UNITING LOUTHESK CHURCHES

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

(African proverb)



Week commencing 22nd November 2026

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

St Martin's Withcall

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SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY…



Sunday 22nd Nov

8 45am Parish Mass at Wold Newton (PS)
10am Morning prayer at North Thoresby (MP)
10am Café Church at Utterby (DM) Stir-up Sunday
10am Holy Communion at St James (Archdeacon Eleanor)
10 30am Holy Communion at Binbrook (KG)
10 30am Morning Prayer at Alvingham (AS CL)
10 30am Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB)
11am Morning Prayer at Tathwell (JH RH)
11am Morning Prayer at North Somercotes (MH)
11am Methodist Service at Saltfleetby
11 15am Holy Communion at South Elkington (Archdeacon Eleanor)
1pm Baptism at Manby (Brodie) (KG)
3pm Holy Communion at Little Grimsby (KG)

Monday 23rd

11am Funeral at St James (Loreen Towl) (RM)

Tuesday 24th

11am Holy Communion BCP at St James (TS)

Wednesday 25th

2pm Funeral at St James (Richard Ablott) (RM)

Thursday 26th

10 45am Funeral at St Michaels (Ros Webber-Jones) (TS)
1pm Funeral at St Michaels (Shirley Gallagher) (RM)
7pm Night Prayer/Compline
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Friday 27th

10am Morning Worship at Manby (PB)
10am Funeral at St James (Rosalind “Ros” Jackson) (RM)

Saturday 28th

4pm CO-OP Memorial Service at St James (RM)
6pm Darkness to Light at Grimoldby (JOB)

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 Carol Service

Three November Saints

Saint Martin and Saint Margaret both have a presence in our Deanery and St Cecilia- patron saint of music- is represented everywhere we sing! It was a joy to celebrate the Eucharist in St Martin's Church Withcall last Sunday and to visit St Margaret's School Withern to teach the children Christmas songs! None of these three saints are very well known and are easily overlooked but their remarkable lives of long ago- St Cecilia early 3rd, St Martin 4th and St Margaret 11th century, can still inspire us today.

Saint Cecilia was martyred for her passionate devotion to her faith and her singing has led to an enduring association with music and musicians. Cecilia's feast day is a popular time for music festivals in many church communities and schools and her legacy lives on as a symbol of faith, purity and the transcendent power of music.



Saint Martin was born into a prominent Roman military family and was expected to serve as a soldier but, following his choice to become a Christian when he was just 10 years old, he is reputed to have said, "I am Christ's soldier- I am not allowed to fight" so he was accused of cowardice and sent off to train for the military! He offered to stand in the front line of battle armed only with the sign of the cross and, during this period of his life, while he was on horseback, he met a beggar who was freezing. Martin was wearing a cloak which he cut in half with his sword, giving half to the beggar and that night had a dream in which he saw Jesus wearing the torn cloak. Moved by the vision, Martin was baptized. He later founded a monastic missionary community and in 371 was made bishop of Tours; during his life, he was known as a miracle-worker.

Saint Margaret was a princess who spent much of her childhood in the court of her great-uncle, King Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and were shipwrecked off the Scottish coast; they were befriended by King Malcolm of Scotland who married Margaret at Dunfermline Castle in 1070. Margaret became beloved by all and, as Queen, exerted a gentle but impressive influence for good throughout Scottish society; as well as supervising the education of her large family, Margaret became personally involved in regularly serving and nursing the poor, promoting the arts and education, founding churches and synods (very timely this week as our new General Synod meets!) People noticed that her charitable loving service was energized by disciplined patterns of Scripture reading and prayer; Margaret was clearly an example to all of us, especially in our troubled world. So let us pray to be inspired and guided by the lives of Cecilia, Martin and Margaret as we come to the end of our Church Year.

Mother Karen

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions
Sunday November 15th – Saturday 21st, 2026
The Sunday Next Before Advent
Christ the King

The Sunday next before Advent, the Feast of Christ the King, brings the church's year to a close. The notion of Christ the King first came to prominence in 1925, emphasizing the true kingship of Christ after the upheavals resulting from the First World War and the end of all four major monarchies in mainland Europe. Pope Pius XV1 observed that although there was a cessation of hostilities there was no true peace. On the contrary, bubbling under the surface were rising unrest, nationalism and social division. He declared that as Christ's authority was not won by violence but given by God, only Christ was therefore worthy to be King of Kings and Prince of Peace. Christ didn't rule through fear of physical harm, but rather reigned in peoples' minds and hearts by his teaching and example and in their hearts, by his love.

So what has changed in the last 100 years?

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
the King of kings and Lord of lords.
Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth,
divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his most gracious rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY (Continued)

Day 22: STIPENDIARY CLERGY: Karen Gooding [Rural Mission Enabler]

RETIRED CLERGY and ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS SERVING THE DEANERY
Mark Carroll, Ian Chisholm, Peter Coates, Keith Dally, Alan Hayday, Stephen Holdaway, Daphne King, Chris Lilley, Robert Mansfield, Julie Oddy Bates, Paul Salmon, Terry Steele.

Day 23: READERS - Jenny Ballantyne, Penny Crane, Mark Hunkin, David Margarson, Helen Marsden.

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS: Peter Bates [Grimoldby] Malcolm Boot [Legbourne] Lilian Boot [Legbourne] Carol Carter [Great Carlton] Jill Day [South Elkington] Arthur Henderson [Marshchapel] Jean Howard [Tathwell] Russell Howard [Tathwell] Hilary King [Legbourne] Christine Lowis [Alvingham] Mathew Pettifer [North Thoresby] Anne Stratford [Alvingham] Stephen Woodcock [Fulstow]

Day 24: The other Christian denominations in the deanery area and other faith communities – their leaders and people: The Methodist Churches, Eastgate Union Church [URC and Baptist] , The Roman Catholic Church, The Salvation Army, The Orthodox Church, Generations Church

Day 25: Education, Schools and colleges – the church schools in the deanery area:
Withern St Margaret's, Legbourne East Wold, North Cockerington, North Somercotes, Binbrook, Louth St Michael's, Fulstow Primary

Day 26: Industry and commerce in your area, including the local shops. Farming and agriculture and the care of the environment:

Day 27: The health services, doctor's surgeries, and hospital service, care in the community and local care homes: Ashtree House (Withern), The Elms, Louth Manor, Stewton House, Meadowpark, The Wolds (all in Louth). Fotherby Care Home. Helen Marsden the Anna Chaplain to some care homes. The Louth Hospice. The 'hidden' carers in our communities. Any health care practitioners who we have come to rely on personally…doctors, nurses, carers etc.

Day 28: The local authority and Member of Parliament - Victoria Atkins, Lincolnshire County Council - Leader: Sean Matthews, The Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire - Dame Andrea Jenkyns, East Lindsey District Council, Paish Councils and all our local councillors, Louth Town Council, The Mayor of Louth - Karen Parsons.

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 OUW.
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

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

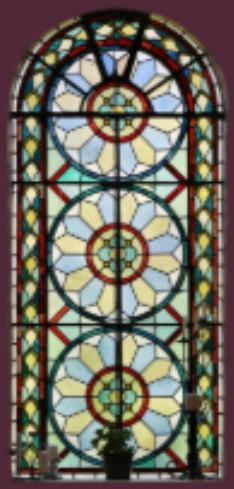
Followed by refreshments
Funds go towards the church





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



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

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.

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.

All Saints Church
Legbourne

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November 10-12
In
Legbourne Community Centre

Raffle
Tombola
Cakes
Gift draw
Bric a brac
Guess the weight of the cake
And lots more

Coffee & Mince Pies



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.



WREATH MAKING

A festive, hands-on workshop

22 NOVEMBER

CHOOSE YOUR SESSION
SESSION 1 · 3:00 pm
SESSION 2 · 7:00 pm
Limited to 15 places per session

£35 PER PERSON
All materials included
Plus mulled wine & mince pies

£10 deposit secures your place
CHURCH HOUSE • NEXT TO ST JAMES' CHURCH • LOUTH

BOOK YOUR PLACE
Louthesk@lincoln.anglican.org
01507 610247

Come and make something beautiful for the season.

The funds collected shall be directed towards the noble cause of:
Raising the Roof St. James.

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

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



Christmas Craft Fair

St Mary's Church, Ludborough

Saturday 21st November

10am to 2pm

Seasonal Refreshments

Hand Made Christmas Crafts

Home made Seasonal Preserves

Cake Stall

Bric-a-Brac

Raffle




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 James Church
Christmas Servcies
CHRISTMAS & ADVENT SERVICES
December 18th - 6:00pm
Carols for All
Led By Penny Crane
December 20th - Morning
Advent 4
The Ven Aly Buxton
December 24th - 4:00pm
Crib Service
Led by Penny Crane
December 24th - 11:30pm
Midnight Mass
Revd Mark Carroll
December 25th - 10:00am
Christmas Morning
Revd Chris Lilley
December 27th - Morning
Christmas 1
Ministry of the Word, led by Penny Crane
All are warmly welcome


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

Darkness to Light

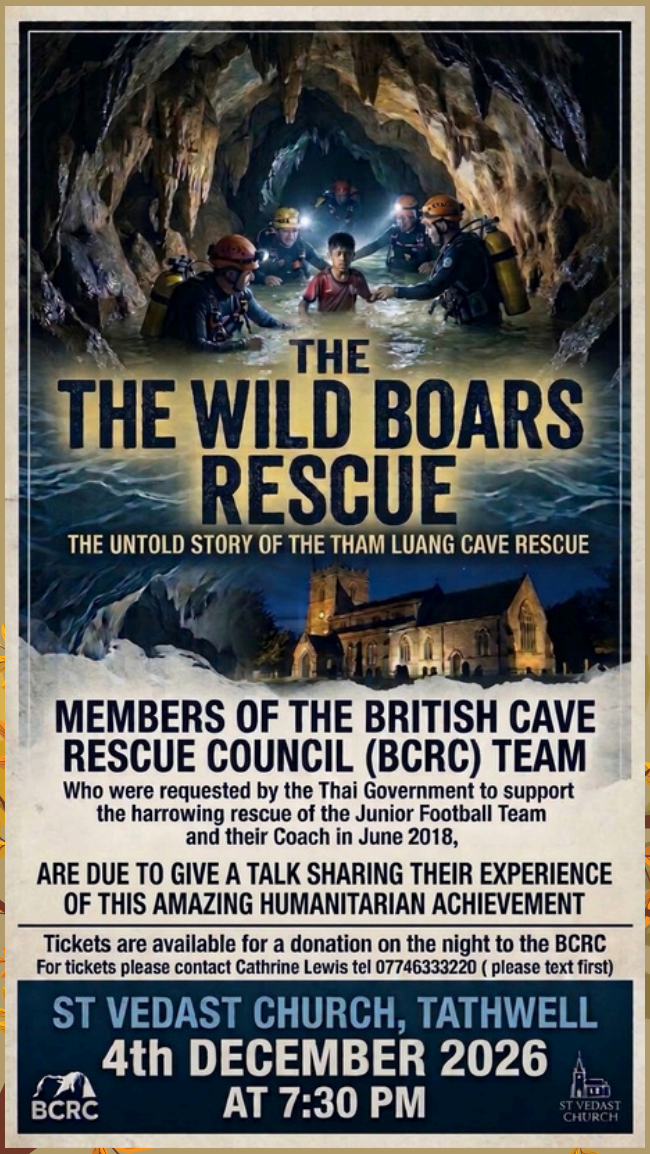
A Service of Carols and Readings for Advent

St James Church
Deanery Advent Carol Service
6pm Sunday 29th November















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.