC Scripture       | <i>Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9, 15-end; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21</i>   |
|                                                                                                       | 9 30am             | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Covenham (KG)                                        |
|                                                                                                       | 9 30am             | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at Marshchapel (ArHe)                                   |
|                                                                                                       | 9 30am             | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Great Carlton (RM)                                   |
|                                                                                                       | 9 30am             | <b>Parish Mass</b> at St Michaels (TS)                                        |
|                                                                                                       | 10am               | <b>Holy Communion</b> at North Thoresby (JW)                                  |
|                                                                                                       | 10am               | <b>Ministry of the Word</b> at St James (PC)                                  |
|                                                                                                       | 11am               | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Legbourne (KG)                                       |
|                                                                                                       | 10am               | <b>Methodist</b> at Fulstow                                                   |
|                                                                                                       | 11am               | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at Saltfleetby (HM)                                     |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br><i>Rural Mission Enablers Day Off</i>                                 | 11 15am            | <b>Parish Mass</b> at Ludford (TS)                                            |
|                                                                                                       | 11 15am            | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Stewton (RM)                                         |
|                                                                                                       | 2pm                | <b>Baptism</b> at Binbrook (Oscar Thompson) (TS)                              |
|                                                                                                       | MP Scripture       | <i>Psalm 44; 1 Samuel 19.1-18; Acts 1.1-14</i>                                |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                         | MP Scripture       | <i>Psalm 48, 52; 1 Samuel 20.1-17; Acts 1.15-end</i>                          |
|                                                                                                       | 11am               | <b>Holy Communion BCP</b> at St James' (TS)                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                       | MP Scripture       | <i>Psalm 119.57-80; 1 Samuel 20.18-end; Acts 2.1-21</i>                       |
|                                                                                                       |                    |                                                                               |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Transfiguration of Our Lord (Festival)</i>                       | MP Scripture       | <i>Psalm 27, 150; Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10 or 1 Kings 19.1-16; 1 John 3.1-3</i> |
|                                                                                                       | 10 30am            | <b>Funeral</b> at St James (James Millett) (TS)                               |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                          | MP Scripture       | <i>Psalm 51, 54; 1 Samuel 22.6-end; Acts 2.37-end</i>                         |
|                                                                                                       | 1pm                | <b>Lunch Time Recital</b> at St James<br><i>Rosemary Field (organ)</i>        |
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                        | MP Scripture       | <i>Psalm 68; 1 Samuel 23; Acts 3.1-10</i>                                     |
|                                                                                                       | 2pm                | <b>Wedding</b> at Legbourne (Tipper & Taylor) (TS)                            |
|                                                                                                       | 3pm                | <b>Wedding</b> at Stewton (Stark & Lait) (RM)                                 |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Trinity 10</i><br><i>Proper 14</i>                          | HC Scripture       | <i>1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33</i>       |
|                                                                                                       | 8 45am             | <b>Parish Mass</b> at Wold Newton (TS)                                        |
|                                                                                                       | 10am               | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at North Thoresby (JG)                                  |
|                                                                                                       | 10am               | <b>Holy Communion</b> at St James (MC)                                        |
|                                                                                                       | 10 30am            | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Grimoldby (JOB & PB)                                 |
|                                                                                                       | <del>10 30am</del> | <del><b>Methodist</b> at Saltfleetby</del>                                    |
|                                                                                                       | 10 30am            | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Binbrook (KG)                                        |
|                                                                                                       | 11am               | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at Swaby (ALM)                                          |
|                                                                                                       | 11am               | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at North Somercotes (SW)                                |
|                                                                                                       | 11 15am            | <b>Morning Prayer</b> at South Elkington (MH)                                 |
|                                                                                                       | 1pm                | <b>Baptism</b> at Ludborough (Jack Nicklin) (KG)                              |
|                                                                                                       | 3pm                | <b>Holy Communion</b> at Fotherby (KG)                                        |



Thirty-two years ago, soon after the Vote for the Ordination of Women had been passed, I shyly approached my parish priest to ask if he might help me discern whether I had a calling to the priesthood. His immediate comment, which I have to confess I found disappointing at the time, was to look somewhat sternly at me over his half-rimmed glasses and ask, “And what about your vocation as wife and mother?” This was not an entirely unreasonable response, given that I had, weeks earlier, given birth to my fifth child and was also busily occupied with teaching and lecturing. As we love to quote to one another, God works in mysterious ways and no-one could have predicted that, within six years, I would be parenting solo- for the foreseeable future!

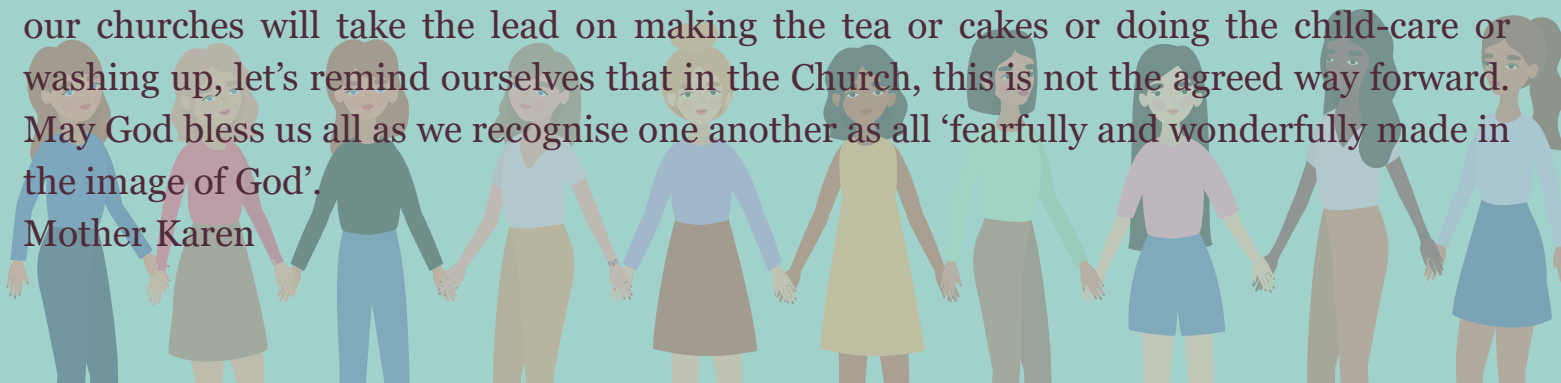
At the time, we were rightly delighted that women had been given the ‘green light’ and many women who, like myself, had been hovering around the Church for years felt seen and recognised for being ourselves- in the watchword of the time- ‘fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God’. I continue to believe that the ordained ministry of women has transformed Church life over the past 30 years and will continue to do so.

But this week’s saints are known to us only as Jesus’ grandparents- the oldest Christian saints in the Book and, as we begin our annual school summer holidays, I am aware of a number of parents and grandparents in our churches who, while in earlier years, were actively employed in many other capacities, are now rolling up their sleeves, metaphorically and literally, as they launch into a raft of child-centred activities over the coming weeks. Many families, especially where both parents are working outside the home, increasingly rely on the support of grandparents, which, while lovingly given, always comes at a cost.

I often wonder about Jesus’ relationship with his grandparents, about whom we know next to nothing except that their names were Anne and Joachim and they had a daughter named Mary. All parents will have experienced the anonymity which comes when your child starts school and you become, to teachers and other parents, ‘so-and-so’s Mum/Dad’ but it is reinforced by the time you find yourself taking your grandchild to playgroup or school. Women, especially those who don’t work outside the home, find themselves, even now in 2026, almost invisible in society. In our rural communities, where more people know their neighbours, this seems to be less pronounced, but I’m aware of many parts of our country where it is still very much the case.

The Church has always maintained that we are brothers and sisters in Christ- children together of our Heavenly Father. Next time we find ourselves assuming that the women in our churches will take the lead on making the tea or cakes or doing the child-care or washing up, let’s remind ourselves that in the Church, this is not the agreed way forward. May God bless us all as we recognise one another as all ‘fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God’.

Mother Karen



Louthesk Deanery Intercessions  
Sunday August 2nd - Saturday August 8th 2026

TRINITY 9

A reflection to help us into praying for our conflicted world at this time. These words are adapted from a prayer by the Revd Richard Rohr of the Centre for Action and Contemplation.

How can we not feel shock or rage at what is happening  
to the people of Ukraine, Iran, Palestine and the wider Middle East,  
as we watch their suffering unfold in real time  
from an unfair distance?

Who of us does not feel inept or powerless  
before such manifest evil? In this, at least, we are united.  
Our partisan divisions now appear small and trivial.

Remember what we teach: both evil and goodness are,  
first of all, social phenomena.

The body of Christ is crucified and resurrected  
at the same time. May we stand faithfully  
inside both these mysteries in contemplation.

In loving solidarity, we each bear what is ours to carry,  
the unjust weight of crucifixion,  
in expectant hope for God's transformation.  
May we be led to do what we can on any level  
to create resurrection!

Praying for each other in the Spirit of Unity, Forgiveness and Love

THE BINBROOK GROUP (Continued)

Day 2

LUDFORD MAGNA, St Marys

Alastair Guthrie (cw) Diane Smith (cw) Pauline Brocklebank (tr) Caroline Feit (sec)

SWINHOPE, St Helen

Richard Steel (cw. tr. sec)

Day 3

THORGANBY, All Saints

Patrick Salmon (cw sec) Emma Milligan-Manby (cw. tr)

WOLD NEWTON, All Saints

Jane Lidster (cw) Nicholas Ollard (cw) David Buckle (tr) Rachel Pickering (sec)

## THE FOTHERBY AND NORTH THORESBY GROUP

### Day 4

#### COVENHAM, St Marys

Anne McCready (cw sec) Gillian German (cw) Jenny Ballantyne (tr)

#### FOTHERBY, St Marys

Judith Hunter (cw & tr) Barbara Chester (cw sec) Amir Samaan (grp tr)

### Day 5

#### FULSTOW, St Lawrence

Stephen Woodcock (cw) Lesley Thornes (cw)

#### GRAINSBY, St Nicholas

Hannah Haigh (cw) Natasha Smart (cw) Barry Hannington (sec tr)

### Day 6

#### LITTLE GRIMSBY, St Ediths

Judith Hunter (cw) Barbara Chester (cw sec) David Bunker (tr)

#### LUDBOROUGH, St Marys

Janet Dixon (cw) Clare Tye (cw) Gill Kettle (tr) Gillian Appleton (sec)

### Day 7

#### NORTH THORESBY, St Helen

Joe Gibson (cw) Des Green (cw) Michael Nicholas (tr)

#### UTTERBY, ST Andrew's

Tina Bryan (cw) Penny Would (cw sec) Chris Marfleet (tr)

## THE LEGBOURNE AND WOLDMARSH GROUP

### Day 8

#### BELLEAU W CLAYTHORPE, St John the Baptist

Diana Stovin (cw) Michael Lamb (cw tr)

#### LEGBOURNE, All Saints

Hilary King (cw tr sec) Lillian Boot (cw) Patricia Broadley (Sec)



Today we visited the Louth Men's Shed, just off Thames Street in Louth. We had gone simply to make a general enquiry, but were kindly given a full tour. It was genuinely fascinating — a wonderful set-up run by an equally wonderful group of people.

The men and women there are a registered charity, providing a place where individuals can be creative, try new hobbies, rediscover old ones, use their skills, and share their learning. They support one another, helping people stay active and remain part of a community.

So often, small organisations like this operate solely on the income they generate from the items they make. From that modest revenue they must cover rent, materials, equipment, and tools.

In a world where millions are spent on questionable ventures, we must ensure that organisations like this are not forgotten. They enrich lives, strengthen communities, and deserve recognition and support.

I did not feel it appropriate, in those circumstances, to ask whether they were Christians or even believers. In truth, it did not matter. What they show one another through their mutual support — whether talking through a problem or working together on a creative solution — reflects a way of living that follows the very footprints Christ left along the shoreline. In their kindness, cooperation, and care for one another, they embody something profoundly good. And surely, that is enough.

## Welcome to Louth Men's Shed

Men's Sheds are kitted out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies.

They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills. Many guys come just for the tea and banter – everyone's welcome.

Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds –

**a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending.**

The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite.

Come and see!

**You can contact us on telephone number 01507 607197**

**email- [louthmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:louthmensshed@gmail.com)**

# Louthesk Deanery

## Study and Prayer Group

A study and prayer group meets monthly, on a Tuesday. The study part of each session focuses on the gospel reading from the principal service on the Sunday before the meeting. For the prayer part of the sessions, if you have any needs you wish the group to include in their prayers, please indicate these to

[stephen.woodcockmbe@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.woodcockmbe@gmail.com)

All are welcome to attend whenever they can. Sessions begin at 10 am with tea/coffee and biscuits, and end by approximately 11.15 am.

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 19 May       | Grimoldby St Edith's Church           | LN11 8SW |
| 16 June      | Ludborough St Mary's Church           | DN36 5SG |
| 28 July      | Legbourne All Saints                  | LN11 8LL |
| 18 August    | Trinity Centre Louth                  | LN11 8DJ |
| 15 September | Gt Carlton St John the Baptist Church | LN11 8JY |
| 20 October   | Covenham St Mary's Church             | LN11 0PG |
| 17 November  | Saltfleetby St Peter's Church         | LN11 7SF |
| 15 December  | Fotherby St Mary's Church             | LN11 0UJ |

## Hymn Books

Do you have any spare hymn books that another church in the Louthesk Deanery could use? See below:

Please get in touch if you can help.  
[denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org)



**Cornerstone Kids presents**

# Heritage Craft days

From the team that brings you the Pumpkin trail and Easter hunts

**At St Andrews Church Utterby**  
**all welcome**

follow **@cornerstonekidsutterby** on Facebook  
 Join us every Tuesday morning 10.30-12:00

throughout August for free craft sessions, Lego building and messy play. Learn about the history of your area, Utterby's fascinating past, have fun and get arty and crafty

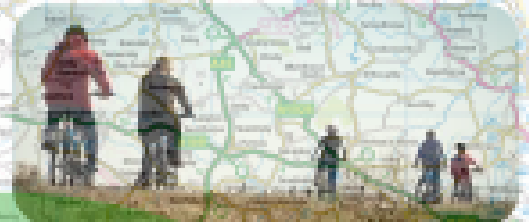
A completely free couple of hours packed full of hands on fun  
 Free refreshments for children

for more info email - [cornerstonekidsutterby@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonekidsutterby@gmail.com)  
 booking not required

Children must be accompanied by an adult



**Over 650 churches and chapels open to visit near you**



# **Ride and Stride... in Lincolnshire**

**Towns, Villages, Coast, Wolds, Cycle Paths - where will you  
ride or walk to visit  
our fabulous churches?**

**Saturday 12th September 2026**

consider sponsoring us by *Just Giving* using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lincolnshire-churches-trust-ride-and-stride-2026>



**Contact your local  
organiser**

**David Margaron**

davidjames.margaron@gmail.com

**07511 011975**

**[www.lincolnshirechurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.lincolnshirechurchestrust.org.uk)**

# DIARY DATES

## Classic Car Coffee Morning with stalls

Tuesday 11 August

10 am – noon

Fulstow Village Hall

Raffle Cake Stall Bric a brac  
Bensley's Ice Cream Van



Come and enjoy viewing the static classic cars



ST MARY'S CHURCH  
NORTH SOMERCOTES

## We're looking for a CLEANER

for St Mary's Church and Church Hall

An important role helping to keep our church and community hall clean, safe and welcoming for everyone.



HOURS

Approximately  
20 hours  
per calendar month,  
worked flexibly  
by agreement.



PAY

£13.00  
per hour



GENERAL DUTIES

- Cleaning of church and church hall
- Cleaning kitchen and toilet facilities
- Vacuuming, mopping and general tidying
- Put bins out each Monday and return after collection



Local person preferred



DBS check required



3-month probationary period



To find out more or to apply,  
please contact The Treasurer,  
St Mary's Church, North Somercotes.  
07985 526245



Memories from 2024 Pet Service

## Great Carlton+++++ Date for the Diary +++++

12th and 13th September, 2026 Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Churches Festival

Display of old maps and documents collected by the Taylor Family,  
many to be seen for the first time. More details to follow.

Please feel free to contact Churchwardens

Carol Carter 07887 623803 or Kathy Crust 01507 450552

if you ever need to discuss any aspect of our Church

as we are here to serve our community through Christ.



**St. Edith's, Grimoldby**  
**Grimoldby Short Mat Bowling Club**  
We meet most Wednesdays in St. Edith's Church, Tinkle Street, Grimoldby, between 6.30 and 8.00pm. We have a bit of gentle exercise while playing, lots of friends talking together, and we finish with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two. **Soft soled shoes please** so we don't damage the Bowling Mat. We have a few bowls you can borrow just to try the game.  
Your first "taster" session is free and we don't have a membership fee, just £3.00 for the session when you play.  
**Any questions contact Jeff or Juli on 07504 228 972.**



## Church Pews for Sale

St Marys Church, Fotherby

14 pine pews, 7 left handed (1-7), and 7 right handed (8-14)

Left-hand flat panel against wall, right-handed flat panel against wall.

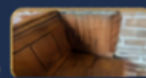
**New chairs are creating £180 each inclusive of delivery and vat.**

Dimensions (approx):

Length: 21cm / 82 1/2 inches

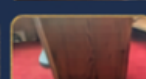
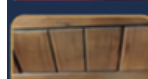
Height: 85cm / 33 1/2 inches

Depth: 51cm / 20 inches



**£200 per pew**

Payment by BACS or Cash



To Purchase & Book an Appointment

Julie: Julie1619988@yahoo.co.uk (please PAF in web of email)

Or

Judith Church wardens 07960 546774

St Marys Church wardens via Church post box or Poster by community page on facebook



## CHARITY WINE TASTING EVENING

Join us for a charity wine tasting evening and small buffet at St Peters Church, in collaboration with *The Wine Cellar Louth*

Try up to 7 types of wines\*, (including red, white, sparkling and after dinner), with the chance to purchase bottles afterwards from Jak.

Enjoy a spread of treats and refreshments, including tea, coffee and cheeseboard, alongside a charity raffle.

Saturday 8th August, 7pm

St Peters Church, Raithby-cum-Maltby

£25 Wine Tasting

All proceeds will go towards the repairs and upkeep of our beautiful church.



If you'd like to attend,  
please WhatsApp Jo on 07885561668

This is a **CASH ONLY** event

\*25ml of each wine

## St. Marys MANBY

## Morning Worship

(Said Service)

Last Friday of the month

10.00am

Everyone is welcome

## St James's Church, Louth Lunchtime Recitals 2026 Fridays at 1.00 pm

3 July: Paul Hale (organ)

10 July: Olivia Thomas (soprano)  
David Beer (piano)

17 July: Colin Walsh (organ)

24 July: George Elson (baritone)  
Jane O'Farrell (piano)

31 July: Clare Laughton (cello)  
Robert Poyser (piano)

7 Aug: Rosemary Field (organ)

14 Aug: Michael Baron (organ)

21 Aug: Naomi Sullivan (saxophone)  
Jane O'Farrell (piano)

28 Aug: Paul Young (tenor)  
Jeffrey Makinson (piano)

Admission free. Retiring collection  
in aid of the church's Music Fund.  
Refreshments available before each  
recital until 12.45 pm, and afterwards.  
Website for further details:  
stjamesrecitalslouth.co.uk

## THE COMMUNITY LARDER NEEDS YOU!

WE ARE RUNNING REALLY LOW ON DONATIONS

Please help us support local families & individuals in need by donating to our food bank.

ITEMS WE URGENTLY NEED:

- Beans
- Soup
- Sugar
- Pasta or Curry Sauce
- Rice Pudding
- Cuppa Soup
- Milk
- Tinned Mushrooms/Sweetcorn
- Tinned Tuna or Macaroni Cheese
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam or Marmalade
- Tinned Peas & Carrots
- Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash
- Tuna
- Biscuits
- Tea or Coffee
- Pasta & Rice
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Meat
- Cereal or Porridge



Drop off non-perishable food & hygiene items at the Trinity Centre Mon-Fri 9am-12pm



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY



HELP FAMILIES IN NEED



EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



TRINITY CENTRE EASTGATE, LOUTH

Thank you for your kindness & generosity

St. Edith's Church, Grimoldby.

"START THE WEEK"

COFFEE MORNING

With SEW & SEW

EVERY 3rd MONDAY of the month

Starting 22nd June

10.00am till 12.30pm



FREE

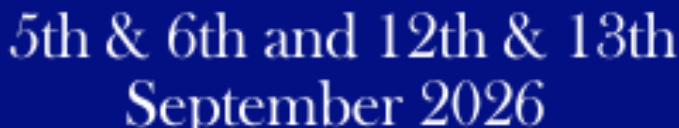


Come along, bring your sewing or other craftwork and meet our happy bunch of thirsty sew & sews.

Or just pop in for a friendly chat.

NO SKILLS NEEDED

A warm welcome to everyone



JOIN US FOR AN  
**Afternoon TEA**  
at  
**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with family and friends  
**ALL WELCOME**

**VARIOUS STALLS AND ATTRACTIONS**

TOMBOLA BRIC A BRAC RAFFLE AND MORE!

*We look forward to seeing you!*

Saint John the Baptist Church Belleau

Talk by Adrian Gray on the connection of Sir Henry Vane and Roger Williams with Belleau 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026 2.00pm

Adrian Gray is a graduate in History from Queens College, Cambridge and the author of more than twenty books on aspects of local and national history. He has kindly agreed to give a talk and is keen that it might be of interest to local groups for them to have a greater understanding of Belleau and its significance in contributing to British and American history. Donations made at the talk will all go towards the repair of stonework at the church.



Sir Henry Vane was resident in Belleau for a several years at the Manor House. Governor in Massachusetts and later as a Member of Parliament, perhaps at one point only second in importance to Oliver Cromwell in the events leading up to the execution of King Charles 1. Vane developed a close friendship with Roger Williams who stayed with his family at Belleau. It is thought that their conversations together during his stay [along with Vane's wife Frances], contributed to the publication of Williams most import work shortly after.

These ideas were later embedded in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as part of the Bill of Rights, and in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. They prohibit laws establishing a state religion, restricting freedom of speech or the press, or interfering with the right to assemble peacefully. Roger Williams is remembered in Rhode Island USA, where both a university and a national park are named in his honour. **The lives of Vane and Williams make a fascinating story.**

**Belleau: A Place in History**

Saint John the Baptist Church  
**BELLEAU AND THE THREE GIANTS OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY**  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2026 2.00pm



Historian **ADRIAN GRAY** will give a talk on Belleau's 'three giants'

- Sir Henry Vane – Governor of Massachusetts, Civil War politician, champion of religious liberty, owner of Belleau, rebuilder of the church, legally murdered on Charles II's orders
- John Wheelwright – born in east Lincolnshire, thrown out of Massachusetts, friend of Oliver Cromwell, ministered around Belleau; key figure in Maine state
- Roger Williams – radical cleric in America, champion of religious liberty, influence on US First Amendment, founder of Rhode Island, resident at Belleau

To be followed by a guided visit to the remains of the Belleau Manor House where Vane lived and Williams stayed



Booking info: you can reserve a seat by emailing [mikelamb51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mikelamb51@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07570073326 before 12<sup>th</sup> September. Reserved seats must be claimed by 13.45 on the day. Donation at the door, proceeds to repair stonework at church.  
Refreshments and toilet available.



**Community Coffee**

Come & join us at St Andrew's, Stewton

**Tuesday 18 August**  
**10.00am - 12.00**

Coffee/Tea, Homemade Cake  
& Friendly Chatter

In aid of our Kenya Project



Relax in our lovely church & beautiful surroundings

You're invited to

**Café CHURCH**

A relaxed service with coffee, conversation and community

**9.30 AM**  
**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

at St Andrew's Church  
**UTTERBY**

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS | WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE | FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP

**FREE** FREE ENTRY | RETIRING COLLECTION | **ALL WELCOME**



Please note Saltfleetby Church will be closed for around 3 weeks for essential repairs to be carried out.



Sunday 2 August 2026  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 14:13-21

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## SHARE!



## Sharing

Sarah wants to share her chocolates with her friends. How many chocolates can each friend and Sarah have?



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the food we enjoy. Please help us to share what we have. Amen.

Lots of people have been listening to Jesus all day and are now hungry. Jesus takes five loaves and two fish and blessed them. The disciples hand out the food – and everyone has enough to eat! They even have twelve baskets of left-overs!

## Puzzle

There are **ten loaves** and **ten fish** hidden in this picture. Can you find them all?



## Wordsearch

Can you find these words? Look, up, down and across.

CROWD

FIVE

LOAVES

TWO

JESUS

FISH

SHARE



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| L | O | A | V | E | S |
| T | W | O | E | S | H |
| Y | D | P | V | U | G |
| E | R | A | H | S | X |

## Feeding 5,000

Here is a boy holding the basket of food. Can you draw the five loaves of bread and two fish on the basket? After he had blessed the bread Jesus asked his disciples to share this food out to everyone in the crowd! Draw yourself in the crowd.

