Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 6th December 2026

2nd Sunday of 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: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**.

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY…

Sunday 6th	**HC Scripture**	*Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8*
2nd Sunday of Advent	**9 30am**	**Morning Prayer** at Covenham (MH)
	9 30am	**Parish Mass** at St Michael's (TS)
	9 30am	**Holy Communion** at Great Carlton (RM)
	10am	**Morning Prayer** at Marshchapel (ArHen)
	10am	**Ministry of the Word** at St James (PC)
	10am	**Holy Communion** at North Thoresby (KG)
	10 30am	**Methodist Service** at Fulstow
	11am	**Morning Prayer** at Legbourne (LB MB)
	11am	**Morning Prayer** at Saltfleetby (MH)
	11 15am	**Holy Communion** at Stewton (RM)
	11 15am	**Parish Mass** at Ludford (TS)
	2pm	**Ashes Interment** at Grimoldby (Lovesey) (TS)
	3pm	**Evening Prayer** at Swaby (MH)
	3 30pm	**Carols with Banovallum Band** at Fotherby (Own Arr)
	4pm	**Christingle Service** at North Somercotes (KG)
Monday 7th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 44 or 27, 30; Isaiah 45.14-end; 1 Thessalonians 1*
Rural Mission Enablers Day Off	**1 30pm**	**St Bernard's Carol Service** at Trinity Church
Tuesday 8th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 56, 57 or 32, 36); Isaiah 46; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12*
	11am	**Holy Communion BCP at** St James (MC)
	12noon	**Funeral at Alford Crem** (Margaret Waters) (TS)
Wednesday 9th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 62, 63 or 34; Isaiah 47 ; 1 Thessalonians 2.13-end*
Thursday 10th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 53, 54, 60 or 37*; Isaiah 48.1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3*
	7pm	**Night Prayer/Compline**
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Friday 11th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 85, 86 or 31; Isaiah 48.12-end; 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12*
	12 30pm	**Funeral at Swaby** (Margaret Dickson) (SH)
	6 30pm	**Carol Service at** Tathwell (MH)
Saturday 12th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 145 or 41, 42, 43; Isaiah 49.1-13; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end*
	1pm	**Wedding St James** (Parkison & Avevor) (TS)
Sunday 13th	**HC Scripture**	*Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28*
3rd Sunday of Advent	**8 45am**	**Parish Mass** at Wold Newton (TS)
	10am	**Morning Prayer** at North Thoresby (JG)
	10am	**Ministry of the Word** at St James (PC)
	10 30am	**Methodist Service** at Saltfleetby
	10 30am	**Morning Prayer** at Binbrook (MH)

10 30am	**Morning Worship** at Grimoldby (PB)
11am	**Morning Prayer** at Ludborough (DM)
11am	**Holy Communion** at Belleau (KG)
11 15am	**Morning Prayer** at South Elkington (Own Arr)
1pm	**Baptism** at Fulstow (Pippa Grace McHamilton) (KG)
3pm	**Carol Service** at Grainsby (DM)
3pm	**Crib Service** at Fotherby (SW)
3pm	**Family Communion with Carols** at Grainthorpe (KG)
3pm	**Christingle Service** at St Michaels (TS) *In aid of the Children's Society*
6 30pm	**Carol Service** at Thorganby (Archdeacon)

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Isaiah 40.1–11

40 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. [2] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins. [3] A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight in the desert a highway for our God. [4] Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain
and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. [5] Then
the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord
has spoken.' [6] A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their
constancy is like the flower of the field. [7] The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of
the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. [8] The grass withers, the flower fades; but the
word of our God will stand for ever. [9] Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the
cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' [10] See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for
him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11] He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.
This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85.1–2, 8–13

1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2 You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins.
8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

85.8–end

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New Testament Reading: **2 Peter 3.8–15a**

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. 14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,
This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1.1–8

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

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’, 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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, Charlie Wilkinson.*

Those who have died: *Margaret Waster, Margaret Dickson, Jill Mason, Lisa Taylor, Stuart Sizer.*

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Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

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