



**“If you want to go fast go alone;
If you want to go far go together”**
(African proverb)

Week Commencing 26th July 2026

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Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 26th July 2026

8th Sunday after Trinity

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SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 26th July <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Proper 12</i>		HC Scripture <i>1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-end; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52</i>
	8 45am	Morning Prayer at Wold Newton (DM)
	10am	Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (MP)
	10am	Holy Communion at Utterby (JW)
	10am	Methodist at Saltfleetby
	10am	Holy Communion at St James (Arch Eln)
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Binbrook (KG)
	10 30am	Morning Prayer at Alvingham (AS CL)
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB PB)
	11am	Holy Communion at Tathwell (TS)
	11am	Morning Prayer at North Somercotes (JB)
	11 15am	Holy Communion at South Elkington (Arch Eln)
	2pm	Baptism at St Michael's (George Gray) (TS)
	3pm	Songs of Praise at Little Grimsby (KG)
	3pm	Pet Service at Great Carlton (RM)
Monday 27th <i>Rural Mission Enablers Day Off</i>		MP Scripture <i>Psalm 27, 30; 1 Samuel 14.24-46; Luke 23.13-25</i> 1pm Ashes interment at Grimoldby (Patricia Hodgson)
Tuesday 28th		MP Scripture <i>Psalm 32, 36; 1 Samuel 15.1-23; Luke 23.26-43</i> 11am Holy Communion BCP at St James' (TS)
Wednesday 29th		MP Scripture <i>Psalm 34; 1 Samuel 16; Luke 23.44-56</i> 11am Funeral at St Michael's (Valerie Anderson) (RM) 1 30pm Burial at Grimoldby (Barry McTenan)
Thursday 30th		MP Scripture <i>Psalm 37; 1 Samuel 17.1-30; Luke 23.56</i> 1pm Wedding at Marshchapel (Mossop & Oliver) (KG)
Friday 31st		MP Scripture <i>Psalm 31; 1 Samuel 17.31-54; Luke 24.13-35</i> 11am Funeral at Fotherby (Dorothy Clark) (TS) 1pm Lunch Time Recital at St James <i>Clare Laughton (cello), Robert Poyser (piano)</i> 3 30pm Wedding at Great Carlton (Willey & Galey) (RM)
Saturday 1st		MP Scripture <i>Psalm 41, 42, 43; 1 Samuel 17.55-18.16; Luke 24.36-end</i> 3pm Wedding at St James (Tubb & Sakseide) (TS)
Sunday 2nd August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i> <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 Holy Communion at Covenham (KG) 9 30am Morning Prayer at Marshchapel (ArHe) 9 30am Holy Communion at Great Carlton (RM) 9 30am Parish Mass at St Michaels (TS) 10am Holy Communion at North Thoresby (JW) 10am Holy Communion at St James (??) 11am Holy Communion at Legbourne (KG) 10am Methodist at Fulstow 11am Morning Prayer at Saltfleetby (HM) 11 15am Parish Mass at Ludford (TS) 11 15am Holy Communion at Stewton (RM) 2pm Baptism at Binbrook (Oscar Thompson) (TS)



St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene, whose Feast Day falls on 22nd July, is the quintessential maligned woman. For many years, she has endured a very dodgy reputation, based entirely on the judgements and projections of religious Church leaders especially Pope Gregory, who started the hares running by conflating the three Marys in the Gospels! Yes- friends- this is the same Pope Gregory who sent Augustine to England- demonstrating to any of us who were in doubt that Popes as well as the rest of Christendom are a mixture of sinners and saints!

So- rescuing Mary Magdalene from the scandal and dubious iconography, we find- lo and behold! The first person to be entrusted with the astounding news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. And why? I would suggest:

- Because she was there- Mary, unlike the men, hadn't fled the scenes of grief and horror.
- Because Jesus trusted her to do the job.

Friends, I rest my case. Mary was one of Jesus' closest friends and disciples. Clearly at that time, women were not allowed to accompany fellas on road-trips, but she, together with other named women in the gospels such as Susanna and Joanna, supported Jesus and his twelve disciples throughout the three years of his ministry. They were clearly fully involved in his teaching and preaching ministry, not staying at home making the tea.

So, let's celebrate the women in our churches who are engaged in Christian ministry of all kinds and like Mary Magdalene, give generously of their time skills energy and resources and are trusted by Our Lord to spread the Gospel.

Mother Karen

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions
Sunday July 26th - 1st August 2026

TRINITY 8

These words are part of our New Testament reading this Sunday from St Paul's letter to the Romans (Romans 8:26)

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.”

They are words of reassurance to all of us for those times when prayer seems such a chore, even a bore – ‘Why bother!’

Who knows? That may well be the way God also feels sometimes when we go through the rigmarole of church worship: “Oh not them again?”

Just read on in verses 27 & 28.

“God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

There's our answer! Keep praying! God's Spirit is always in you and with you.

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

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY (Continued)

Sunday July 26

Industry and commerce in your area, including the local shops.
Farming and agriculture and the care of the environment:

Day 27

The health services, doctor's surgeries, and hospital service, care in the community and local care homes: Ashtree House (Withern), The Elms, Louth Manor, Stewton House, Meadowpark, The Wolds (all in Louth). Fotherby Care Home. Helen Marsden the Anna Chaplain to some care homes. The Louth Hospice. The 'hidden' carers in our communities. Any health care practitioners who we have come to rely on personally...doctors, nurses, carers etc.

Day 28

The local authority and Member of Parliament – Victoria Atkins.
Lincolnshire County Council. Leader: Sean Matthews
The Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire - Dame Andrea Jenkyns
East Lindsey District Council.
Paish Councils and all our local councillors.
Louth Town Council
The Mayor of Louth - Karen Parsons.

Day 29

The Emergency Services, fire and rescue, police, ambulance and first responders, air ambulance

Day 30

Leisure industry and places of entertainment, pubs and clubs

Day 31

For all those taking their summer holidays among us here on the east coast. That they may be refreshed and energised. For our children and young people during the long summer holiday and for parents and carers who oversee their wellbeing and safety.

THE BINBROOK GROUP

Day 1

BINBROOK, St Mary & St Gabriel

Kate Collins [cw] Peter Beveridge [cw] Philip Wallis [tr] Carrol McCudden [sec]

KELSTERN, St Faiths

Richard Milligan Manby [cw]

The Visitation Service for the Admission of Churchwardens. Sunday 19th at Grainthorpe St. Clements with The Venerable Eleanor Robertshaw Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey.



A huge thank you and heartfelt congratulations to all our wonderful churchwardens! We are so grateful for your tireless dedication, invaluable service and generous spirit. You are truly appreciated!

Dear members, supporters and friends of Louth Churches for Refugees

We're very pleased to let you know we have finalised a sponsorship agreement for another resettled refugee family and we are looking forward to their arrival in Louth over the coming few weeks.

This is another milestone in the mission of Louth Churches for Refugees – responding locally and practically in the light of continued world instability and huge global migration challenges.

We had an excellent response to our recent appeal for donations of furniture and furnishings, including practical help with collecting/moving/delivery – thank you for all your support as we prepare a warm welcome.

The family we will be sponsoring is made up of a mother and three adult children. Please remember members of the family in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to travel to Lincolnshire and begin the challenging process of resettlement and integration. Please also continue to pray for the work of Louth Churches for Refugees as we seek to help:

**God of the journey,
turn our hearts towards
our migrant and refugee neighbours.
May those seeking sanctuary
know welcome, safety and hope.
Amen.**

Louthesk Deanery Study and Prayer Group

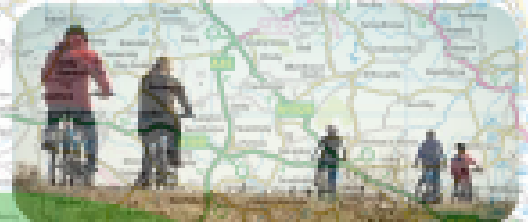
A study and prayer group meets monthly, on a Tuesday. The study part of each session focuses on the gospel reading from the principal service on the Sunday before the meeting. For the prayer part of the sessions, if you have any needs you wish the group to include in their prayers, please indicate these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

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.

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



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

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.



Encouraging nature in graveyards.

A talk by Helen Gamble.

7pm
29th July
at Holy Trinity Church,
Raithby by Spilsby.

£10 per ticket
from Julia on
01790 754145
or
julia.hince@me.com

Light refreshments included.

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.

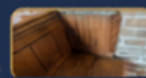
New chairs are creating £180 each inclusive of delivery and vat.

Dimensions open:

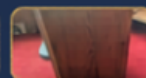
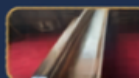
Length: 21cm / 82 1/2 inches

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 PaE 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

Cream Tea Event



1st August | 2:30pm - 4:30pm

£5pp

Music by
Nicky Haxby

Fundraising for ECHO
And St Mary's

Booking details: contact Anne on 01507 363508 or Gillian on 07947421137 by 30th July

alternatively, turn up for cake and coffee

St Mary's

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 Ravioli 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

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.



St John the Baptist Church, Great Carlton

St Edith's Churchyard, Little Carlton,

Pet Service 3:00pm Sunday + 26th July +

Rev. Robert Mansfield New Date

All creatures are welcome.

The funnier, more feathery, scallier, the better.



Limited parking available - please walk or cycle if possible.

Under 10 minute walk from Great Carlton Church Car Park.

Light refreshments including toasted marshmallows.

Hymns and action songs.

We do hope that you can join us for a fun afternoon

St. Mary's Church, Covenham

Cream teas

In the churchyard (indoors if wet) £5 per person



Homemade cakes available priced per slice

Saturday, 1st August

2.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.

Music by Nicky Haxby

A fund raiser for ECHO (East Coast Homeless) there will be a plate for donations to the charity

3p.m.- 4p.m.

If you want a cream tea please book by contacting Anne 01507 363508 or Gillian 07947421137 by Thurs. 30th July

No need to book for just tea & cake

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
booking not required**

Children must be accompanied by an adult



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



LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS & COAST CHURCHES FESTIVAL

5th & 6th and 12th & 13th
September 2026

A beautiful collection of churches, all with a story to tell

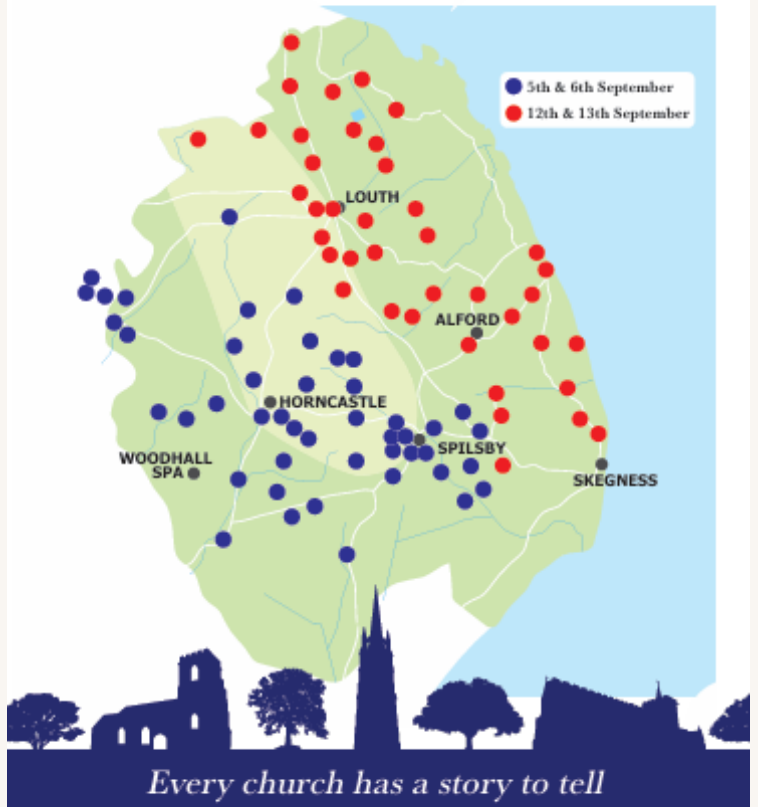


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CHURCHES FESTIVAL 2026

A celebration of churches in the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast

WELCOME to the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Churches Festival - where over 80 churches in market towns, seaside villages and a host of rural hamlets in between, are opening their doors to celebrate their unique architecture and heritage, beautiful tranquillity and spirituality, fascinating stories and folklore and their wonderful welcome.



Every church has a story to tell



Find out more at
www.lincswoldsandcoastchurches.org



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Lincolnshire
Wolds

LINCOLNSHIRE
COAST



Lincolnshire
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East Lindsey
DISTRICT COUNCIL



The website will be updated with full details in August and printed brochures will be available from libraries, tourist information points and participating churches after July 16.



Tennyson's Lincolnshire Family — A Lecture

St Andrew Church South Thoresby 7.30pm Friday 31st July 2026

Tickets £7 For tickets contact by text: 07929 467204

Each year we are graced at St Andrew's Church with a lecture from our very own local historian, Jean Howard. This year is no exception — and Jean brings us a subject rooted deeply in our own county's soil.

Her talk, Tennyson's Lincolnshire Family, explores the remarkable cast of characters who shaped the poet's early life. She will look briefly at his parents, grandparents and siblings, including his favourite brother Charles, who spent his life as vicar of Grasby, and his hated Uncle Charles, the eccentric creator of the astonishing Bayons Manor at Tealby.

It's a story threaded with eccentricity, addiction, family tensions and brilliance — more than enough to keep every listener absorbed.



MY TREASURE!

My favourite things

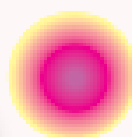
Here is a bag for your things. Draw some of your favourite things in this bag. Would you swap them for something else? Would you swap them for something really special? The merchant did in the story.



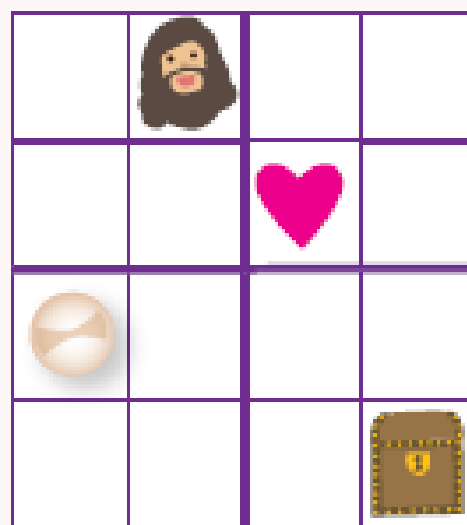
If someone found treasure in a field, they might sell everything they have just to be able to buy the field and own the treasure. A pearl merchant might sell everything so he can buy one fantastic pearl. The kingdom of heaven is the most special treasure!

Sudoku

Can you fill the grid with the pictures of Jesus, a heart, treasure and a pearl?

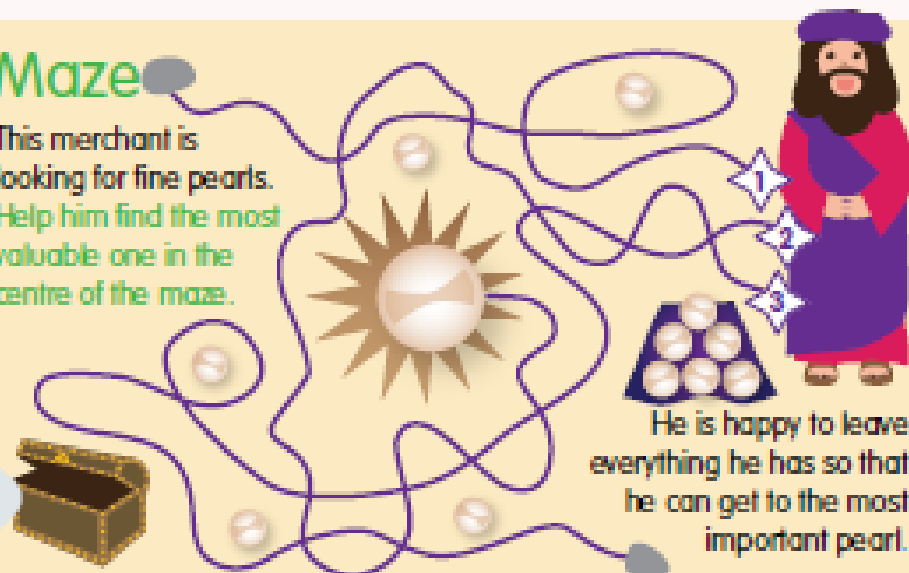


Put one of each picture in every row, column and mini-grid.



Maze

This merchant is looking for fine pearls. Help him find the most valuable one in the centre of the maze.



He is happy to leave everything he has so that he can get to the most important pearl.

A PRAYER TO SAY

I would like to be as happy as the pearl merchant, Jesus. Help me to understand what is important in life. Help me to keep on searching for you. Amen.

Sudoku

Hidden around this page are five pearls like this one. Can you find them all?



Answer: Path 3 will find the pearl.