

Uniting Louthesk Churches

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

(African proverb)



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Week commencing 11th October 2026



St Edith's Grimoldby





SERVICES THIS WEEK

ACROSS THE DEANERY...



SUNDAY 11TH OCT

- 8 45am Parish Mass at Wold Newton (TS)
- 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 625 Sq Annual Memorial Service at Kelstern
- 11am Methodist Service at Saltfleetby
- 11am Pet Service at Ludborough (TS)
- 11am Morning Prayer at Belleau (LB MB)
- 11 15am Morning Prayer at St Elkington (TBC)
- 3pm Harvest Festival at Tathwell (JH RH)
- 3pm Harvest Festival at Great Carlton (RM)
- 5pm Memorial Service at Little Grimsby (KG)
- 6pm Choral Evensong at Louth St James (TS)



MONDAY 12TH



TUESDAY 13TH

- 11am Holy Communion (BPC) at St James (TS)



WEDNESDAY 14TH

- 12 30pm Funeral at St James (Bill Wood) (SH)



THURSDAY 15TH

- 7pm Night Prayer/Compline

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FRIDAY 16TH



SATURDAY 17TH

- 12.30pm Ashes Interment at Fulstow
(Doreen Stephenson)(RM)



SUNDAY 18TH

- 9 30am Morning Prayer at Great Carlton (MH CC)
- 9 30am Holy Communion at Marshchapel (RM)
- 10am Holy Communion at North Thoresby (KG)
- 10am Holy Communion at St James (TBC)
- 10 30am Morning Worship at Grimoldby (PB)
- 11am Morning Prayers at Legbourne (HM)
- 11am Morning Prayer at Saltfleetby (MH)
- 11 15am Harvest Festival at Fulstow (SJW)
- 11 15am Holy Communion at Stewton (RM)
- 3pm Harvest Festival at Grainthorpe (KG)
- 3pm Harvest Festival at Kelstern (TS)
- 5 30pm Harvest Festival at Thorganby (KG)



All are welcome
TO COME AND WORSHIP



St Teresa of Avila

St Teresa of Avila, who lived in the 16th century, is beloved by many because of her lovely prayer Christ has no body now but yours. This may give the impression that St Teresa was a very active Christian, which in many ways she was, but as all great saints, this stemmed from an extraordinarily rich and powerful spiritual life. When she was in her 60s, Teresa's 'Superiors' encouraged her to write about her inner life for her fellow Sisters and this became a classic text- The Interior Castle. Many years later, in 1970, Teresa was the first woman to be created a 'Doctor of the Church'.

Reading Teresa's down-to-earth descriptions of the fraught, often disappointing and sometimes surprising journey of a soul through seven 'rooms' to the centre of the Castle, I felt as if I- with all my faults- was one of the Sisters Teresa knew well and was writing so sympathetically for! Teresa seems like a gentle friend rather than a saint from another spiritual realm; I was really drawn in and encouraged and I recommend reading her work for yourself!

For me, it is so interesting to reflect that the prayer we know Teresa for, encouraging us to 'be' Christ's hands, feet, eyes and ears in the world sprung from her deep inner spiritual life, rather than the activity we can so often become swept up in. Many of us spend so little time in quiet and prayerful contemplation that, perhaps more than ever before, we need to try to follow Teresa's example and actively seek out our own 'secret place of the heart' without distractions, where we can spend time with our beloved Lord and hear him speaking to us.

Mother Karen

Christ has no body now on earth, but yours

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours

Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world

Yours are the feet on which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes.

You are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila

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 .

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions

Sunday October 11th– Saturday October 17th, 2026

TRINITY 19

St. Ignatius of Antioch, who the church remembers on October 17th, was a very early Christian bishop, theologian, and martyr, renowned for his letters that shaped early Church structure and doctrine.

Born in Syria around the year 50, Ignatius converted to Christianity at a young age . He became the third Bishop of Antioch, reportedly appointed under the guidance of St. Peter. He was deeply committed to defending orthodox Christian teaching and maintaining unity within the early Church. While being transported to Rome for execution under the Emperor Trajan around 107 AD, Ignatius wrote seven letters to various Christian communities.

In one letter he wrote "...I go about in chains singing songs of praise to the churches. I pray for their corporate as well as their spiritual unity- for both of these are the gifts of Jesus Christ, our never failing Life. May they be one in their faith, and one in love which transcends all other virtues; but chiefest of all may they be one with Jesus and the Father."

This week call to mind all those who are being persecuted for their faith today, praying too for the peace and unity of the church, bearing witness to Jesus Christ in these very confusing and disturbing times.

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

THE LEGBOURNE AND WOLDMARSH GROUP (CONTINUED)

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 [cw] [tr] Penny Crane [cw] Mary Haines [sec]

Day 13

LOUTH, St Michael and All Angels -

SOUTH ELKINGTON, All Saints - Charles Dobson [cw] Paul Nichol [cw] Sue Fisher [tr] Ami Dobson [sec]

Day 14

STEWTON, St Andrew - Dorothy Mansfield [cw] Lesley Lewis [cw] Jane Rushby [Sec] Mark Hunkin [tr]

WELTON-LE-WOLD, St Martin - Sylvia White [cw] Rebekah Stubbs [cw] Peter Taylor [tr & Sec]

THE MIDMARSH GROUP

Day 15

ALVINGHAM, St Adelwold - Katherine Mansfield [tr] Elizabeth Morris [sec]

GREAT CARLTON, St John the Baptist - Carol Carter [ALM] [cw] Kathy Crust [cw] Margaret Smith [tr]
Marion Blowman [sec]

Day 16

GRIMOLDBY, St Edith - Pete Bates [cw] [sec] [tr]

MANBY, St Mary - Roger Green [cw] Dita Lacey [cw] Dorothy Selfe [tr] Susan Price [sec]

Day 17

SALTFLEETBY, St Peter - June Spetch [cw] Duncan Archer [cw] Peter Hatton [tr] Susan Handley [sec]

SOUTH COCKERINGTON, St Leonard - Rebekah Cox [tr] Diane Bell [sec]

THEDDLETHORPE, St Helen [Exploring Closure]

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

Brackenborough, Fotherby and Little Grimsby: a day's outing

On the first day of October, in splendid early autumn weather, SLHA members enjoyed a day in the countryside north of Louth under the lively guidance of Jean Howard and Dave Start. The morning was spent at Brackenborough Hall, looking first at the impressive early Georgian house, the ancient moat and the more recent reconstructed brick and stone garden folly. This was followed by a tour of the extensive deserted medieval village which remains clearly visible in the meadow parkland and can be interpreted with some confidence.

Fotherby was the next port of call, beginning with an excellent buffet lunch in the church and leading to a short tour of the village which took in the almshouses, the chalk-built Sunday school and St Mary's church (built by James Fowler in 1863). The penultimate stop was the tiny church of St Edith at Little Grimsby, which has three or four notable gravestones and a colourful window of the early 1920s dedicated to Tom Wintringham MP, one time resident of Little Grimsby Hall. An excellent day of wide-ranging topics concluded with a short visit to the crash site of a WW2 Lancaster bomber near the Little Grimsby centre.



the party admiring the 1730s frontage of Brackenborough Hall;



The recently repaired folly in the grounds, built of some masonry from the old Fotherby church;



hearing about the business success of Everitt Allenby (which funded the almshouses) beside his imposing grave at Fotherby;



Looking at the listed Nelthorpe grave at Little Grimsby.

Preparing for Harvest Auction at Stewton



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

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



Pet Blessing Service

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



All
welcome!
♥

Bring your pets!

St John the Baptist Church, Great Carlton

Harvest Festival Service

3.00 pm Sunday 11th October

Rev. Robert Mansfield



Donations for
Louth Community Larder
Collection box in Church
Open 10am to 4pm daily



Louth Community Larder needs the following items

Tinned curry, meat balls, hot dogs, tinned chilli, coffee, teabags,
tinned rice pudding, long life milk, jam, tinned beans, carrots, peas,
pasta sauce.



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

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.



Sunday 11 October 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

PARTY TIME!

God is like the king

He has invited us to his celebration.
How can we show him that we
want to be with him?
What can we do to show God we
want to join his party?



Here are clothes with some of the
things we can "wear" every day.
Colour in the different words.
How many can you find?



A PRAYER TO SAY

I want to enjoy the party with
you, Lord! Help me to enjoy
and make the most of all the
good things you give to me.
Amen.

A king invites lots of guests to his son's wedding feast – but they don't
turn up! Instead, the king invites everyone he can find. They all have a
great time at the feast!

Maze

Gather the guests and bring them together for the feast.



Thank you!

God has
invited you
to his special
party! He
wants you
to enjoy a
great time
with him
now and,
later on, in
heaven.



Thank you, God, for
inviting me to your
special party!

Love from,



Wearing love?

Which of these
children is
"wearing love"?

