



Uniting Louthesk Churches

Fotherby St Mary's



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

(African proverb)

Week commencing 6th September 2026



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Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 6th September 2026

14th Sunday after Trinity

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SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 6th September

HC Scripture:

Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20

14th Sunday after Trinity

Creation in Christ (Festival)

9 30am - Holy Communion at Covenham (KG)

9 30am - Morning Prayer at Marshchapel (ArHEN)

9 30am - Holy Communion at Great Carlton (RM)

9 30am - Parish Mass at St Michaels (TS)

10am - Methodist at Fulstow

10am - Ministry of the Word at St James (PC)

10am - Harvest Thanksgiving at North Thoresby (JW)

11am - Holy Communion at Legbourne (KG)

11 15am - Holy Communion at Stewton (RM)

11am - Morning Prayer at Saltfleetby (SW)

1 30pm - Baptism at Alvingham (Ronnie Allinson) (TS)

3pm - Harvest Festival Service at Grimoldby (JOB)

Monday 7th

MP Scripture Psalm 1,2,3; 1 Kings 1.5-31; Acts 13.13-43

DEL week 23

Creation in Christ (Festival)

Rural Mission Enablers Day Off

11am - Funeral at Alford Crem (Joan read) (RM)

Tuesday 8th

MP Scripture Psalm 5, 5 (81 Kings 1.32-2.4, 2.10-12; Acts 13.44-14.7

11am - Holy Communion BCP at St James' (TS)

Wednesday 9th

MP Scripture Psalm 119.1-32; 1 Kings 3; Acts 11.19-end

Thursday 10th

MP Scripture Psalm 14, 15, 16; 1 Kings 4.29-5.12; Acts 15.1-21

9 30am - Quinquennial Inspection at Strubby

7pm - Night Prayer/Compline

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Friday 11th

MP Scripture Psalm 17, 19; 1 Kings 6.1, 11-28; Acts 15.22-35

1 30pm - Ashes Interment at Binbrook (William Hanson) (HM)

Saturday 12th

MP Scripture Psalm 20, 21, 23; 1 Kings 8.1-30; Acts 15.36-16.5

12noon - Wedding at St James (Campling & Haywood) (TS)

2pm - Wedding at St James (Mee & Crickshank) (TS)

Sunday 13th September

HC Scripture:

Genesis 51.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

8 45am - Parish Mass at Wold Newton (TS)

10am - Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (JG)

10am - Holy Communion at St James (MC)

10 30am - Morning Prayer at Binbrook (MH)

10 30am - Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB, PB)

10 30am - Methodist at Saltfleetby

11am - Holy Communion at North Somercotes (KG)

11 15am - Morning Prayer at South Elkington (??)

3pm - Holy Communion at Fotherby (KG)

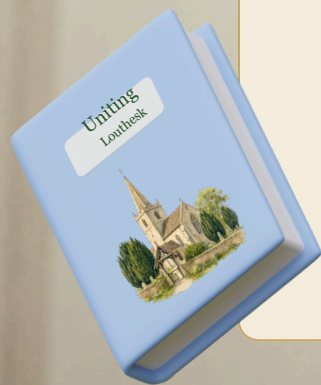
12 30pm - Baptism at North Thoresby Theodore Marshall (KG)

13 30pm - Baptism at North Thoresby Lilly Westwood (KG)

5pm - Evening Prayer at South Thoresby (HM)

6pm - Harvest Festival at Ludborough (JB)

Followed by Harvest Supper.



A weekly booklet awaits your order—copies can be summoned for printing and collected from the rectory at Fotherby. Ensure your requests are placed each week before Tuesday to prepare for the enchanting process of creation. For assistance, reach out to denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org or call 01507 610247.



St Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Many of the Churches in our Deanery are dedicated to Mary.

The Church celebrates the birthday of Our Lady on 8th September, although, as I heard a wise priest once remark, what matters is not when Mary's birthday was, but the fact that she had a birthday! This is a commentary on the tendency of the Church to get very muddled about Mary and to treat her as a 'plaster saint' or try to ignore her altogether!

If we consider how we treat the memory of people we have loved- and Mary was deeply loved from the earliest days of the Church, we can perhaps recognise a tendency to gloss over any faults and failings they may have had and concentrate exclusively on their good points! I am not foolish enough in these pages to enter into a theological debate about the sinless character of Mary, but I will say that I feel we diminish her reputation by trying to avert our gaze from any difficulties and contradictions she may have experienced as Jesus' mother and concentrate exclusively on her peerless example of obedience and faithfulness. If you are in any doubt about the challenges Mary faced, watching her Son wind up more and more powerful people during his ministry, please read the poignant anecdote, recalled in the gospel of Mark 3: 31 (and therefore very likely an eye-witness account) in which Jesus includes all of his followers as his 'family', displacing his natural family as his primary concern at all times

This must have come as a shattering blow to Mary, as indeed it would to any mother, to be 'put in their place' publicly, and it wasn't the only recorded time that we hear of Mary being confused and upset by her Son's behaviour. Because of this- not despite it- Mary has always been regarded as the model disciple, embracing uncertainty and unwelcome events as the true cost of discipleship. Mary's humility in accepting what she was unable to understand is our example of following Jesus.

Mother Karen

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions
Sunday September 6th – Saturday September 12th, 2026
TRINITY 14

The year moves inexorably on as we enter the beginning of Autumn after a memorable summer from which humanity must learn important lessons. All not so very different from life in general from which we either ignore or learn the essential lessons of life.

We indeed are pilgrims on a journey. Here is a very simple Pilgrims' Hymn by Stephen Paulus to help us reflect as we pray.

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God
When we seek for the words to glorify You.
You hear our prayer
Unceasing love, O unceasing love
Surpassing all we know

Glory to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit

Even with the darkness sealing us in
We breathe Your name
And through all the days that follow so fast
We trust in You
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace
Beyond all mortal dream



Both now and forever
And unto ages and ages

Amen



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



Day 6

LITTLE GRIMSBY, St Edith's: Judith Hunter [cw] Barbara Chester [cw sec] David Bunker [tr]

LUDBOROUGH, St Marys: Janet Dixon [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)

Day 9

RAITHBY, St Peter: Jane Pocklington [cw] Mark Pocklington [tr]

SOUTH THORESBY, St Andrew: Rebecca Morgan-Chan [cw tr sec] Nicholas Hansen [cw]

Day 10

STRUBBY WOLD MARSH, St Oswald: Margaret Farrow [tr]

SWABY WOLD MARSH, St Nicholas: Rebecca Morgan-Chan (cw sec) Penelope Shaw (cw)

Day 11

TATHWELL, St Vedast: Russell Howard [cw tr]

WITHCALL, St Martin: David Martin [cw sec] Nicola Smith [tr]

THE TEAM PARISH OF LOUTH

Day 12

LOUTH, Holy Trinity: Jill Trafford [Manager] Garron Edwards (Admin)

LOUTH, St James DCC: Robert Haynes [tr] Vacant [sec]

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



Authorised Ministry in our Deanery

We invite all who may feel that they are discerning a call to
Authorised Ministry in our Deanery to be in touch with
Mother Karen motherkaren55@gmail.com

or

Mark Hunkin markhunkin@icloud.com

We shall be starting the next course for ALM ministry on
Wednesday 16th September from 7-9pm

The Rectory, Peppin Lane, Fotherby, Louth LN11 0UW.
Hope your journeys are going smoothly.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Events around Louthesk Deanery

St. Marys MANBY

Morning Worship

(Said Service)

Last Friday of the month

10.00am

Everyone is welcome

Note

11th Oct. Harvest Festival

Pet Service - report from the Church Facebook page.

What a wonderful afternoon we've had at the Pet Service!
Thank you for being part of our service as we begin. From the
Beekeepers of the Lincolnshire Wolds for showing us all how your
bees, thank you for all of our wonderful pets! As always, thank you to
all of the volunteers that make these things happen. God bless you
all.



Join us for the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Church
Festival

10am to 4pm Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th Sept.

Light refreshments - new displays to view including
Carlton Artefacts and Maps - Little Carlton Saxon
Settlement

A crochet model of the Church & lots more.

Please feel free to contact Churchwardens
Carol Carter 07887 823803 or Kathy Crust 01507 4501



Harvest Praise

With the

Grimoldby Singers

St. Edith's Church, Grimoldby

Sunday 6th September 2026

at 3.00 pm

Followed by Harvest Tea

(suggested donation of £5 pp to cover costs)

*Please bring donations of tinned/dried food,
bathroom necessities, pet food etc. which will be
taken to Louth Food Bank after the service*



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September 2026





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Saturday 12th September 2026

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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.



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SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

2:30 PM

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ST LAWRENCE
CHURCH



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Stewton St Andrew

CHURCH FESTIVAL

'Not an Enormous Book Sale'

SEPTEMBER 12TH AN 13TH

We still need book donations. These can be dropped off at our house or Stewton Church, or call us on 01507-327533 and we can arrange collection.

Robert and Dorothy Mansfield





**St. Martin's Church
Welton le Wold**

Our HARVEST

SERVICE will be
held on Sunday,
20th September
2026 at 4.00 p.m.
led by Mark Hunkin

followed by light refreshments

Gifts of food
& cash for
Louth Community Larder.

Credit: Daria Andriusova



St Andrews Church Utterby



Harvest Festival

10.00am | 27th SEPTEMBER

Bring your gifts for the **LOUTH FOOD BANK**

There will be a **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Everyone Welcome!



AN EVENING OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Comedy Heroes

This months guest is the International star Mr Steve Barclay and the title of the talk is "Comedy Heroes".

Steve is pure comedy he is seen in Panto as the Dame, he is a jazz singer, he is an after dinner speaker, actor and a Water Rat.

Come along for what will be a fun evening:

At St Martins' church,
Withcall, LN11 9RL
17th SEPTEMBER 20026 7pm
for further info: 01507 343027

Retiring collection and light refreshments

David Martin Church Warden



St. Mary's Church Covenham



Harvest



Celebration

led by Jenny Ballantyne

Friday, 25th September
at 7.00p.m.

Service to be followed by a
traditional Harvest Supper

(Adults & 11+ £10 for a two course meal
Children under 11 £6)

All are welcome to the service

YOU NEED TO BOOK by
Tuesday, 22nd September
if you intend staying for supper.

Contact Anne on 01507 363508 or 07989785880



email: aemc.covenham@gmail.com



**LINCOLNSHIRE
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Saturday 12th September
Sunday 13th September



58 Alvingham, St Adelwold



Opening Times

Saturday 11am – 3pm
Sunday 11am – 3pm



Two churches in one churchyard; not unique, but unusual. St Adelwold's for Alvingham and St Mary's for North Cockerington. St Mary's is a redundant church, but open with monuments to a 14th century knight, with a lion at his feet. St Mary's was the chapel for the Gilbertine Alvingham Priory and is on the Gilbertine trail. St Gilbert founded the Gilbertine Order, where he founded a double monastery of canons regular and nuns, an order for both men and women. There is a prayer area in Lincoln Cathedral with a collection of large ceramics known as the 'Gilbert Pots' representing Gilbert and the Order's women and men.

Postcode LN11 0QD ///demanding.wimp.shop

59 Belleau, St John the Baptist



Opening Times

Saturday 7am – 7pm
Sunday 7am – 7pm



The Church and Belleau are a beautiful spot to visit and rich in history. Sir Henry Vane and his wife Frances preferring to live here than at their properties at both Barnard and Raby Castle. Frances cried when forced to leave Belleau for the part played by Sir Henry during the Civil War. The Church is much loved by visitors who sit quietly inside and enjoy the peace and bird song. Perhaps Henry Vane thought of this as he knelt to be beheaded at Tower Hill, asking his executioner wryly "to take care not to burst the blister on his neck" before the axe fell!

Postcode LN13 0BW ///grading.pounces.graphic

60 Binbrook, St Mary & St Gabriel



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm



Designed by James Fowler, the church was consecrated in August 1869 with a dual dedication, replacing the two village churches. It is in an Early English style with a slate roof and decorative ridge tiles. Built in ironstone with a broach spire, and a chancel with a polygonal apse.

When RAF Binbrook closed a relationship was maintained with members of 460 SQRAAF. A memorial stained-glass window, commemorating squadrons serving at RAF Binbrook was placed in the church. There is a Roll of Honour for 460 squadron available to see.

A warm welcome awaits visitors to the 'Cathedral in the Wolds'.

Postcode LN8 6DH ///jolt.once.battling

61 Fotherby, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-3pm



A warm welcome awaits you in the church, which was rebuilt in 1863 under the direction of James Fowler, renowned Louth architect. Photographic displays of village activities and albums showing similar events are available to view. The Church Mice Crafters are creating a range of individually designed kneelers depicting life in the village and locality. The Fotherby Archive, being developed in the Community Room to the right of the extension lobby, provides historic documents to view giving an insight into village organisations, people and places. Our delicious homemade cakes are available to sample while you browse items for sale.

Postcode LN11 0UJ ///tucked.gently.jiggling

62 Fulstow, St Lawrence



Opening Times
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 9am-5pm



Grade II listed, Early English church standing serenely at the edge of the village. 13th century, restored in 1868. The church lends itself to quiet contemplation and prayer. A medieval shaft of a cross stands in the churchyard.

Postcode LN11 0XW ///boot.brambles.dimes

63 Grainthorpe, St Clement



Opening Times
Sunday only 10am - 4pm



Beautiful, imposing Marshland church, having evolved over 800 years. Elements of decorated and perpendicular Gothic styles. A fine medieval brass cross engraved with fantastical fish. Medieval stone altar is a rare survivor of the destructive reformation period. 18th Century graffiti of sailing ships, shoes and hands. Come and create your own graffiti in metal!

Postcode LN11 7JR ///comedians.strain.delivers

64 Great Carlton, St John the Baptist



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



The Mid Marsh Carltons - comprising Great, Little and Castle Carlton - have a long history with artefacts from CC on display in church dating back to the Neolithic Period.

There will also be displays covering the 21c discovery of a Saxon Island, as well as a range of local historical village documents and maps.

A 10-minute walk away, on the path between GC and LC, there is the graveyard of the now demolished St Edith's Church, Little Carlton, which is also the location of the Saxon Island.

Postcode LN11 8JU ///exhaling.sticks.since

65 Grimoldby, St Edith



Opening Times
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Sunday 12noon - 4pm



Historic displays. Display of Lincolnshire's oldest-known surviving and conserved oak carved roof angels. Local arts and crafts. Wool spinning display. Children and adult games.

Postcode LN11 8SW ///method.unwanted.slanting

66 Legbourne, All Saints



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



Search for medieval graffiti and fragments of glass. Discover Biblical scenes in the 'Preedy' stained glass windows. Read about Thomas Madynwell, who died in 1507 and is buried in the South aisle. Listen to extract from 'Legbourne and Little Cawthorpe Voices' telling the story of the two villages.

Postcode LN11 8LN ///pranced.sharp.monday

67 Manby, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



Built of ashlar greenstone in late Perpendicular style during Henry VII's reign. From 1938, associations with the RAF. Served as chapel for the School of Air Warfare until its closure in 1974. Information on display. Cast window from the demolished Missionary College, Burgh representing the Conversion of St Paul. A cushion on the altar table is made from material left over from the Queen Elizabeth II's coronation train.

Postcode LN11 8HL ///abstracts.audio.narrates

68 Marshchapel, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm



A Grade I listed building with magnificent perpendicular architecture and a leaning bell tower. Six bells have recently been installed. The original bells were hung in 1420. The showy reredos may have been rescued. In the Victorian era the chancel was enhanced by angels and each of the pews were carved with their own individual poppy head. There is a face to find and green men bosses in the south aisle roof. There is another green man which can be found following the churchyard trail. Visitors can be sustained by tea and cake.

Postcode DN36 5TW ///that.saves.foot

69 North Somercotes, St Mary



Opening Times
Saturday 12noon-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm
(11am service)



Paper angels on display. Craft activities and displays on the theme of 'Crosses'. Work from schools and community. St Mary's rabbit trail. Sunday service 11am, Holy Communion. Theme: Crosses and Holy Cross Day

Postcode LN11 7PZ ///tungsten.corn.affirming

More to follow next week.....

Harvest Festival Fun!

Celebrate God's gifts of food, family and friendship

1

Can you spot 5 things that belong in a church?



2

Draw your favourite harvest food



3

Colour the harvest picture



4

Thank God for the harvest



Be thankful in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:18