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 25th October 2026



All Saint's Legbourne

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

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)

MONDAY 26TH

12noon Funeral at St James (John Laking) (TS)
1pm Ashes Interment at Legbourne (Margaret Feilding)

TUESDAY 27TH

11am Holy Communion (BCP) at St James (TS)
11 15am Funeral at Grimsby Crem (Patricia Spencely) (RM)

WEDNESDAY 28TH

THURSDAY 29TH

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

FRIDAY 30TH

2pm Ashes Interment at Legbourne (Maureen Milson)

SATURDAY 31ST

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)

Bible Sunday

I wonder how you feel about your Bible? Is it a pristine, beautiful book which you were given at your christening or maybe you have inherited it from a beloved family member or a special friend? Did you buy it yourself or have you been given a Bible recently? Most importantly- do you read it?
If the answer to that last question is- "No" or "Not very much" you're not alone! Most Christians possess a Bible which they very rarely open! That's why the last Sunday in October is always kept as Bible Sunday- so that we all have an annual 'health-check' on our Bible reading habits, and hopefully, review what we're doing.

The first thing to say about the Bible is that there are many more editions and translations than most people are aware of- and that is for a very good reason- we're all different. I was speaking to our new Children's and Families Enabler recently about the different Bibles just the two of us possess in our homes and they range from Adults Colouring Bibles to King James!

We often make the misake of thinking (and saying) 'The Bible says...' when, if we looked that passage up in a different Bible, we would find completely different and sometimes a rather different meaning. This is especially true of the Books of the Old Testament some of which date from over 3,000 years ago and were written in Hebrew, which confusingly has no vowels, so people often had to guess the meaning- and scholars nowadays sometimes query some of these guesses!

If it's been a while since you read your Bible regularly and you want to start, there are basically two ways you can go about it- alone or in a group- or, ideally, both. There are two Bible Study Groups which meet monthly in our Deanery and, if you're a confirmation candidate (or just wanting to refresh your faith) you are welcome to join us, as Bible Study is a big part of preparation for confirmation. The monthly Deanery study group moves around so that no-one finds that they are having to travel too far regularly.

If you want to start reading the Bible at home, the best place to look for support is the Bible Society, the Bible Reading Fellowship or the Scripture Union- all of whom provide guides and simple ways to start. Please be in contact with me if you want any more suggestions and Denise has included links at the bottom of this page.

Most importantly- let's remember that the Bible is foundational to our faith and source of divine guidance, support, comfort and fascination as we learn about the relationship of God with his people over the centuries and discover that, while it seems that humanity keeps making the same mistakes, God's loving purposes for his children remain constant throughout the years - together with his desire for us to know and love him.

Mother Karen

The Bible Society
the bible society.uk - Search
The Bible Reading Fellowship
BRF Ministries | Leading Christian charity enabling ministry and mission | Home - BRF
Scripture Union
We help churches reveal Jesus to the next generation | Scripture Union

LOUTHESK DEANERY INTERCESSIONS
SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH – SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 2026
TRINITY 20

TODAY, SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH, THE CLOCKS GO BACK AND BRITISH SUMMER TIME 2026 ENDS.

HERE IS A PRAYER AS THE SEASONS OF LIFE CHANGE ONCE AGAIN.

O LORD OF THE SEASONS,
YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE GIFT OF LONG DAYS AND GOLDEN LIGHT,
AND NOW YOU CALL US TO REST THE SUN'S WARMTH
AND STEP INTO THE COOL OF AUTUMN.
AS THE CLOCKS FALL BACK AND THE HOURS SHIFT,
MAY OUR HEARTS ALSO SHIFT INTO GRATITUDE AND STILLNESS.

THANK YOU FOR THE WARMTH OF SUMMER,
THE LAUGHTER SHARED UNDER THE LONG EVENINGS,
THE BEAUTY OF THE SUN ON OUR SKIN AND THE GENTLE BREEZE.
MAY WE HOLD THESE MEMORIES CLOSE,
AND MAY THEY BE A BLESSING AS WE WELCOME THE NEW SEASON.

AS THE DAYS GROW SHORTER,
GIVE US PEACE IN THE CHANGE,
STRENGTH TO EMBRACE THE NEW,
AND GUIDANCE TO WALK IN YOUR LIGHT
THROUGH THE DAYS AHEAD.
MAY THE END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME BE A REMINDER
THAT ALL SEASONS ARE GIFTS,
AND THAT IN EVERY CHANGE,
YOU ARE ALWAYS PRESENT AND FAITHFUL. AMEN.

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

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY (CONTINUED)

Day 25

Education, Schools and colleges – the church schools in the deanery area:
Withern St Margaret's
Legbourne East Wold
North Cockerington
North Somercotes
Binbrook
Louth St Michael's
Fulstow Primary

Day 26

Industry and commerce in your area, including the local shops.
Farming and agriculture and the care of the environment:

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

Day 31

As the nights get darker and longer, we remember all those who are homeless, with nowhere to go. Also for those working to ensure that homelessness is permanently a thing of the past for everyone.

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

Harvest Festival Fulstow School

We received this lovely feedback from the school following the Harvest Festival service at Fulstow St Lawrence. The children participated enthusiastically throughout, and it is clear from both the school's comments and the photographs that it was a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone involved. As you can see from the pictures, the service was thoroughly enjoyed, with excellent participation from the children and a wonderful atmosphere in church. The school's Assistant Administrator, Kym Greenan, described the re-enactment of The Enormous Turnip as "splendid" and said that the whole service "filled the church and everybody with immense joy".









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

LILY SERVICE

St Mary's Church
North Somercotes

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER
11am

with Reverend Kathy Colwell

A service to remember and give thanks for our loved ones.



You can purchase a lily for display in St Mary's to remember a loved one.
£2.50 each

Reserve a lily by messaging
Linda, Melanie
or via the Facebook page.

REFRESHMENTS
AFTER THE SERVICE

Pet Blessing Service

Utterby St Andrew's

Sunday 25 October at 10.00am



All welcome!

Bring your pets!

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.

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' Church

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Local Schools are invited to take part in our

Choir

Thursday 3rd December

Sing your carols surrounded by 100 beautifully decorated trees.

Each participating school can sing up to two carols.

Can participants please contact jamescarrier597@yahoo.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
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.

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

Saturday 31st October
10am to 4pm

Join us for a
workshop day
in
Horncastle Deanery

St Mary's Church, Horncastle

led by
Canon Dr Hugh Jones,
Warden of the College of St Hugh

on leading intercessions and reading scripture in church.

25 places are available, so please book early.

Telephone: 01507 525600

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.
NOT TO BE MISSED
For information please message
07543315484
or email
cornerstonekidsutterby@gmail.com

St Andrew's Day Scottish High Tea
with Pipe Major Billy James

Sunday 29th November
12 noon to 3pm

Celebrate with a Traditional Scottish High Tea and Bagpipes

Scotch Pie (Vegetarian available); Scottish Cheeses with Oatcakes; Crusty Bread; Cold Cuts; Dundee Cake; Shortbread & a Wee Dram of Whisky

Queen's Hall, Binbrook

The bar will be open offering a fine selection of single malt whiskies & other libations

£15 pp *Booking essential*
Plus a Scottish Themed Raffle

Contact: karen@lavenderandlovage.com

LOOK

Sunday 25 October 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

In the GOSPEL TODAY

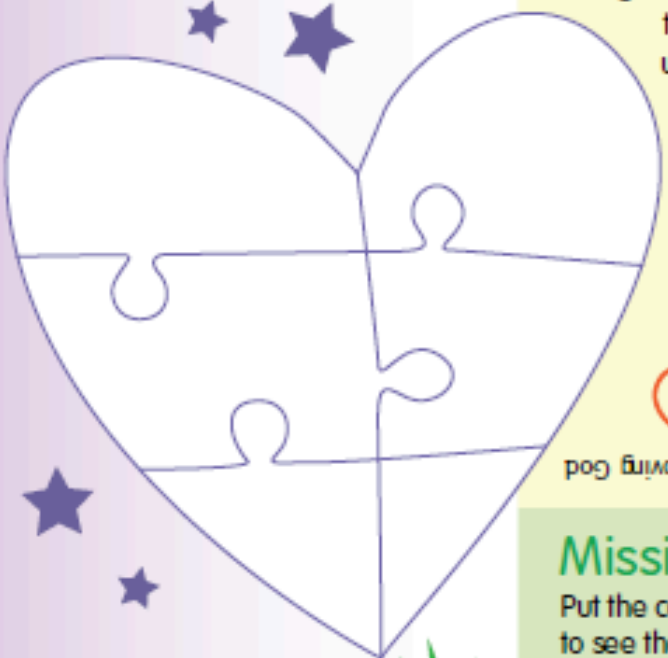
The leaders ask Jesus a difficult question. "Which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus tells them that love is the answer. If we love God and love other people we are doing everything God asks.

LOVE MATTERS!

Inside my heart!

Draw pictures of the people who are in your heart – the people you love the most.

Write their names around the outside of your heart.
Think of one thing you can do today to show someone you love how important they are.



Find love!

How many times can you find the word LOVE in the word search?

M	M	L	O	V	E	L
O	L	O	V	E	E	O
L	O	V	E	U	P	V
U	V	E	L	O	V	E

Puzzle

Which of these children is loving God? Follow the paths to see. Then read the upside-down writing.



This is a tricky question. They both are! If you love your neighbour you are living God

Missing Words

Put the correct word in each space to see the how Jesus asks us to live.

Clue: look at the colours!

"You must _____ the Lord your _____ with all your _____, and with all your _____ and with all your _____ and with all your _____."

soul love God heart mind strength

"You must _____ your _____ as _____."

neighbour love yourself

Answers: love = 6 times. Love, God, heart, mind, strength. Love, neighbour, yourself.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus for loving me so much! Help me to love you and other people. Help me to show my love by the kind things that I do. Amen.

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