

Uniting Louthesk Churches



Week commencing 27th September 2026

“If you want to go fast go alone;
If you want to go far go together”

(African proverb)



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SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 27th September

HC Scripture Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

17th Sunday After Trinity Proper 21

- 9 30am Holy Communion at St James (Archdeacon)
- 10am Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (MP)
- 10am Harvest Festival at Utterby (MH)
- 10 30am Harvest Service at Binbrook (HM)
- 11am Civic Service at St James (RM)
- 11am Morning Praise at North Somercotes (DM)
- 11 15am Harvest Service at South Elkington (Archdeacon)
- 3pm Songs of Praise at Grainsby (JW)
- 3pm Evening Prayer at Little Grimsby (DM)
- 3pm Harvest Service at Swinhope (TS)
- 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving at Wold Newton (PS)

Monday 28th *MP Scripture Psalm 71; 1 Kings 21; Acts 21.37-22.21*

Rural Mission Enablers Day Off DEL week 26

Tuesday 29th *MP Scripture Psalm 34, 150; Tobit 12.6-end or Daniel 12.1-4; Acts 12.1-11 St*

11am Sung Mass at St Michael's (TS)

Wednesday 30th *MP Scripture Psalm 77; 1 Kings 22.29-45; Acts 23.12-end*

Thursday 1st *MP Scripture Psalm 78.1-39*; 2 Kings 1.2-17; Acts 24.1-23*

7pm Night Prayer/Compline

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Friday 2nd *MP Scripture Psalm 55; 2 Kings 2.1-18; Acts 24.24-25.12*

Saturday 3rd *MP Scripture Psalm 76, 79; 2 Kings 4.1-37; Acts 25.13-end*

Sunday 4th Oct

HC Scripture Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.8-16; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end

Proper 22 18th Sunday after Trinity

- 9 30am Café Church at Covenham (DM)
- 9 30am Holy Communion at Great Carlton (RM)
- 9 30am Parish Mass at St Michael's (TS)
- 10am Ministry of the Word at St James (PC)
- 10am Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (JB)
- 10am Methodist Service at Fulstow
- 10am Harvest Festival at Marshchapel (ArHen)
- 11am Holy Communion at Legbourne (AH)
- 11am Morning Prayer at Saltfleetby (MH)
- 11 15am Parish Mass at Ludford (TS)
- 3pm Harvest Festival And Auction at Stewton (RM)



St Michael's Church Louth

St Michael the Archangel
29th September

St Michael is the patron of grocers, soldiers, doctors, paratroopers, police and mariners- I mean, who knew?? Obviously we've heard about Michaelmas Day, if only because of the daisies, but I for one had no idea he was so active! Also- probably on slightly firmer territory, St Michael is known as Defender of the Faith and Guardian of the Church and associated with courage, protection in spiritual warfare and divine intervention. All I can say is- it's a jolly good thing that we have a St Michael's Church and School in our Deanery!

St Michael also occupies a bridge-builder position between the late books of the Jewish scriptures such as the Book of Daniel and early Christian writings- notably the Letter of Jude and the Revelation of St John the Divine, where he is engaged in spiritual warfare on an epic scale!

I hope many of you have visited St Michael's Church, Louth at one time or another- especially recently, as it has enjoyed a quiet revival over the past few years, thanks mainly to the diligence and prayerful care of Fr Terry and the wonderful St Michael's family. If you ever find yourself wondering where to go on a first Sunday of the month at 9.30, you will be assured of a warm welcome at St Michael's.

We are blessed to have a diversity of worship offered throughout our deanery and St Michael's is a traditional Anglo- Catholic church. If you've never tried it- why not go along? Over the coming year, I hope that we shall all be able to branch out and embrace many different styles of Christian worship in the Deanery of Louthesk, such as Iona and Taize. If you have experience of these and other traditions and would like to offer support, please contact me as we put together our plans for services over the period from the Kingdom season through to Easter. *Mother Karen*

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions

Sunday September 27th – Saturday October 3rd, 2026

TRINITY 17

60 years ago I was part way through my training for the priesthood in the CofE with the Society of the Sacred Mission [SSM], an Anglican religious order of monks based at their mother house at Kelham, just outside Newark. Very sadly Kelham no longer exists as a college or monastery. SSM are dedicated to St Michael and All Angels which the church celebrates on September 29th. Members of SSM and those of us associated with the order, are reminded daily of the work of the angels of God in this Society Memorial. (Alan Hayday)

**I saw an angel
flying in the midst of heaven,
having the everlasting gospel
to preach to those who dwell on the earth.
Fear God and give glory to him,
for the hour of his judgement has come.**

**Almighty and eternal God,
from whose presence the
angels go forth to do your will;
grant that in obedience we may serve
to the glory of your name,
and overshadowed by your protection
receive at last the 'crown' of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

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

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY (Continued)

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

OCTOBER 2026: 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]

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 [sec] Emma Milligan-Manby [cw. tr]

WOLD NEWTON, All Saints

Jane Lidster [cw] Nicholas Ollard [cw] David Buckle [tr] Rachel Pickering [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

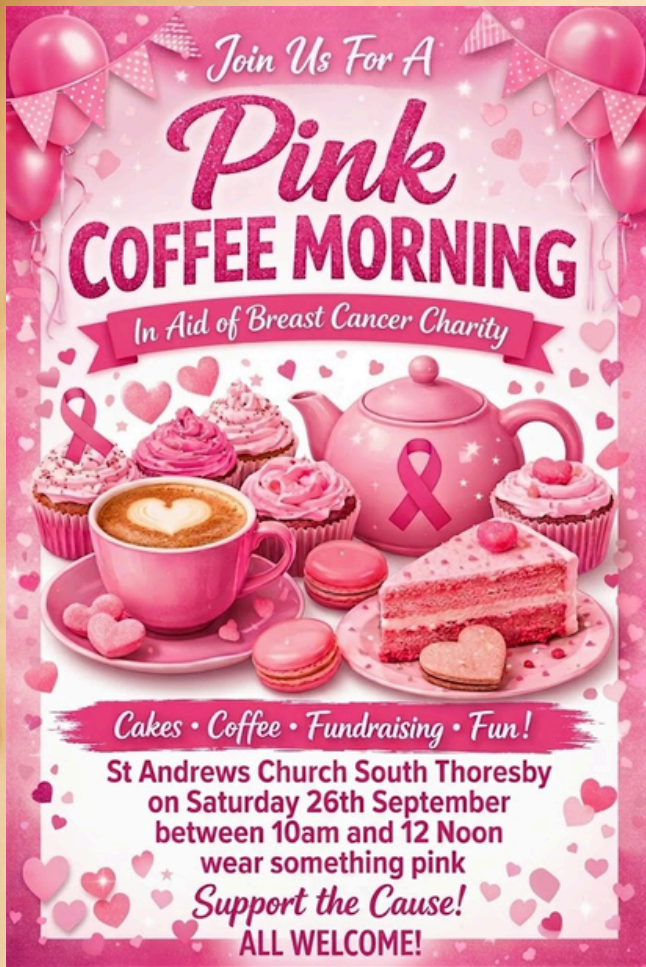
We shall be starting the next course for ALM ministry
January 2027

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



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

A Poem in Pink



Wear a splash of pink and meet us at St Andrew's Church door,

With friendly faces, cakes, and cheer — you truly couldn't ask for more.

This Saturday the 25th, let kindness be your tune,

And help us brew up hope and joy from 10am to 12 noon.

Slice the sponge and stir the tea — let generosity begin,

Dazzling bright with all the compassion you carry from within.

Every crumb is courage, every sip a spark of light,

Together we'll make hope grow stronger in the breast cancer fight.

Well Done to all involved:

The big original stone cross above the nave roof at Binbrook Church crashed down and shattered in a storm at the end of March 2026.....after a lot of help and hard work the new stone cross was re-erected and looks magnificent...and will look even more serene when the scaffolding comes down Phil Wallis



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Come join us for fashion and refreshments

Saturday 10th October 2026

at 2.00pm

Legbourne Village Hall.

Cost £5

All proceeds to Legbourne Village Church 'All Saints'

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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

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:

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

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THE PARISH OF LOUTH

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!

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 James Christmas Tree ✦ Festival 2026 ✦

Thursday 3 December to Wednesday 9 December 2026

We are delighted to announce that the St James Christmas Tree Festival 2026 will take place from Thursday 3 December to Wednesday 9 December 2026.

This year, the festival forms part of our appeal to raise £500,000 towards essential roof repairs at St James Church. By taking part, you will not only help create a wonderful festive display for the community but also support the preservation of one of Louth's most treasured historic buildings for future generations.

We warmly invite local schools, businesses, organisations, community groups and individuals to decorate and display a Christmas tree.

✦ Festival Programme ✦



Thursday 3 December
Schools and Community Choirs evening.



Friday 4 December
Launch night Tickets £5.00 to be opened by our very own west end Star Nikki Wheeler.



Saturday 5 December
Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm



Sunday 6 December
Open 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm



Monday 7 December
Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm



Tuesday 8 December
Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm



Wednesday 9 December
Open 10.00 am to 1.00pm Raffle will be drawn at 1.00pm

Last year's festival was enjoyed by hundreds of visitors and helped bring our community together in celebration of the Christmas season. We hope that this year's festival will be even bigger and better as we work towards raising the funds needed to secure the future of St James Church.

For further information please contact
jamescarrier197@yahoo.com

Friends of St James's Charity number 1100085

Thank you for your support. We look forward to welcoming you to St James this Christmas.



COME AND JOIN UTTERBY'S
FAMOUS PUMPKIN TRAIL
24TH OCTOBER 4-7.30PM
ST ANDREW CHURCH UTTERBY

Bigger and better than ever before.
£4 per child includes-trail, activities
street theatre and a great prize.
A fantastic night of festive fun, featuring
music, great food, marshmallows to
toast, games and crafts.
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North Thoresby

NORTH THORESBY VILLAGE HALL,
THE SQUARE,
NORTH THORESBY
GRIMSBY DN36 5QL

Juniors (7-11 years old) (End of Yr 6)	1st and 3rd Thursday 17:00-18:30
Seniors (11-18 years old) (Start of Yr 7)	1st and 3rd Thursday 18:30-20:00



Free session // for more information please email:
karolyn.lamb@lincsymca.co.uk

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



YMCA LINCOLNSHIRE



Fotherby ART EXHIBITION
— AT —
ST MARY'S CHURCH
3rd AND 4th
OCTOBER
11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Original artworks for sale
— plus —
ceramics, prints and cards

RAFFLE REFRESHMENTS

25th ANNIVERSARY

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Church Street, Louth. LN11 9BY.
TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
THE FEAST OF S MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS



(The Church's Patronal Festival)
11.00am SUNG MASS
ALL WELCOME:
Further details from: Father Terry Steele: 07981878648.



The Common Ground Award



Churches have until Monday, 12th October 2026 to apply for a government grant to help improve their facilities.

The Common Ground Award is a fund designed to support organisations that are building social connections across different communities and backgrounds, strengthening community cohesion and resilience.

The fund provides capital investment in physical facilities, spaces and equipment that enable organisations to bring people from different backgrounds together.

The emphasis should therefore be on people and community outcomes, not simply on improving a building. The building, equipment or refurbishment is the means through which stronger relationships, social mixing, inclusion and resilience are achieved.

Applicants can ask for between £20,000–£50,000 for capital investment into church facilities.

Whilst this fund is not specifically aimed at net zero interventions, it would be easy to make the case for energy efficiency work and installation of solar PV that would make buildings more comfortable, welcoming and affordable to run.

The deadline for applications is Monday, 12th October 2026, with funding awarded in January 2027.

Interested? Contact our diocesan Church Development Officer: sophie.clark@lincoln.anglican.org



Sunday 27 September 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28-32

In the GOSPEL TODAY

**ACTION
NOT
WORDS!**

Spot the difference

There are 14 differences between these two pictures. Can you find them all?

A farmer asks his sons for help. The first son says "no", but later goes to help. The second son says "yes" but doesn't turn up. Which one is doing what the father wants?



Helping out

The first son helped his father. Fill in the letters to find out some of the ways you can help out at home.

Make your ____ (deb).



Tidy up ____ (yots).

Help ____ (ocok) meals.

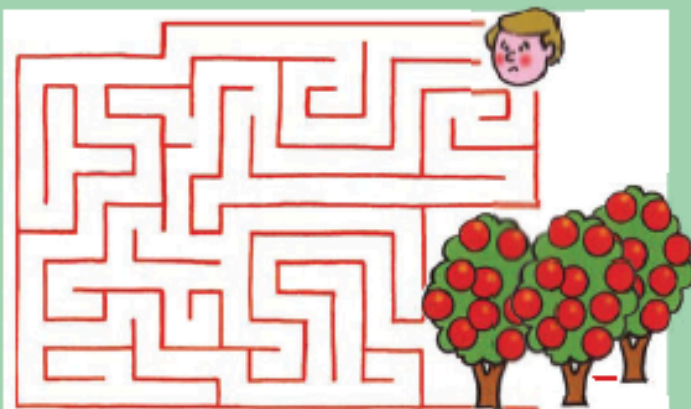


Clear away d ____ s (sihe).



Puzzle

This boy said he would help his father pick apples but he has lost the way to the orchard. Can you help him find it?



Crack the code

Jesus is telling you an important message. Translate what he is saying and colour in the picture. Do you agree with his message? What does it mean?



a=● c=◆ d=⊗ e=⊛ h=■
i=⊙ k=▲ l=■ n=+ o=×
p=✱ r=□ s=✓ t=⊕ u=■ w=▲

A PRAYER TO SAY

Sometimes, Jesus, I am like the second son and I don't do what I am asked. Help me to do what is right and help out. Amen.

