UNITING LOUTHESK CHURCHES

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

(African proverb)



Week commencing 29th November 2026

A weekly bulletin of services, notices and contact details for the deanery.

St Mary's Ludborough

Deanery Office Address:
The Rectory
Peppin Lane
Fotherby
Louth
LN11 0UW

PHONE
01507 610247

EMAIL
Louthesk@lincoln.anglican.org

Office Opening Hours at the Rectory: 9am – 4.30pm
Wendesday: Subject to change
Denise works from home Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri



SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY

Sunday 29th Nov

1st Sunday of Advent 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

Tuesday 1st

11am Holy Communion BCP at St James (TS)

Wednesday 2nd

Thursday 3rd

7pm Night Prayer/Compline

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641 Code: 370 774 9666

Friday 4th

Saturday 5th

Sunday 6th

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 Bannovallum Band at Fotherby (Own Arr)

4pm Christingle Service at North Somercotes (KG)

Andrew and Advent

Our new Church Year begins with a double celebration- Saint Andrew's Day and Advent Sunday. There can be no-one more suited to the task of welcoming us into Advent than Andrew- the first Apostle chosen by Jesus on the shores of Lake Galilee.



True to form, Andrew spent some time with Jesus and then fetched his brother, Simon Peter to introduce him to Jesus; later, Andrew was the one who spotted the small boy with his five barley loaves and two small fish to offer to Jesus and became the gift which enabled the miraculous Feeding of the Five Thousand. At the beginning of St John's Gospel we discover that Andrew had first been a disciple of John the Baptist, who saw himself as a herald of Jesus. It is a sign of John the Baptist and Andrew's humility that they were both able to recognize someone whose ministry was so compelling that they gave up what they had been doing and followed Jesus. Later, we find some Greek visitors in Jerusalem- we might call them tourists- approaching Philip with a request to meet Jesus. Philip's response was to find Andrew and to follow his lead. Apart from this, we know little about Andrew, except that he was there at all the key events of Jesus' ministry and continued an active apostle after Jesus' death.

Andrew was martyred for his faith in Patras, Greece. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Barbados, the Ecumenical Patriate of Constantinople and Greece. When Andrew was crucified by a Roman governor, he requested that it should not be in the same way as Jesus; hence the saltire- the St Andrew's cross on its side. All of this is key to our own experiences of following Jesus. As we start a new Church Year, we have a chance to 'begin again' as St Andrew and John the Baptist did, deliberately choosing to follow the Jesus Way. We can introduce other people to Jesus- maybe members of our own family- encouraging them to offer their gifts to Jesus as Andrew did, and, where we find occasional visitors to our church, we can help them to feel welcome and point them on to closer encounters with Jesus, maybe outside our own parish. These characteristics of Saint Andrew remain important ways in which Jesus calls all of us over the years to share his mission and to spread the Good News of God's love for the whole world. May you be blessed with a renewed sense of Jesus' presence in your life and of your part in his mission and ministry this Advent. MK

Mother Karen

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions
Sunday November 29th – Saturday December 5th, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

Today is **Advent Sunday**. The Universal Church begins this season of preparation and waiting for the great celebration of the coming of Almighty God among us as one of us in Jesus – **the Incarnation.** It also marks the beginning of the liturgical new year focusing our attention this year on the unfolding of the gospel according to **St Mark. A New Year** prompts the opportunity to make a resolution. One resolution might be, each day set aside a time for prayer and reflection. You might find it helpful to use the following form of words to open and focus this regular time.

Remember the divine paradox of Advent:
We wait for something which is already here!

Lord God, open my heart, my mind, my lips,
and let my whole being proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

Maranatha - Come, Lord Jesus!

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
dispelling the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us today,
open our eyes to behold your presence;
strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY (Continued)

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

THE BINBROOK GROUP

December 1st 2026: BINBROOK, St Mary & St Gabriel - Kate Collins [cw] Peter Beveridge [cw] Philip Wallis [tr] Carrol McCudden [sec]
KELSTERN, St Faiths - Richard Milligan Manby [cw]

Day 2: LUDFORD MAGNA, St Marys - Alastair Guthrie [cw] Diane Smith [cw] Pauline Brocklebank [tr] Caroline Feit [sec]
SWINHOPE, St Helen - Richard Steel [cw. tr. sec]

Day 3: THORGANBY, All Saints - Emma Milligan-Manby [cw. tr]
WOLD NEWTON, All Saints - Jane Lidster [cw] Nicholas Ollard [cw] David Buckle [tr] Rachel Pickering [sec]

THE FOTHERBY AND NORTH THORESBY GROUP

Day 4: COVENHAM, St Marys - Anne McCready [cw sec] Gillian German [cw] Jenny Ballantyne [tr]
FOTHERBY, St Marys - Judith Hunter [cw & tr] Barbara Chester [cw sec] Amir Samaan [grp tr]

Day 5: FULSTOW, St Lawrence = Stephen Woodcock [cw] Lesley Thornes [cw]
GRAINSBY, St Nicholas - Hannah Haigh [cw] Jan Haigh [cw] Kate Egholm [cw] Barry Hannington [sec tr]



St Andrew Nave Window
South Thoresby

Sunday 29th Novemeber
DEANERY SERVICES
ST ANDREW'S DAY
Deanery Eucharist
St Andrew's Church,
South Thoresby 11 AM





A CANDLELIT SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS FOR ADVENT
St James' Church
6PM







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

To Love and serve the Lord course is for everyone

The next To Love and Serve the Lord course will be starting in January 2027.This is for everyone and anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith. It is also the foundation course for anyone thinking of authorised lay ministry.

Mother Karen motherkaren55@gmail.com

or

Mark Hunkin markhunkin@icloud.com

The Rectory, Peppin Lane, Fotherby, Louth LN11 0UW.
Hope your journeys are going smoothly.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND





St Michael's Church
Louth



Servcies for the Christmas period 2026

Saturday 5th December 3.00pm
Carol Concert by Phoenix Singers.
Admission £8 followed by refreshments

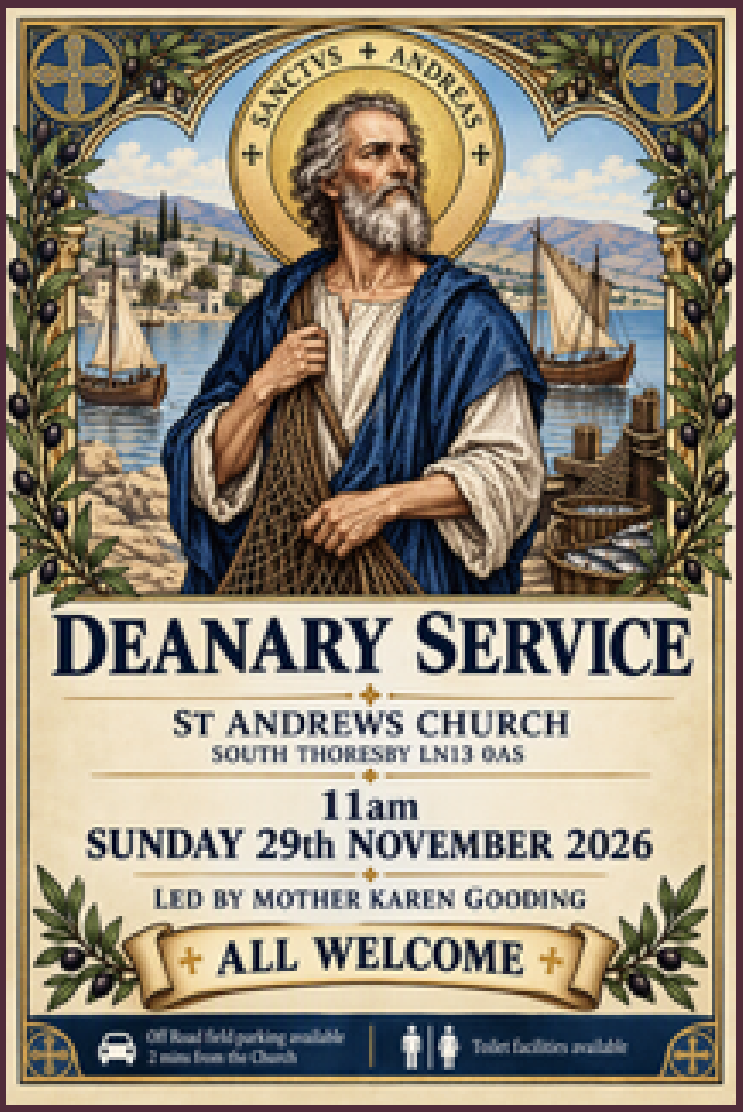
Sunday 6th December: 9.30am Parish Mass

Sunday 13th December 3.00pm
Christingle Service
(in aid of the Children's Society)

Thursday 24th December- Christmas Eve
3.00pm Crib Service & Carols

8.00pm Bethlehem Mass

Please come and join us.



DEANARY SERVICE

ST ANDREWS CHURCH
SOUTH THORESBY LN13 0AS

11am
SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2026

LED BY MOTHER KAREN GOODING

ALL WELCOME

Off Road field parking available 2 mins from the Church

Toilet facilities available



LOUTH CHAMBER CHOIR
LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMBER PLAYERS
(Leader: Chris Rogers)

Sarah Billings & Gudrun Sharpley (sopranos)
Will North (tenor) Allan Smith (baritone)

Conductor: Frederic Goodwin

A FEAST OF MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

J S Bach:
Cantata 140: Sleepers, wake
Christmas Oratorio (Part 4)
Brandenburg Concerto No. 1

MacMillan: O radiant dawn
Howells: Here is the little door
Leontovich: Carol of the Bells
Walton: All this time this song is best
Vaughan Williams: This is the truth
Goodwin: Sweet was the song

ST JAMES'S CHURCH,
LOUTH
SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER,
7.30 pm

Admission by programme,
price £15.00, from members of
the choir or at the door.
Accompanied children free.



St Mary & St Gabriel
Binbrook

Community Coffee Morning

At The Plough, Binbrook

Wednesday 18th November
Wednesday 2nd December
Special Date:
Wednesday 16th December

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Drink and Cake
£2.50
★ Raffle ★

All Welcome!

St John the Baptist Church,
Belleau

Welcomes everyone to come along and join us for



Carols by Candlelight

on

SUNDAY 20TH DEC
Starting at 6pm

Followed by refreshments
Funds go towards the church



THE PHOENIX SINGERS

Christmas Concert

Carols, hymns & choral music
St Michael's Church



Saturday 5th December · 3.00pm
Admission £8
Tickets by phoning
07486 316043 or 07981878648
Seasonal refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle.

Advent: Darkness to Light Carol Service

with the Grimoldby Singers

Saturday
28th November 2026
at
St. Edith's,
Grimoldby
6.00pm

All are welcome to join us as we begin the journey towards Christmas

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service

St. Peter's Saltfleetby

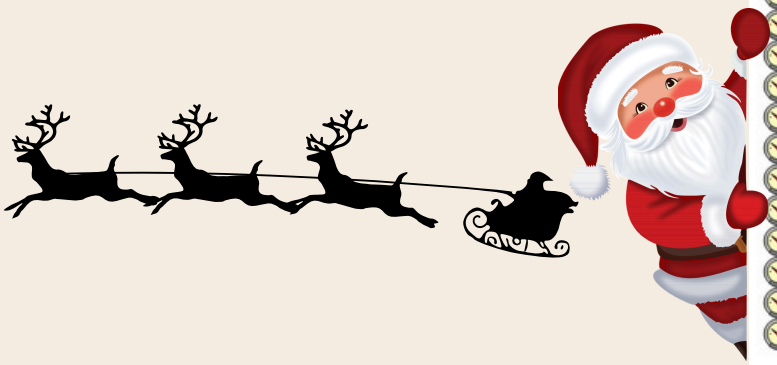
CAROL SERVICE



24th December at 6.00 pm.

Free Mince Pies and Mulled wine after the service

EVERYONE WELCOME



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

St Nicholas' Church

SWABY

LN13 0BQ

CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY FESTIVAL

10am to 4 pm

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November





COFFEE MORNING

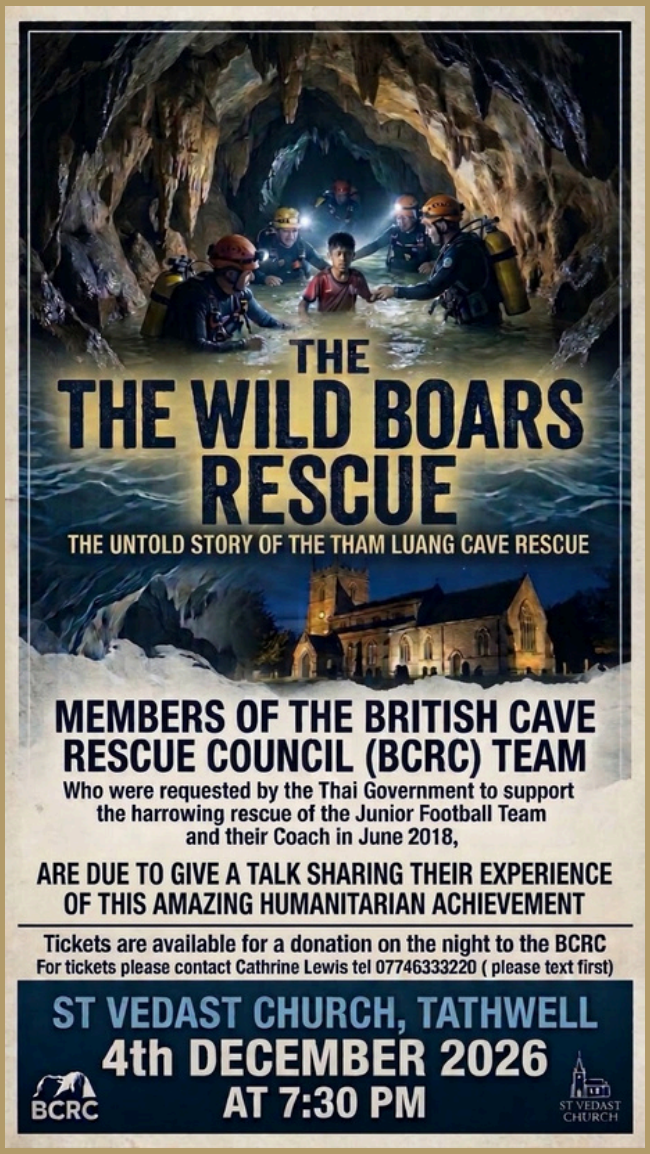
Wednesday

St Peter's Church, Saltfleetby

10.30am until noon

Everyone is welcome!

Please come along.















Picture for Reference Only

On behalf of Alvingham St Adelwold. Our green altar frontal is becoming increasingly worn through age and regular use and is now starting to fall apart. Unfortunately, the cost of a replacement is beyond our current means, and we do not have anyone locally with the skills to make a new one.

If anyone is able to help, or knows of a green altar frontal that may be available, please contact the Louthesk Deanery Office on:
01507 610247
louthesk@lincoln.anglican.org.

We would be very grateful to hear from you.

St. Peters, Saltfleetby.

Regular Events

Each Monday 9:30am to 12:30pm *Craft Group*.
Each Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of the month) 9:00am till Noon *Art Group*.

For more information contact
June Spetch on 07961 424988
or Pete Hatton on 07443 508055

St. Adelwolds
Alvingham
CAROL SERVICE



27th December at 10.30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

St. Peters, Saltfleetby.



Christmas Sing-Along

Sunday 13th December 2026

For more information contact
June Spetch 07961424988 or Pete Hatton 07443508055

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

St. Edith's Church.
GRIMOLDBY ART GROUP

Alternate Fridays at St. Edith's
2.00pm - 4.00pm



EVERYONE IS WELCOME, BEGINNERS TOO.

Donations for refreshments welcome.

During the very cold months we will use the Pavilion, Grimoldby where a small charge will be made to cover costs.

For more information call Peter Bates on 07743350542

St. Marys Manby



CAROL SERVICE



With Rev Kieth Dally

Sunday 20th December at 4.00pm
Carols followed by Mulled wine and mince pies

EVERYBODY WELCOME

St. Peters, Saltfleetby.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT



Tuesday 29th December

For more information contact
June Spetch 07961424988 or Pete Hatton 07443508055

St. Edith's Grimoldby
CRIB SERVICE



THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER
commencing at 4.00pm

Refreshments
ALL WELCOME

Merry Christmas