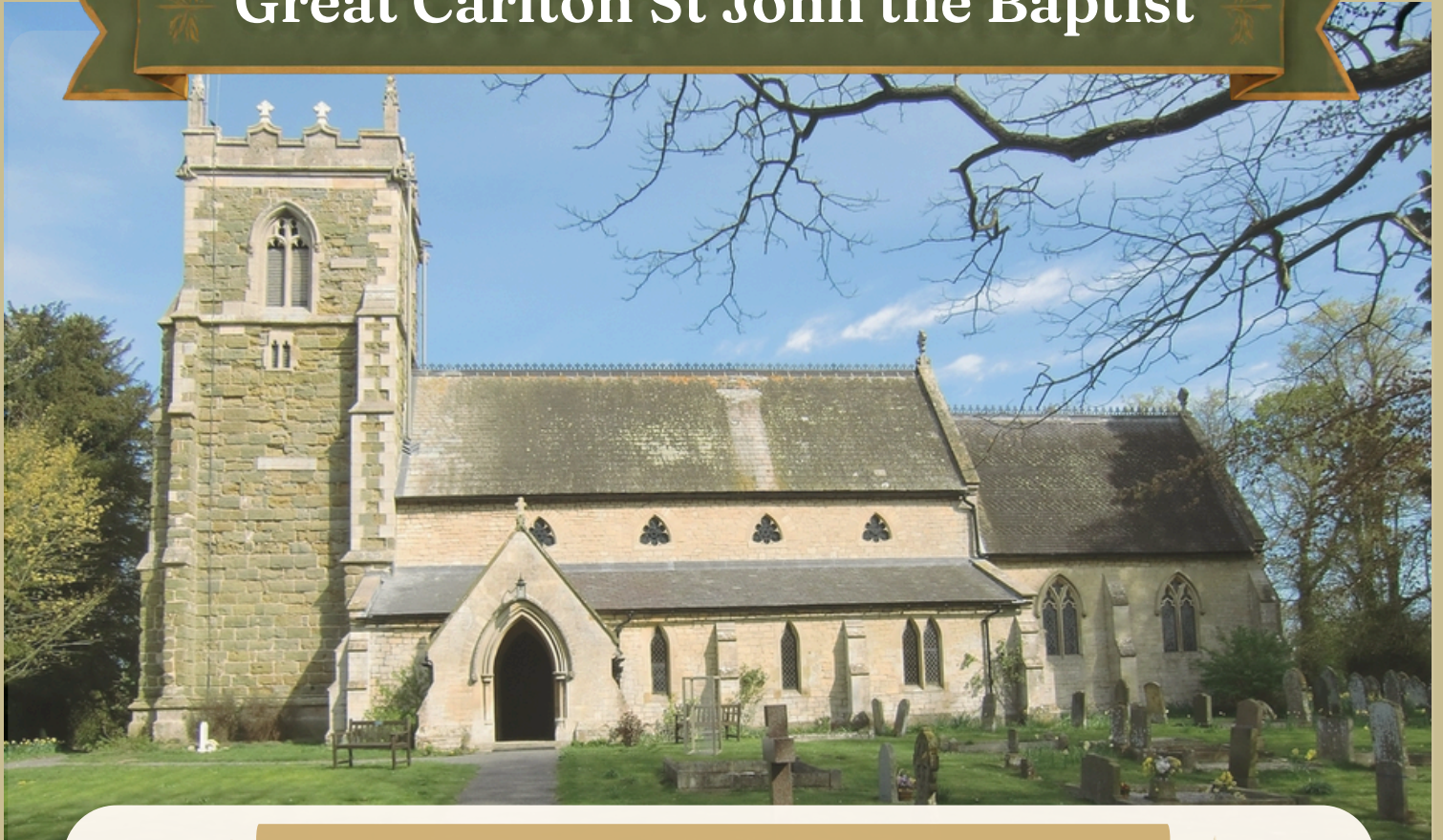


Great Carlton St John the Baptist



Uniting Louthesk Churches



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

(African proverb)

Week commencing 4th October 2026



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Office Opening Hours at the Rectory: 9am - 4.30pm
Wednesday: Subject to change
Denise Works from home Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 4th Oct

- 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 at Stewton (RM) And Auction

Monday 5th

Rural Mission Enablers Day Off

Tuesday 6th

- 11am** BPC at St James (TS)

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

- 7pm** Night Prayer/Compline
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641>
Code: 370 774 9666

Friday 9th

- 10 30am** Funeral Service at St James (Ashley Monkhouse) (RM)
- 10 30am** Funeral Service at North Somercotes (Allan Wells) (TS)

Saturday 10th

Sunday 11th Oct

- 10am** Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (JG)
- 10am** Holy Communion at St James (TBC)
- 10 30am** Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB)
- 10 30am** Morning Prayer at Binbrook (HM)
- 11am** Harvest Festival at North Somercotes (KG)
- 11am** Methodist Service at Saltfleetby
- 11am** Pet Service at Ludborough (TS)
- 11am** Morning Prayer at Belleau (LB MB)
- 11 15am** Morning Prayer at South Elkington (TBC)
- 3pm** Harvest Festival at Tathwell (JH RH)
- 3pm** Harvest Festival at Great Carlton (RM)
- 5pm** Memorial Service at Little Grimsby (KG)
- 6pm** Evensong at Louth St James



St Francis



Children yomped through churchyards with butterfly nets and small containers with microscope lids in Utterby, North Somercotes and Grainthorpe this summer holidays (there may have been others I haven't yet heard about) As far as I'm aware, no ground-breaking scientific conclusions were reached, but much fun, wonder and wacky conversation happened- as well as these children, together with their families, discovering a new 'take' on Church and what we're all about; so, a massive *thank you* to the people of St Andrew's, Mary's and St Clement's for enabling this small but significant encounter to take place.

St Francis, of course, would be proud of you- being of a child-like disposition himself and never losing that sense of awe and wonder we try to cultivate in our young people- and hopefully, also in ourselves as a proper response to God's generous love in Creation.

Brothers Sun and Fire and Sisters Moon and Water- to name but a few of Francis' personifications of nature, were 'ways in' for people to recognize, through Francis' eyes, the connection and blessedness of caring for and with God's Creation.

I hope and pray that St Francis' spirit of wonder, joy, simplicity of heart and child-like faith may permeate our lives as Churches of the Louthesk Deanery throughout the coming year, and not just during our new Church Season of Creation. We have so many rich resources to share with all in our communities- let's tackle the challenge together of helping folk old and young in our villages to find out that 'there's more to church than singing hymns' (though, personally, I do love singing hymns as well). Are there any skilful knitters out there? We need Mary, Joseph and donkey Crib figures share for our next 'outreach project' (yes- I'm a big kid 💕) Please be in touch!

Mother Karen

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions

Sunday October 4th– Saturday October 10th, 2026

TRINITY 18

Today, Sunday October 4th concludes this years' Season of Creation. It is also St Francis's Day and for many, Harvest Thanksgiving. Considering the current state of our world, the climate and our human frailty, especially our apparent inability to live in peace, perhaps the Season of Creation should always be uppermost in our hearts and minds and prayers, corporate and private. Here is a prayer to help us do just that.



Holy God,
Earth, air, fire and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.
Give us the will, wisdom and courage
to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit,
with wisdom in present controversies
and vision for the future to which you call us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying for the world and each other in the Spirit of Unity, Peace and Love.



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] Kate Egholm [cw] Jan Haigh (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] 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 With 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]



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

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Saturday 10th October 2026

at 2.00pm

Legbourne Village Hall.

Cost £5

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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

Trinity Centre
100% Community

THE PARISH OF LOUTH

Cornerstone Kids Club
invites you to our...

PUMPKIN TRAIL

UTTERBY ST ANDREW'S
Saturday 24th October
from 4.00pm

with the
RED WITCH
in the Churchyard



St Mary's Church,
North Somercotes
needs your help!
We need food donations for our

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

on Sunday 11th October

All donations will be given to the village meals on wheels service.

Donations:
The Church porch will be open on Saturday 10th October for you to drop off your donations

Or contact one of our church wardens:
Linda Rose-King on 07847 035773
Melanie Drewery on 07985 526245

Give a little Help a lot

Thank you for your support

St Mary's Church
North Somercotes

Harvest Festival

Children's Craft & Sing Hour

10am

Come and help us craft some fabulous harvest time inspired decorations, including pine cone owls and hedgehogs, miniature scarecrows and paper plate butterflies and faces, all while learning some fun harvest songs!

Sunday 11th October

After the crafting hour, please join Mother Karen to help lead our family friendly, Harvest Festival service starting at 11am and followed by tea and biscuits for everyone.

What's more...
during the service you will hear the enchanting tale of the harvest mouse and go on a mouse hunt to find his friends... there may even be a little treat involved too!

We are collecting food donations for the meals on wheels service and ask that all donations arrive before the church service so the children can help set these out too.

**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. Mary's Church
Covenham

Family Bingo Charity Night

All proceeds for
Pancreatic Cancer

**Friday, 23rd
October**

in St. Mary's Church
at
7p.m.

Raffle and light refreshments
Further details available by contacting 07947421137

Pet Blessing Service

Utterby St Andrew's
Sunday 25 – October
at 10.00am



Bring your pets!

Annual Q Queenie Memorial Service

to commemorate the Lancaster bomber
air crash in Little Grimsby on
14 October 1944.



Sunday 11 October
at 5pm
at Little Grimsby Church.

We extend warm invitation
to everyone



AUTUMN PARTY 2026
WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

AT HUTTOFT CHURCH HALL LN13 9RD

A talk will be given by members of The Friends of St Margaret's Church Huttoft, and Huttoft Parochial Church Council, to explain how they saved their parish church from threatened closure, successfully raised funding and obtained approvals to carry out very much needed fabric repairs to bring the building back to life and, as a result, successfully returned the ancient church to its rightful place at the centre of their rural community's life.

This is a church which was much loved by poet John Betjeman

John Betjeman's second Lincolnshire poem, 'A Lincolnshire Church' is based on St Margaret's at Huttoft. The poem reflects on the poor state of the churchyard, a local woman and an American connection, the inadequate restoration of the church building at that time and the postwar drabness of England. But when he enters the church, all is light and beauty, and he is somewhat taken aback because there he meets Rev Theophilus Caleb, an Indian born Christian priest, vicar of Huttoft, quite a surprise in deepest rural Lincolnshire.



GATHER at 11.30am followed by TALK at 12 noon

£25 per person

Please notify any special dietary requirements when booking

To book please contact Henrietta Reeve

07889 540605

leadenhamhouse@googlemail.com

TWO COURSE LUNCH served at 1.00 pm

Payment for Tickets should be made by BACS:
Trustees of Lincolnshire Churches Trust

Account Number: 05618312

Sort Code: 60-13-15

REF:LCT18/11/26

Coffee Morning with stalls

Saturday 17 October
10 am – noon

Fulstow Village Hall

Raffle Bric a Brac Tombola



In aid of St Lawrence's Parish Church

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.

The Common Ground Award



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Funding for facilities that bring people together and strengthen communities.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE AND OUTCOMES

Investing in relationships, inclusion and resilience across all communities.



SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

Encouraging energy efficiency and renewable solutions for the future.

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.



DEADLINE:

Monday, 12th October 2026

Funding awarded in January 2027.



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

The Donald Witney Memorial Fund

GRANTS AVAILABLE

This charitable fund was set up in the memory of Donald Witney, an eminent Louth citizen and Christian, one-time Headmaster of King Edward VI School.

The Louthesk Deanery Synod, who are the trustees of the fund, are able to consider applications for funding from those of school-age and up to 25 years, who reside within the Louthesk Deanery. Grants can be given to assist them in the costs of such activities as attending Christian conferences or courses, carrying out expeditions to underprivileged parts of the world, or advancing their studies or skills e.g. undergoing an organ scholarship.

Applications in writing are now invited, which should detail the activity to be funded, and how the amount applied for will be used.



Please apply to: The Deanery Secretary,
Dr Anita Samaan at samaan@doctors.org.uk

Grimsby Community Diagnostic Centre

Located in the heart of Grimsby's Freshney Place Shopping Centre, the CDC is easily accessible by car and public transport. There is ample parking available in the multi-story car park within the shopping centre and both the railway station and bus station are close by.

We will be offering appointments between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. For cardiology, appointments are available between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Initially we will be offering the following services:

Phlebotomy (blood testing) – you can book your appointment here. Please ensure you bring your request form from your GP or outpatient appointment.

X Ray and non-obstetric ultrasound

24 hour Cardiology monitoring

ECGs,

Echocardiographs

Once fully operational we will also be offering Ophthalmology appointments.

If you have a query about your appointment you can call the centre directly on 03033 306668



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