Uniting Louthesk Churchess

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

(African proverb)

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Little Grimsby St Edith's

Week commencing 1st November 2026

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...



Sunday 1st Nov

9 30am Holy Communion at Great Carlton (RM)
9 30am Holy Communion at Covenham (KG)
9 30am Parish Mass at St Michael's (TS)
10am Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (MH)
10am Morning Prayer at Marshchapel (ArHen)
10am Ministry of the Word service at St James (PC/HM)
10am Methodist at Fulstow
11am Patronal Festival/Communion at Legbourne (AH)
11 15am Parish Mass at Ludford (TS)
11 15am Holy Communion at Saltfleetby (KG)
11 15am Holy Communion at Stewton (RM)
3pm Holy Communion at Raithby (KG)
3pm Parish Mass at Swinhope (TS)

Monday 2nd

11am Funeral at St James (Denis Wilkins) (RM)

Tuesday 3rd

11AM BCP at St James (TS)

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

7pm Night Prayer/Compline
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Friday 6th

Saturday 7th

Sunday 8th Nov Rememberance Day

8 45am Parish Mass at Wold Newton (TS)
9 30am Remembrance Service at Fulstow (SJW)
10am Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (JG) Followed by prayers and wreath laying in the memorial garden in the square.
10am Remembrance Service at North Somercotes (KG)
10am Remembrance Service at Marshchapel Methodist (ArHen) Followed by Walking to the Memorial for the silence then all to the village hall for Soup and chatter
10 15am Remembrance Service at Binbrook (DM)
10 30am Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB)
10 45am Remembrance Service at Tathwell (HM)
10 50am Remembrance Service at Manby (KD)
10 50am Remembrance Service at St James (RM/Bishop Jean) Service to start at the war memorial in Louth then parade to St James
10 50am Remembrance Service at South Elkington (MH)
11am Remembrance Service at Ludborough (JB)
11am Own Arrangement at Fotherby ()
11am Methodist Service at Saltfleetby
2pm Remembrance Service at Legbourne (HK)
2pm Remembrance Service at Ludford (TS)
6pm Choral Evensong at St James (TS)

All Saints and All Souls

One of the quickest ways to start a fight between Christians in my experience is to mention a saint. Either you've picked the wrong one or the Christian you are speaking to is of the opinion that saints are a distraction at best and at worst a snare. Let's be clear- we don't worship saints but those of us who are encouraged by their presence accompanying us on our earthly pilgrimage find their companionship helpful; we may ask a saint to assist our prayers, especially with where the saint is particularly known for a particular line of work or life experience.

But for me, the first word of these twin festivals is the most important- ALL Saints and ALL Souls. Christianity doesn't have a hierarchy- or shouldn't have- clergy are described as the servants of the servants of God. Saints were usually characterized in their lives by their humility- a key Christian virtue. We are all invited to remember everyone we have known and loved in the Festival of All Souls (2nd November) as well as those saints who are particularly special to us in the Festival of All Saints (Hallows). The close proximity of these two days is deliberate- there may be many souls we commemorate who have and will never be recognized as a saint and we are glad of an opportunity to give thanks for the many ways they enriched and shaped our lives.

So- whether you celebrate Hallowe'en by decorating your house, dressing up, carving pumpkins and trick-or-treating or drawing the curtains, turning off the lights and pretending to be out, the Festivals of All Hallows and All Souls are for all of us and I hope you will find some way of marking them- if only by lighting a candle and remembering those you have loved and who are now in God's nearer presence.

Mother Karen



LOUTHESK DEANERY INTERCESSIONS
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026
ALL SAINTS'

"HALLOW", IN OLD ENGLISH, MEANS "HOLY" OR "SACRED," SO "HALLOWS' EVE," OR "HALLOWEEN" SIMPLY MEANS "THE EVENING OF HOLY PEOPLE" REFERRING TO THE EVENING BEFORE ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 1ST. IN THE EARLY YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY WHEN ROME PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS, MANY MARTYRS DIED FOR THEIR FAITH, AND SO THE CHURCH SET ASIDE SPECIAL DAYS TO HONOUR THEM. IN 607 EMPEROR PHOCAS GAVE THE POPE THE BEAUTIFUL ROMAN PANTHEON TEMPLE IN ROME. THE POPE REMOVED THE STATUES OF JUPITER AND THE PAGAN GODS AND CONSECRATED THE PANTHEON TO "ALL SAINTS" WHO HAD DIED FROM ROMAN PERSECUTION IN THE FIRST THREE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER CHRIST. THEIR BONES WERE BROUGHT FROM OTHER GRAVES AND PLACED IN THE REDEDICATED PANTHEON CHURCH.
WHO ARE THE SAINTS FOR US TODAY?
MAYBE THIS SONNET FROM MALCOM GUITE CAN HELP US ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

A LAST BEATITUDE

AND BLESSÈD ARE THE ONES WE OVERLOOK;
THE FAITHFUL SERVERS ON THE COFFEE ROTA,
THE ONES WHO HOLD NO CANDLE, BELL OR BOOK
BUT KEEP THE BOOKS AND TALLY UP THE QUOTA,
THE GENTLE SOULS WHO COME TO 'DO THE FLOWERS',
THE QUIET ONES WHO ORGANISE THE FETE,
CHURCH SITTERS WHO GIVE UP THEIR WEEKDAY HOURS,
DOORKEEPERS WHO MAY OPEN HEAVEN'S GATE.
GOD KNOWS THE DEPTHS THAT OFTEN GO UNSPOKEN
AMONGST THE SHY, THE QUIET, AND THE KIND,
OR THE SLOW HEALING OF A HEART LONG BROKEN
PLACING EACH FLOWER SO FOR A YEAR'S MIND.
INVISIBLE ON EARTH, WITHOUT A VOICE,
IN HEAVEN THEIR ANGELS GLORY AND REJOICE.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD AND EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF UNITY, PEACE AND LOVE

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

WOLD NEWTON, All Saints

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

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] Natasha Smart [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] Clare Tye [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]

DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

To support the mission of our church for every child and young person having a life-enhancing encounter with the Christian faith and the person if Jesus Christ, Stow and Lindsey Archdeaconry has a new Children, Youth and Families Enabler who would love to come alongside churches across Louthesk to support, inspire and encourage.

"Hello, I'm Tina Obbard, the Children, Youth and Families Enabler for the Stow and Lindsey Archdeaconry. I'm passionate about supporting churches as they nurture faith in children, young people, and families, and helping congregations share God's love across generations. I look forward to getting to know communities across the archdeaconry and exploring how we can encourage and grow ministry together.
I invite you to get in touch if you'd like to chat about Children's, Youth or Family Work in your church. Whether things are thriving, you're facing challenges, or you're just wondering what might be possible, I'd love to meet over a coffee and hear your story. My contact details are 01522 452035 , email tina.obbard@lincoln.anglican.org
Have a blessed day, Tina. "



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 .

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

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 with tea/coffee and biscuits.

17 November	2pm Saltfleetby St Peter's Church	LN11 7SF
15 December	10am Fotherby St Mary's Church	LN11 0UJ

Binbrook St Mary's and St Gabriel Church

In February 2026 St Mary and St Gabriel Church were asked to host a Poppy display by Binbrook Parish Council. Since then, a lady in the village organised for knitters and crocheters to make poppies and organised the wire netting and the stitching on the display.



After ten months of hard work the cascade of poppies was brought to life. After the making of nearly 10,000 poppies and hundreds of hours of work, we were delighted to see the poppies raised on our church. What a village, this is a great example of the community working together on a project and has shown what can be achieved by cooperation.

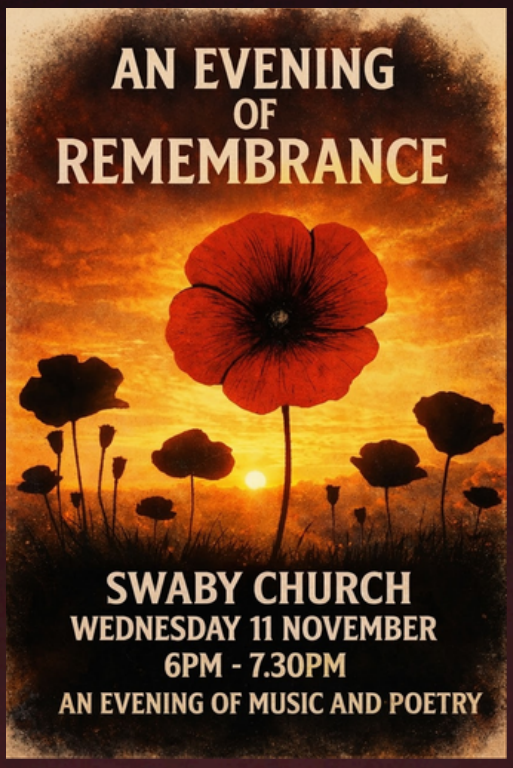
The display will be in place for about a month; we hope that many people will be able to visit the village to see the wonderful tribute to those who perished whilst serving their country.











An Evening of Remembrance

During the evening of Remembrance Day, 11 November 2025, St Nicholas' Church at Swaby held its first Evening of Remembrance, honouring those who lost their lives in war and celebrating the memories they leave with us. Poetry was shared, familiar songs from the World Wars were sung, and two excellent banjo players provided music that was enjoyed by all. The night ended with soup and rolls offered in friendship.

The event was warmly received, with many describing it as moving and memorable.

This year, 2026, we are pleased to hold the Evening of Remembrance again in a similar format. Music and sing-along will be led by The Strubbies, a well-known local group whose lively playing promises a wonderful gathering.

The event is open to all — a chance to share in remembrance, reflection, and cherished memories.

6.00pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 11 November
St Nicholas' Church, Swaby LN13 0BQ

Enquiries: contact the Church Warden Caroline Shaw on 07895030888 (text first)

Christmas Fair

St Mary's Church, Fotherby

Saturday 7th November

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Christmas Gifts galore!



Raffle & Tombola
Crafts & Games
Pluck-a-Duck
Refreshments





Admission Free

All proceeds in aid of St Mary's, Fotherby
& St Edith's, Little Grimsby



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

St. Mary's Church
Covenham

Christmas Fair

Saturday,21st November

2.00p.m.

Variety of stalls to include:

cakes, crafts, jewellery, & more

Christmas Draw (£50 first prize)

Refreshments

A warm welcome is extended to all

Rotary Club of Louth

WRAP UP
Warm Coats • Brighter Futures

Coastal Lincolnshire WRAP UP 2026

DON'T JUST CHANGE YOUR WARDROBE... CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE!

This autumn the Rotary Club of Louth, Interact Clubs at KEVIGS and Louth Academy and Louth area Rotakids Clubs are joining forces with our **WRAP UP** project to support people experiencing homelessness and others facing difficult circumstances in our communities by collecting and distributing warm serviceable coats.

WRAP UP involves collecting good-quality, warm coats that can be given a new home and, more importantly, help keep someone warm this winter.

We are asking you to have a look in your wardrobes and hall closets. Is there a warm coat you've outgrown or simply don't wear anymore? Instead of leaving it hanging there or eventually sending it to landfill, donate it!

Following the collection, coats are sorted and distributed to charities and community organisations providing frontline support to people experiencing homelessness, older people, refugees, children and families living in poverty, and people fleeing domestic violence.



Collection points (when buildings are open):

- Louth Academy Upper Campus
- Louth Academy Lower Campus
- KEVIGS Grammar School
- St Michaels Primary School
- Laceyfields Infants and Junior School
- Kidgate Primary School
- Somercoats Infant and Nursery School
- St James' Church
- St Mary's RC Church
- Methodist Church
- Magna Vitae
- Kenwick Park Leisure Centre
- Louth Golf Club
- London Road Sports Pavillion
- Louth Coop
- Louth Morrisons
- Louth Lawn Tennis Club
- North Thoresby Village Hall
- Alvingham Village Hall
- Toll Bar Academy

Warm coats... warmer communities

Collection period - 28th September to 10th November

Every single coat has the potential to keep someone warm this winter

Café Church

Good coffee • Great company • All welcome

Sunday 22nd November at 10.00am

Also

Stir Up Sunday

Everyone shares a chance to stir the Christmas pudding!



Come along for coffee, cake and friendship

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

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
jamescarrier597@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.

LOOK

Sunday 1 November 2026
All Saints
Matthew 5:1-12

In the GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus teaches us how to be happy. Jesus says that people who share peace and forgiveness will be happy. Anyone who loves others is close to God.

BE HAPPY!

I can be a saint!

Today is All Saints Day.
Who can be a saint?

A_y_ n_ (n o e)!

We use the word "saint" for people who are very holy and who have done good things.
We can all be saints too.
Draw a picture of yourself in this frame doing something kind for someone at home today

Happiness

Find happiness by following Jesus' path.



Saints are people who:

LOVE **THANK**
FORGIVE **CARE**
SMILE **PRAY**
HELP

Can you find these words in the word search?

Z	T	J	K	S	L	W
I	X	P	Q	M	O	H
F	O	R	G	I	V	E
E	R	A	C	L	E	L
D	F	Y	P	E	G	P
T	S	T	H	A	N	K

How many smiley hearts can you find hidden on this page?

A PRAYER TO SAY

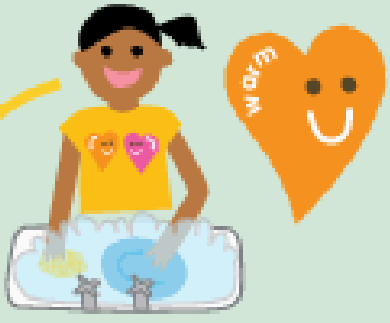
Life with you is good, Jesus! Help me to share the happiness you give me with all the people I meet. Amen.

Saints have warm and loving hearts



This boy is being

gen__ous(re)



This girl is being

he__ful(pl)

Answers: generous; helpful. 8 smiley hearts.

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