Uniting Louthesk Churches

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

(African proverb)



St James Louth

Week commencing 8th November 2026

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SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY…

Sunday 8th Nov

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 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)

Monday 9th Nov

Tuesday 10th Nov

Wednesday 11th Nov

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 Nov

Friday 13th Nov

11 30am Funeral at Grimoldby (Derek Jackson) (TS)

Saturday 14th Nov

10am Deanery Synod at Binbrook
2pm St Michel's Louth DCC

Sunday 15th Nov

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)



Jesus said, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15 verse 13



Louthesk Deanery Intercessions
Sunday November 8th – Saturday November 14th, 2026
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY and 3rd Before Advent

Remembrance Sunday comes with an increasing mixture if emotions. “Less We Forget ” conflicts with the reality we face in the state of the world today. Memories seem short or we just don’t listen. Here is a poem or hymn written by W. H. Vanstone (1923- 1999) which speaks of the costly nature of God’s love for the world, reminding us that God is not “up there, and out of it”, but deeply involved in all our fear, pain and grief.
It’s a little longer than usual, but speaks eloquently of the situation we find ourselves in.

Morning glory, starlit sky,
Leaves in springtime, swallow’s flight,
Autumn gales, tremendous seas,
Sounds and scents of summer night;

Soaring music, tow’ring words,
Art’s perfection, scholar’s truth.
Joy supreme of human love,
Memory’s treasure, grace of youth;

Open, Lord, are these, Thy gifts,
Gifts of love to mind and sense;
Hidden is love’s agony,
Love’s endeavour, love’s expense.

Love that gives gives ever more,
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full;
Bound in setting others free;
Poor in making many rich;
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore He Who Thee reveals
Hangs, O Father, on that Tree
Helpless; and the nails and thorns
Tell of what thy love must be.

Thou art God; no monarch Thou
Throned in easy state to reign;
Thou art God, Whose arms of love
Aching, spent, the world sustain.

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

THE LEGBOURNE AND WOLDMARSH GROUP

Day 8
BELLEAU With CLAYTHORPE, St John the Baptist
Diana Stovin [cw] Michael Lamb [cw tr]
LEGBOURNE, All Saints
Hilary King [cw tr sec] Lillian Boot [cw] Patricia Broadley (Sec)

Day 9
RAITHBY, St Peter
Jane Pocklington [cw] Mark Pocklington [tr]
SOUTH THORESBY, St Andrew
Rebecca Morgan-Chan [cw tr sec] Nicholas Hansen [cw]

Day 10
STRUBBY WOLD MARSH, St Oswald
Margaret Farrow [tr]
SWABY WOLD MARSH, St Nicholas
Rebecca Morgan-Chan [cw sec] Penelope Shaw [cw]

Day 11
TATHWELL, St Vedast
Russell Howard [cw tr]
WITHCALL, St Martin
David Martin [cw sec] Nicola Smith [tr]

THE TEAM PARISH OF LOUTH

Day 12
LOUTH, Holy Trinity
Jill Trafford [Manager] Garron Edwards [Admin]
LOUTH, St James DCC:
Robert Haynes [cw] [tr] Penny Crane [cw] Mary Haines [sec]

Day 13
LOUTH, St Michael and All Angels
Sylvia Luckwell [tr]
SOUTH ELKINGTON, All Saints
Charles Dobson [cw] Paul Nichol [cw] Sue Fisher [tr] Ami Dobson [sec]

Day 14
STEWTON, St Andrew
Dorothy Mansfield [cw] Lesley Lewis [cw] Jane Rushby [Sec] Mark Hunkin [tr]
WELTON-LE-WOLD, St Martin
Sylvia White [cw] Rebekah Stubbs [cw] Peter Taylor [tr & Sec]

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

Louthesk Deanery Study and Prayer Group

The group meets monthly, beginning with drinks and biscuits, and the sessions last between one and one and a half hours. All are welcome. In November and December the group will follow the Diocesan Advent course materials, entitled "What does the Lord require?"

Sessions are to be held:

Tuesday 17 November 2 pm
St Peter's Church Saltfleetby

Tuesday 15 December 10 am
St Mary's Church Fotherby

Please indicate any prayer requests to
stephen.woodcockmbe@gmail.com

Demonstrator Project Update - St James's Louth

As a Demonstrator Church we were enabled to assess the options for our future energy policy and related heating solutions. Being a Grade 1 listed building of dramatic proportions, it has always been a challenge to achieve a comfortable temperature in the colder months for visitors, congregations, staff, and volunteers.

The actual award of Stage One to St James's was for just short of £18k which funded a full energy survey, solar panel survey, roof survey, and Bat survey in addition to focused technical support and specific fund-raising support. The findings of the various surveys were useful in establishing a clear picture of the condition and longevity of the systems currently in place and making the decision about whether and how to move to Stage Two, the actual implementation of a new energy vision.



What we did not expect was to discover that the lead on the roof of the Nave and Chancel was not of the required thickness and had deteriorated to such an extent with the extremes of temperature fluctuation in recent years, that water is beginning to threaten the roof timbers meaning we would need to prioritise the replacement of the lead. As has been seen recently at Southwell Minster, ignoring maintenance can result in serious problems.

A fund-raising initiative has been started and the first event, an indoor Festive Food & Crafts Market will take place on November 14th at St James's Church open 10-3pm with refreshments and lots of local producers with exciting Christmas products ideas to share - so come & join us and help us get the project underway.





An Evening of Remembrance

— All Welcome —

St Nicholas' Church, Swaby is holding a gentle ***Evening of Remembrance***, reflecting on those who gave their lives in war.

Music provided by the well loved

The Strubbies

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

Enquiries: Contact the church warden Caroline Shaw
07895030888

8th November

Remembrance Sunday Refreshments



following St Bart's War Memorial service

Covenham Parish Rooms | all welcome

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MANBY



SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2026
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
10.50 AM
FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

St Mary's Church
North Somercotes

Sunday 8th November
Short service at 10am

The service will finish in time to walk or drive to the war memorial in the village for the laying of community wreaths.

Refreshments
at the Village Hall
after the wreaths

Church of St. Martin

Welton le Wold

REMEMBRANCE DAY

WEDNESDAY 11th November 2026



A short Remembrance Day commemoration will begin at **10.55 sharp** at the War Memorial in the churchyard if the weather is suitable, otherwise in the church.

Everyone is cordially invited to stay for real coffee or tea in the church.







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.

Darkness to Light

A Service of Carols and Readings for Advent

St James Church
6pm Sunday 29th November



