Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 29th November 2026

Sunday next 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: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY…

Sunday 29th Nov *1st Sunday of Advent*	**HC Scripture**	*Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-end*
	10am	**Holy Communion** at St James (CL)
	11am	**Deanery Service** at South Thoresby (KG)
	6pm	**Darkness to Light** at St James (KG) *Deanery Advent Candlelight Carol Service*
Monday 30th *Andrew the Apostle (Festival)* *Rural Mission Enablers Day Off*	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 47, 147.1-12; Ezekiel 47.1-12 or Ecclesiasticus 14.20-end; John 12.20-32*
Tuesday 1st	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 80, 82 or 5, 6 (8); Isaiah 43.1-13; Revelation 20*
	11am	**Holy Communion BCP at** St James (TS)
Wednesday 2nd	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 5, 7 or 119.1-32; Isaiah 43.14-end ; Revelation 21.1-8*
Thursday 3rd	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 42, 43 or 14, 15, 16; Isaiah 44.1-8; Revelation 21.9-21*
	7pm	**Night Prayer/Compline**
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Friday 4th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 25, 26 or 17, 19; Isaiah 44.9-23; Revelation 21.22-22.5*
Saturday 5th	**MP Scripture**	*Psalm 9 (10) or 20, 21, 23; Isaiah 44.24-45.13; Revelation 22.6-end*
Sunday 6th *2 Sunday of Advent*	**HC Scripture**	*Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8*
	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)

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Prayer: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the

living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Isaiah 64.1–9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80.1–8, 18–20

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
3 Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
4 Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
5 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
6 You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.
7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
19 And so will we not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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New Testament Reading: **1 Corinthians 1.3–9**

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Reading: Mark 13.24–end

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

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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: *Loreen Towl, Richard Ablott, Ros Webber-Jones, Shirley Gallagher, Rosalind (Ros) Jackson, 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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