Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 8th November 2026

3rd Sunday before Advent www.achurchnearyou.com

In all we do, we seek to live out Jesus' command to draw close to the love of God in worship, and to share this by loving our neighbour

Collect Prayer at Daily Prayer this week: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY…

Sunday 8th Nov *Remembrance Sunday*	**HC Scripture**	*Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13*
	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 at the memorial in the churchyard followed by the same at 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	**Methodist Service Remembrance Service**at Saltfleetby
	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 45am	**Remembrance Service** at South Elkington (MH)
	10 50am	**Remembrance Service** at Ludborough (JB)
	11am	**Own Arrangement** at Fotherby ()
	2pm	**Remembrance Service** at Legbourne (HK)
	2pm	**Remembrance Service** at Ludford (TS)
	6pm	**Choral Evensong** at St James (TS)
Monday 9th *Del week 32:* *Rural Mission Enablers Day Off*	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 19, 20 or 44; Daniel 4.19-end; Revelation 5*
Tuesday 10th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 21, 24 or 48, 52; Daniel 5.1-12; Revelation 6*
	11AM	**Holy Communion BCP at** St James (TS)
Wednesday 11th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 23, 25 or 119.57-80; Damiel 5.13-end ; Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end*
		KEVIGS Remembrance Day Service
	10 55am	**Remembrance Day** at Welton le Wold – War Memorial in the Churchyard if weather is suitable otherwise in the church.
Thursday 12th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 26, 27 or 56, 57 (63*); Daniel 6; Revelation 8*

	7pm	**Night Prayer/Compline – Not on this evening** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641 Code: 370 774 9666
Friday 13th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 28, 32 or 51, 54; Daniel 7.1-14; Revelation 9.1-12*
	11 30am	**Funeral at Grimoldby** (Derek Jackson) (TS)
Saturday 14th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 33 or 68; Daniel 7.15-end; Revelation 9.13-end*
	10am	**Deanery Synod at Binbrook**
	2pm	**St Michel's Louth DCC**
Sunday 15th Nov *2nd Sunday before Advent*	**HC Scripture**	*Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end; Psalm 90.1-8 (9-11) or (90.1-8); 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30*
	9 30am	**Holy Communion** at Manby (RM)
	9 30am	**Holy Communion** at Marshchapel (KG)
	10am	**Holy Communion** at North Thoresby (PS)
	10am	**Holy Communion** at St James ()
	11am	**Morning Prayer** at Legbourne (MH)
	11am	**Morning Prayer** at Saltfleetby (LB MB)
	11 15am	**Holy Communion** at Fulstow (KG)
	11 15am	**Holy Communion** at Stewton (RM)
	3pm	**Holy Communion** at Withcall (KG)

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who
love her, and is found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make herself
known to those who desire her. 14 One who rises early to seek her will have
no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. 15 To fix one's thought
on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will
soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of
her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every
thought.

This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

1 O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.
3 Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.
4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'
5 As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
6 You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

New Testament Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4.13–end**

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.1–13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25.1–13

25 ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” 7 Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the
wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” 9 But the wise
replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to
the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” 10 And while they went to buy it,
the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” 12 But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do
not know you.” 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

CHORAL EVENSONG

Psalm 82.

God standeth in the congregation of princes : he is a Judge among gods.
2 How long will ye give wrong judgement : and accept the persons of the ungodly?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless : see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
4 Deliver the outcast and poor : save them from the hand of the ungodly.

5 They will not be learned nor understand, but walk on still in darkness : all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye are gods : and ye are all the children of the most Highest.
7 But ye shall die like men : and fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth : for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.

Judges 7.2-22

2 The Lord said to Gideon, ‘The troops with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand. Israel would only take the credit away from me, saying, “My own hand has delivered me.” 3Now therefore proclaim this in the hearing of the troops, “Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home.” ’ Thus Gideon sifted them out; twenty-two thousand returned, and ten thousand remained. 4 Then the Lord said to Gideon, ‘The troops are still too many; take them down to the water and I will sift them out for you there. When I say, “This one shall go with you”, he shall go with you; and when I say, “This one shall not go with you”, he shall not go.’ 5So he brought the troops down to the water; and the Lord said to Gideon, ‘All those who lap the water with their tongues, as a dog laps, you shall put to one side; all those who kneel down to drink, putting their hands to their mouths, you shall put to the other side.’ 6The number of those that lapped was three hundred; but all the rest of the troops knelt down to drink water. 7Then the Lord said to Gideon, ‘With the three hundred that lapped I will deliver you, and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others go to their homes.’ 8So he took the jars of the troops from their hands, and their trumpets; and he sent all the rest of Israel back to their own tents, but retained the three hundred. The camp of Midian was below him in the valley. 9 That same night the Lord said to him, ‘Get up, attack the camp; for I have given it into your hand. 10But if you fear to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah; 11and you shall hear what they say, and afterwards your hands shall be strengthened to attack the camp.’ Then he went down with his servant Purah to the outposts of the armed men that were in the camp. 12The Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the east lay along the valley as thick as locusts; and their camels were without

number, countless as the sand on the seashore. [13]When Gideon arrived, there was a man telling a dream to his comrade; and he said, ‘I had a dream, and in it a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came to the tent, and struck it so that it fell; it turned upside down, and the tent collapsed.’ [14]And his comrade answered, ‘This is no other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, a man of Israel; into his hand God has given Midian and all the army.’ 15 When Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshipped; and he returned to the camp of Israel, and said, ‘Get up; for the Lord has given the army of Midian into your hand.’ [16]After he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and put trumpets into the hands of all of them, and empty jars, with torches inside the jars, [17]he said to them, ‘Look at me, and do the same; when I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. [18]When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets around the whole camp, and shout, “For the Lord and for Gideon!” ’ 19 So Gideon and the hundred who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. [20]So the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars, holding in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow; and they cried, ‘A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!’ [21]Every man stood in his place all around the camp, and all the men in camp ran; they cried out and fled. [22]When they blew the three hundred trumpets, the Lord set every man’s sword against his fellow and against all the army; and the army fled as far as Beth-shittah towards Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. **Amen**

John 15.9-17

[9]As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10]If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. [11]I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13]No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15]I do not call you servants any

longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16]You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17]I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. **Amen**

The Collect

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our prayers this week…

The sick and those in need: *Christina Pettifer, Stuart Watson, Kate Clarke, Stuart Freshney, Caroline Feit, Lucy Clare.*
Those who have died: *Derek Jackson, Frederick Desforges, Jean Wilkinson, Loreen Towl, Ros Webber-Jones.*

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Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

"Churches Without Walls" (CWW) meets, from 7.00 pm till 9.00 pm, **Thursday, 12th Nov**

every 2nd & 4th (not 5th) Thursday of each month, thereafter, at St James' C of E Church House, Westgate, Louth LN11 9YE.

Members attend when they can.

"Come and see!" (Jn 1:39,46;4:29)

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