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 18th October 2026



Kelstern St Faith's

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

SUNDAY 18TH OCT

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 (MC)
10 30am Morning Worship at Grimoldby (PB)
11am Morning Prayers at Legbourne (HM)
11am Morning Prayer at Saltfleetby (MH)
11 15am Holy Communion at Fulstow (SJW)
11 15am Holy Communion at Stewton (RM)
3pm Harvest Festival at Kelstern (TS)
3pm Harvest Festival at Grainthorpe (KG)
5 30pm Harvest Festival at Thorganby (KG)

MONDAY 19TH

TUESDAY 20TH

10am Community Coffee Morning at Stewton 10am -12 noon For Kenya (Last one until the spring)
11am Holy Communion (BCP) at St James (TS)

WEDNESDAY 21ST

THURSDAY 22ND

7pm Night Prayer/Compline
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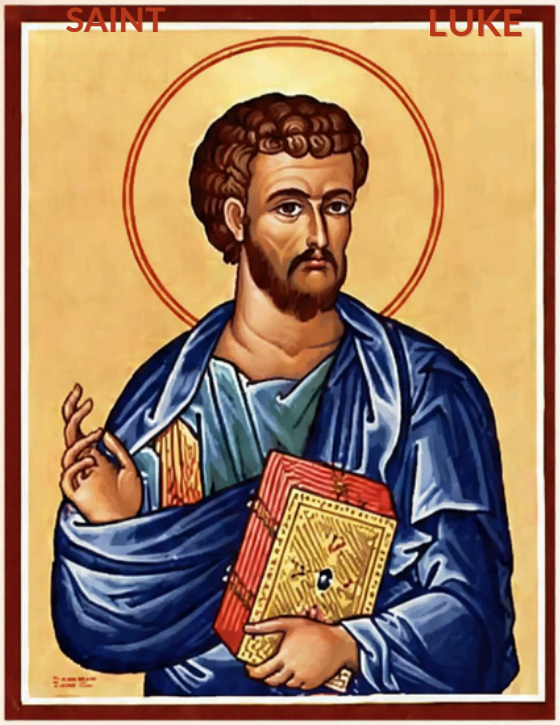
FRIDAY 23RD

SATURDAY 24TH

SUNDAY 25TH OCT

8 45am Morning Prayer at Wold Newton (DM)
10am Holy Communion at St James
10am Pet Service at Utterby (MH)
10am Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (MP)
10 30am Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB)
10 30am Holy Communion at Binbrook (KG)
10 30am Harvest Festival at Alvingham (AS CL)
10 30am Methodist at Saltfleetby
11am Holy Communion at North Somercotes (KC)
11 15am Holy Communion at South Elkington (RM)
3pm Harvest Festival at Grainsby (DM)
3pm Harvest Festival at Fotherby (MH)
3pm Holy Communion at Tathwell (KG)

Saint Luke



Imagine Christmas, if you can, with no journey from Nazareth to the little town of Bethlehem, no stable, shepherds and angels. All of these familiar and beloved parts of the Christmas story come to us because of one man- Saint Luke, who wrote what has been called 'the loveliest book in the world'- the third Gospel. Strangely, Luke wasn't even a Jew and he didn't know Jesus personally, but he was a gifted writer and was used to listening carefully to people's stories as a beloved and respected doctor.

Tradition indicates that the person who told Luke most of the information he needed for his gospel was Mary herself- and, if you think about it, how else could he have known about all the details of Jesus' birth so far away from home- or the words Jesus spoke to the thief hanging next to him as he hung in agony on the cross- 'Today you will be with me in Paradise'?

Luke's gospel is full of stories of Jesus' compassion, introducing him as a warm, loving and compelling human being whose message attracted people from all walks of life. After Jesus' death and resurrection, during the turbulent years that followed, Luke told in detail in the Book of Acts the story of the beginnings of the Christian Church including the dangerous missionary journeys of St Paul, many of which Luke accompanied him on. Altogether, we owe more to Luke than any other writer for our knowledge of Jesus' life and ministry and the foundation of the early Church.

Luke's Feast Day falls on a Sunday this year, which gives us an excellent opportunity to focus on him and to give thanks for his life and his beautiful and detailed writing which has formed so much of our faith. As we read again the familiar words of the Christmas story, may we continue to treasure the rich legacy Luke has left us.

Mother Karen

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 18TH - SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH, 2026
TRINITY 20

AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS NEW WEEK WE FOCUS ON THE EVANGELIST ST LUKE

THE EARLY CHRISTIAN FATHERS WROTE THAT LUKE WAS A (PROBABLY GREEK) GENTILE FROM ANTIOCH, A DOCTOR BY PROFESSION, AND A DISCIPLE OF THE APOSTLES WHO LATER ACCOMPANIED ST PAUL. SINCE THE EARLY CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN THE TRADITION THAT LUKE WROTE BOTH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE AND ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

LUKE IS CALLED "THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN," OR "DOCTOR" BRINGING GREETINGS TO THE CHURCH AT COLOSSAE (COLOSSIANS 4:14). THAT THE AUTHOR OF LUKE'S GOSPEL WAS A MEDICAL DOCTOR IS ALSO SUGGESTED BY THE FACT THAT THE GOSPEL UNIQUELY INCLUDES THE PROVERB "DOCTOR, CURE YOURSELF!" (LUKE 4:23), AND THAT IN THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, LUKE MENTIONS THE SAMARITAN TENDING THE JEWISH MAN'S WOUNDS. HIS GOSPEL ALSO FOCUSSES MOST CLOSELY ON THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS.

THIS WEEK LET US FOCUS OUR INTERCESSORY PRAYER ON THOSE WHO PROVIDE OUR HEALTH SERVICES PARTICULARLY IN THE NHS, BUT ALSO THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEIR MEDICINE AND PHYSICAL CARE UNDER VERY DIFFICULT AND SOMETIMES DANGEROUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

ST LUKE

NORTH SOMERCOTES AND MARSHCHAPEL GROUP

DAY 18:

CONISHOLME, ST PETERS [EXPLORING CLOSURE]

GRAINTHORPE, ST CLEMENTS RICHARD DRINKLE (CW)MAJOR BARK [CW] SALLY JOHNSON [SEC]

DAY 19:

MARSHCHAPEL, ST MARY OLIVIA HURTON [CW] [SEC] CHRISTEL HENDERSON [CW] LESLEY COLLINS [TR]

NORTH SOMERCOTES, ST MARY LINDA ROSE KING [CW] MELANIE DREWERY [TR] CHRISTINE WELLS [SEC]LINDA DOBSON [PCC],

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY

DAY 20: THOSE WHO SERVE OUR LOCAL CHURCHES: ALL PCC AND DCC MEMBERS , ORGANISTS CHOIRS, VERGERS, THOSE EXERCISING PASTORAL CARE, THOSE EXERCISING A WELCOME MINISTRY, BELL RINGERS, FLOWER ARRANGERS, CHURCH CLEANERS AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, THOSE CARING FOR CHURCHYARDS AND GRAVEDIGGERS, FUND RAISERS, ORGANISERS OF AFTER-CHURCH REFRESHMENTS, COFFEE MORNINGS, LUNCH CLUBS, AFTERNOON TEAS, FOOD HUBS, COMMUNITY LARDERS AND WARM SPACES

DAY 21: OFFICERS OF THE DEANERY: ARCHDEACON: ARCHDEACON: ELEANOR ROBERTSHAW, EAST LINDSEY LAY DEAN: PAUL BREWSTER, ASISTANT AREA DEAN: TERRY STEELE, DEANERY LAY CHAIR: STEPHEN WOODCOCK , DEANERY TREASURER: JENNY BALLANTYNE. DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR: DENISE BELL, DEANERY SYNOD SECRETARY: ANITA SAMAAN, ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

DAY 22:

STIPENDUARY CLERGY KAREN GOODING [RURAL MISSION ENABLER]

RETIRED CLERGY AND ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS SERVING THE DEANERY:

MARK CARROLL, IAN CHISHOLM, PETER COATES, KEITH DALLY, ALAN HAYDAY, STEPHEN HOLDAWAY, DAPHNE KING, CHRIS LILLEY, ROBERT MANSFIELD, JULIE ODDY BATES, PAUL SALMON, TERRY STEELE.

DAY 23:

READERS

JENNY BALLANTYNE, PENNY CRANE, MARK HUNKIN, DAVID MARGARSON, HELEN MARSDEN, RONNIE PARTRIDGE,

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS:

PETER BATES [GRIMOLDBY] MALCOLM BOOT [LEGBOURNE] LILIAN CARTER [GREAT CARLTON] JILL DAY [SOUTH ELKINGTON] ARTHUR HENDERSON [MARSHCHAPEL] JEAN HOWARD [TATHWELL] RUSSELL HOWARD [TATHWELL] HILARY KING [LEGBOURNE] CHRISTINE LOWIS [ALVINGHAM] MATTHEW PETTIFER [NORTH THORESBY] ANNE STRATFORD [ALVINGHAM] STEPHEN WOODCOCK [FULSTOW]

DAY 24:

THE OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS IN THE DEANERY AREA AND OTHER FAITH COMMUNITIES – THEIR LEADERS AND PEOPLE:

THE METHODIST CHURCHES, EASTGATE UNION CHURCH [URC AND BAPTIST], THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE SALVATION ARMY, THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, GENERATIONS CHURCH

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







North Somercotes Harvest Festival 11th Oct 2026

What a beautiful harvest service filled with familes, hymns and pure joy.



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:

- 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

Trinity Centre — Faith. Worship. 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!

Community Coffee

Come & join us at St Andrew's Stewton on Tuesday 20th October 10.00am -12.00

Coffee/Tea/Cake and Chatter

Homemade cake & friendly chatter
In aid of our Kenya Project

Relax in our lovely church & beautiful surroundings

LAST ONE THIS YEAR



LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCHES TRUST

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 TWO COURSE LUNCH served at 1.00 pm

£25 per person

Please notify any special dietary requirements when booking

To book please contact Henrietta Reeve

07889 540605 leadenhamhouse@googlemail.com

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 Wheeldon.

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
jamescarrier897@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 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, MANBY

INVITE YOU TO A MEETING ON 21ST OCTOBER 2026 AT 7 PM

TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE FOR CLOSURE OF THE CHURCH

THE ARCHDEACON, THE VENERABLE ELEANOR ROBERTSHAW WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

REFRESHMENTS

Joint Harvest Service for St Mary's and St Edith's

at

St Mary's Church

Fotherby

25th October at 3.00 pm

HARVEST CELEBRATION



Please come and join us!



Donations of packet and tinned food would be gratefully received on behalf of Louth Community Larder.

Donations can be left in the Church porch in the days before and after the service. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Louth Naturalists', Antiquarian and Literary Society

Founded 1854

Bringing Hidden History to Life: Waging Peace in Lincolnshire



WAGING PEACE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Professor Richard Lance Keeble

of Lincoln University will speak on the ground-breaking exhibition he has organised at Louth Museum

7.30 pm

20 October 2026

at Nichol Hill Methodist Church, Louth, LN11 9NQ

Annual subscription £30
Joint (2 Adults at same address) £50
Members £1 per lecture
Visitors welcome - £4

Membership runs with the Calendar year and gives free admission to the Museum

For further information see www.louthmuseum.org.uk under Lectures
Louth Museum, 4 Broadbank, Louth, Lincs LN11 0EQ
Telephone: 01507 601211 Email: info@louthmuseum.org.uk
Registered Charity no. 1145436



LOOK

Sunday 18 October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21

In the GOSPEL TODAY

The leaders ask Jesus a difficult question. "Do we pay money to Caesar – even if we love God?" Jesus tells them to pay the money, which has Caesar's head on it, to the emperor - but remember the important things that belong to God.

PARTY TIME!

Who do these belong to?

This coin belongs to Caesar.



This coin belongs to God.



Draw your face on this coin.
You are made in the image of God.
You belong to God!

I can give God my ...

Add some vowels: **a e i o u** and you will find out some of the things we can give to God.



Wordsearch

Find these words from the Gospel in the word search:

GIVE
CAESAR
BELONGS
GOD
COINS
TAX
JESUS
TRAP
YES
NO

C	A	E	S	A	R	N
O	G	Y	U	T	A	X
I	I	E	S	R	O	B
N	V	S	E	A	D	A
S	E	N	J	P	O	C
B	E	L	O	N	G	S

Who belongs to God?

We can tell if someone belongs to God by their actions.

Which of these children belong to God? Which children are sharing Jesus' love?



Find the coins

Can you spot **ten** coins like this, hidden on this page?



Answers: I can give God my ... time, love, heart, life.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for making me so special, for making me in your image. Help me to show that I belong to you by the way that I live. Help me to be kind and loving. Amen.

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