

Uniting Louthesk Rural



Churches

Week Commencing

Sunday 16th November 2025

Silence

As we observe the annual ceremonies of remembrance again this year, we may have been alerted once more to the power of silence. Two short minutes convey more than any words could. In a world which has become increasingly noisy over the decades, it's heartening to see how many younger, as well as older members of society actively choose to observe this tradition.

The silence is an opportunity for our own reflections and we make use of it in a variety of ways. As I've moved around our Deanery over past weeks, I've been struck by the number and poignancy of personal and communal memories that this time of year brings to the surface. For younger people, and maybe some of us oldies too who are far too addicted to the babble of media, it also enforces attention, which is, of course, a well-practised spiritual virtue. Indeed, whenever I'm involved in corporate acts of silence, I am transported to the Great Silence observed daily in monastic communities, as well as the hours of silent worship I shared with Friends as a Quaker for 34 years.

Silence can bring us together like nothing else and, in the right context it can be immensely healing, enabling our relationships to find harmony and restoring, if fleetingly, those values we collectively try to remember and uphold. However, silence can also be used as a weapon of coercion and manipulation and anyone who has found themselves 'shut out' of a conversation or situation will know the pain and frustration this brings.

So- as we move from silence to perhaps our busiest time of year, let's be mindful of good silences and bad silences and aim to bring more of the former and exclude the latter wherever we come across it. Denise is valiantly trying to help us to engage in communication as a Deanery so let's help and encourage each other by keeping in touch!

Mother Karen

Following the recent development of the 'Uniting Louthesk Rural Churches' it seems sensible to include each week the Deanery Intercessions. These formerly came out at the beginning of each month, depending on whether there were any significant changes. From now on these will appear on a weekly basis, undergirding with prayer the life of all the deanery churches day by day. Your comments for development, correction or improvement are always welcome.

Alan Hayday

Louthesk Deanery Intercessions
Week beginning Sunday 16th November 2025

THE MIDMARSH GROUP

Sunday 16th

GRIMOLDBY, St Ediths
Pete Bates [cw] [sec] [tr]
MANBY, St Marys
Roger Green [cw] Dita Lacey [cw] Dorothy Selfe [tr]
Susan Price [sec]

Monday 17th

SALTFLEETBY, St Peter
June Spetch (cw) Peter Hatton (tr) Susan Handley [sec]
THEDDLETHORPE, St Helen [Exploring Closure]

NORTH SOMERCOTES AND MARSHCHAPEL GROUP

Tuesday 18th

CONISHOLME, St Peters [Exploring closure]
GRAINTHORPE, St Clements
Richard Drinkle [cw] Major Bark [cw] Sally Johnson [sec]
Mary-Anne Drinkle [sec]

Wednesday 19th

MARSHCHAPEL, St Mary
Olivia Hurton [cw] [sec] Christel Henderson [cw]
Lesley Collins [tr]
NORTH SOMERCOTES, St Mary
Linda Rose-King [cw] Lynda Dobson [tr] Christine Wells [sec]

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY

Thursday 20th

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR LOCAL CHURCHES AS:

PCC and DCC members

Organists

Choirs

Bell Ringers Flower arrangers

Church cleaners and maintenance of buildings

Fund raisers

Organisers of coffee mornings, lunch clubs, afternoon teas,
food hubs, community larders and warm spaces

Friday 21st

OFFICERS OF THE DEANERY:

Archdeacon: Alyson Buxton

The Partnership Dean: Chris Lilley

Rural Dean: Terry Steele

Lay Chair: Stephen Woodcock

Deanery Treasurer: Jenny Ballantyne

Deanery Administrators: Julie Speakman & Denise Bell

Deanery Synod Secretary: Anita Samaan

All members of the Deanery Synod

Saturday 22nd

STIPENDIARY CLERGY

Mike Croft [Vicar of Louth]

Karen Gooding [Rural Mission Enabler]

**RETIRED CLERGY and ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS
SERVING THE DEANERY**

Ian Chisholm, Peter Coates, Keith Dally, Alan Hayday, Stephen Holdaway,
Daphne King, Chris Lilley, Robert Mansfield, Julie Oddy Bates, Ian
Partridge, Paul Salmon, Terry Steele, Keith Tomlin, Jean Wrisdale.

Utterby St Andrews



Remembrance Sunday at St Andrew's Church, Utterby Sunday 9th November 2025

This year, on this special day of remembrance, our community came together in church to watch the service and parade from the Cenotaph in London on a large screen television.

We stood for the two-minute silence, united with the people in Whitehall and across the nation.

On the altar was a beautiful display featuring a swathe of poppies knitted by members of our village community and residents of Grove Care Home in Waltham. We also showcased poppies created by the children of Utterby School, along with a wreath made by Mel Whitehall, depicting knitted poppies in purple, white and black.

Our wonderful catering team provided refreshments throughout the morning, offering both warmth and hospitality after the service.

The congregation all felt it was a truly moving occasion and were grateful to share such a meaningful time together in a beautiful place of worship.



Great Carlton St John the Baptist

Marking 2025 Remembrance Day Display in church from Sat. 8th to Mon. 17th November



2025 Remembrance Displays in church Thank you to the crochet/knitting group who have made all the stunning poppies hung from the Cross church to provide a new display to honour the lives of the 17 Carlton men in WW1 and 1 man in WW2, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Background to these men and the 66 who served in WW1 is on display in the south aisle, including a map of where they lived and the location of the war graves.



Invitation to decorate the church with Christmas Trees for the Carol Service at 6pm Tuesday 23rd December

Trees can be brought to the church at any point in December, ready to be displayed .

For more information contact Carol 07887 623803

Louth Community Larder

Thank you for the Harvest Service donations to the the Louth Community Larder which were gratefully received as donations are down this year due to the cost of living crisis. So to help, a collection box will be in church again from 1st to 31st December to boost supplies in the new year when they are expected to be low. Contact Carol Carter for further details.

Please feel free to contact Churchwardens
Carol Carter 07887 623803 or Kathy Crust 01507 450552,



Tathwell St Vedast

Tathwell Remembrance Sunday 2025

About 40 people assembled at the War Memorial in Tathwell on Sunday 9 November for the annual wreath-laying. The service was led by Helen Marsden who, once she had opened our worship, asked that the names of the fallen as shown on the War Memorial be read out. At her request those gathered offered the names of members of their own families who had fallen in conflict, and those who had returned. Then the wreath was laid by Rowena Larkin representing Tathwell and Haugham Parish Council and a number of individual crosses added. Helen read the verses by Binyon and the two minute silence was observed.

Once the National Anthem had been sung most people walked up to St Vedast's church where Liz Marshall played us in and the service continued with readings and the hymns *I vow to thee my country*, *Eternal Father strong to save* and *God is our strength and refuge*. A collection of £120 was, as in previous years, shared with the Royal British Legion.

Jean Howard





Fotherby St Mary's



“ Our Christmas Fair held at Fotherby Church last Saturday was an amazing success and, once Gift Aid is claimed on donations, the amount raised for Little Grimsby St. Edith and Fotherby St. Mary will be over £380 for each church.

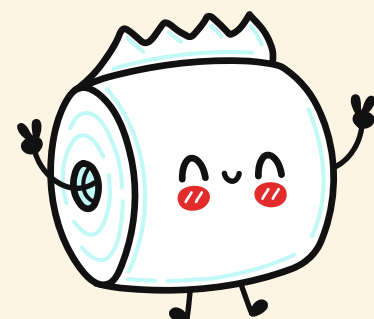
The fair was supported by many villagers and visitors, drawn in by signs erected on the bypass at either end of the village, with seven craft stalls selling hand made gifts and items suitable as Christmas presents and stocking fillers. Festive food was served for refreshments, with a raffle, tombola and other games as further attractions.

We were also delighted to have our newly refurbished toilet area available for all to use. These new facilities provide access to all, young, older and disabled and received many compliments throughout the event.

The work was completed with the grantfunding help of the ELIF GRASSroots fund

A special report on this work, with photos, will be provided on another occasion. “

Barbara Chester Church Warden



Deanery Office Move Update

Please note the new address for the 'Louthesk Deanery Office'

From: Thursday 13th November the new address will

The Rectory
Peppin Lane
Fotherby
Louth
LN11 0UW

Phone Number is the same: 01507 610247

So please bear with us while we try to get set up and settled in

Denise & Julie



We have had some wonderful updates featured this week. I want to express my heartfelt thanks for these updates; it is truly inspiring to see pictures and a brief paragraph showcasing the vibrant activities happening in the Louthesk Rural Churches.

If you have any events to share,
please email
denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org



**The Bishops' and the Strategy Working Group want to
hear from you.
Yes—all of you.**

Whether you're a volunteer, an organist, a churchwarden, a treasurer, an administrator, a member of the clergy (active or retired), or part of our congregations—we want to hear your thoughts and ideas about what matters most to you and your community. We warmly invite you all to attend one of our upcoming Engagement Events this November. If you haven't already signed up please do we want to hear your thoughts.

Please share this invitation with your congregations—everyone is welcome to join. We've attached a printable pew sheet for your churches, and there is a dedicated page on the website with all the latest news around “Lord, Show Us The Way” here

Each session will last approximately 90 minutes and will be an opportunity to:
Hear from the Senior Diocesan Leadership Team about the work that has taken place to develop a long-term strategy for the Diocese.

Explore the theological foundations of our strategic priorities
Reflect on feedback received from working groups across the region
Share your own thoughts and ideas about what matters most to you and your community
Join together in prayer, asking “Lord, show us the way” as we seek God's guidance for the future

To help you prepare, pre-reading materials will be sent out one week prior to the event. These will give you time to reflect and pray about what is evolving. We encourage everyone to bring their ideas and thoughts about how we grow in faith and continue to share the love of Jesus Christ across our communities.

To register your attendance and choose a date, please complete this short form:

👉 **Engagement Meeting Sign-Up Form scan the QR Code below:**



We look forward to welcoming you and journeying together in faith and purpose.
With every blessing,

The Strategy Working Group
The local meeting will be held at the below venue:
St Marys Ludborough Monday 24th November 7pm

If you don't have internet access but would like to attend, please let me know either via e-mail :
Denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org or 01507 610247 and I can book in for you.



The Louthesk Deanery

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Louthesk Deanery Facebook page
This page has been set up for
communication in the rural
parishes
Scan the QR code below**



Advent Course 2025



“Set our hearts on fire”

Please come and join in with the Advent course this year. This three session course will follow materials from the Diocese of Lincoln, entitled “Set Our Hearts On Fire”. |

Sessions will begin at 10 am, and will conclude at approximately 11.30 am to noon.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday's:

2 December	Legbourne Community Centre	LN11 8LW
9 December	Covenham St Mary's Church	LN11 0PG
16 December	Fotherby St Mary's Church	LN11 0UJ

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.



NEWS, NOTES & DIARY DATES



 A sign that says 'DONATE' with illustrations of people and food items.	Louth Community Larder needs the following items Tinned curry, meat balls, hot dogs, tinned chilli, coffee, teabags, tinned rice pudding, long life milk, jam, tinned beans, carrots, peas, pasta sauce.	 CHURCHES TOGETHER in LOUTH & DISTRICT
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Items can be dropped off at either Trinity Centre or a St James' Church Louth

All Saints Church Legbourne Christmas Fayre Saturday 6th December 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

Welcome to St Leonards South Cockerington Facebook page



Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/stleonardssouthcockerington/>



The Friends of St James's Church
Christmas Tree festival
This year the festival will be from
Friday 5th December - Wednesday 10th
December
with a launch night event Thursday 4th
December

More information will be shared over the coming weeks

If you would like to exhibit a tree please contact denise.bell@lincoln.anglican.org

St. Leonards
South Cockerington.

Coffee, Chat, Catch-up & Clean



Every 1st Tuesday of the
month
10.00am till 12.00 Noon.

EVERYONE WELCOME

St. Edith's
Christmas Cards
for sale.



Comes with Christmas message and envelope

80p each or 5 for £3.50

Contact Peter Bates Tel 07743350542 or email
treasurer.stedithsgrimoldby@mail.com



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
LEGBOURNE**

Welcome on Wednesday Coffee Morning
10am-noon

19th March 16th April 21st May 18th June 16th July,
20th August 17th September 15th October,
19th November.

A friendly welcome, coffee and delicious cake.



**COFFEE &
CATCH-UP**
EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 AM
at St Andrew's Church, Utterby



WEEKLY - EVERY TUESDAY
11:00 AM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Everyone's welcome! Bring a friend or just yourself

Ludborough St Marys



Saturday 22nd November 10am for 3 hours



A morning
making
paperback
Christmas trees
and
embroidered
tree decorations.



£15 with light refreshments

To book, Contact the Church Warden

Clare Tye 07743792058

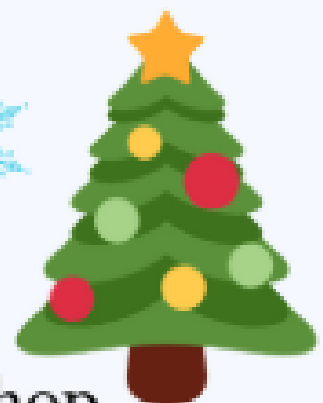
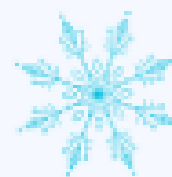
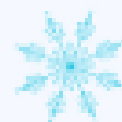


Christmas Tree Festival

The Friends of St James

St James Church Louth

Launch Night



4th

DECEMBER
7-8.30PM

Tickets £5.00
Mulled wine and mince pies

Tickets available from St James shop

Advent:
Darkness to Light
Carol Service
with the Grimoldby Singers
30th November
2025
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



Louthesk Church Bells

For detailed information about the parish of
Louth church Bells do not hesitate to contact

Jill Day

01507 603998

She's ready to assist you with everything you
need to know.



Louth
MALE VOICE
CHOIR

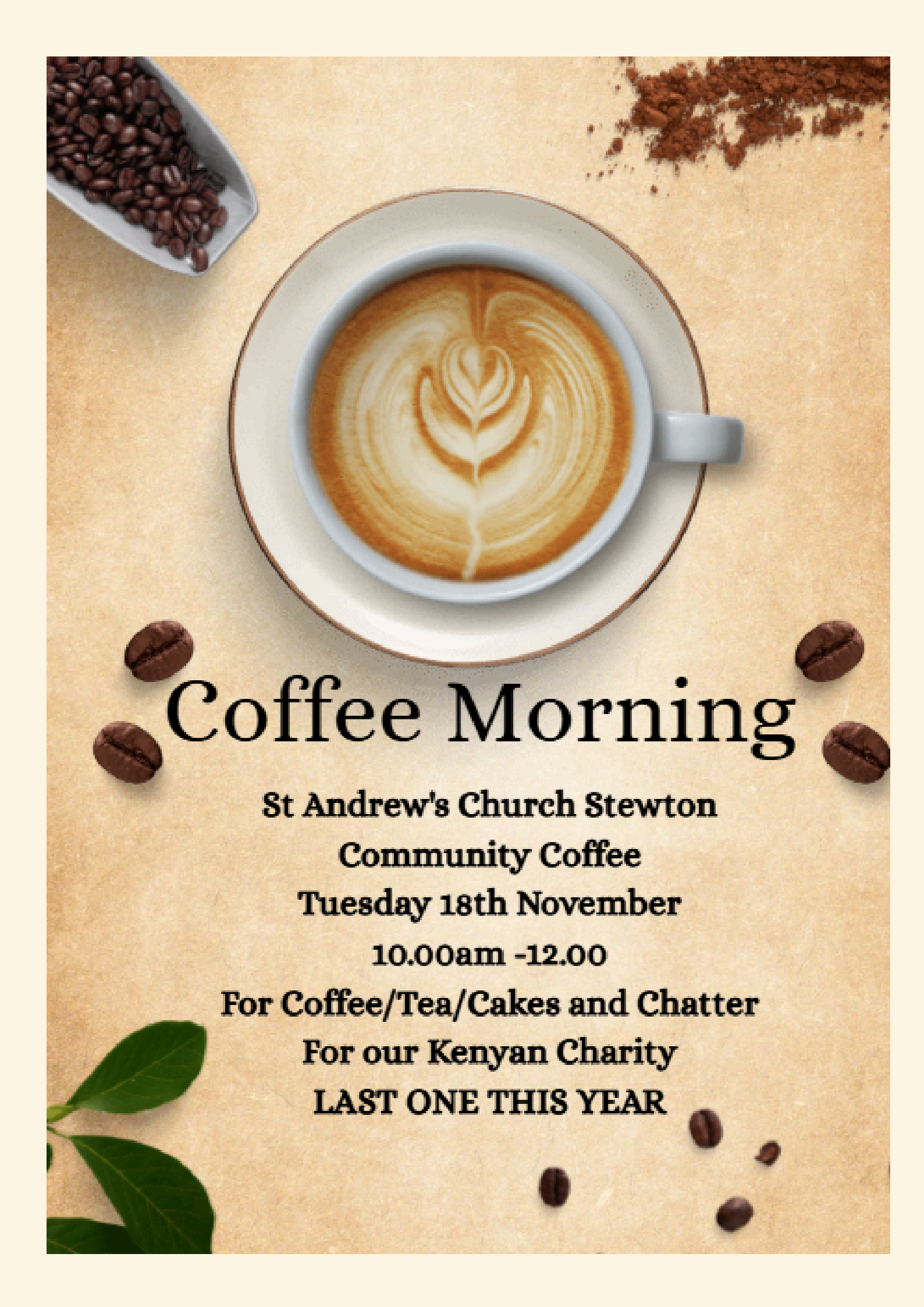


Please join us on Friday 12th December
7:30pm at
Legbourne Church
Admission £10

Please contact Hilary King 01507 601885
Lilian Boot 01507 600252 for tickets.
Tickets can also be obtained on the
night.

Please park in Legbourne village hall car park.



A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup with a brown rim, filled with a latte featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a matching saucer. The background is a light beige, textured surface. In the top left corner, there is a small white scoop filled with dark brown coffee beans. In the top right corner, there is a pile of brown coffee powder. Several individual coffee beans are scattered around the cup and text. In the bottom left corner, there are green coffee leaves. In the bottom right corner, there are more scattered coffee beans.

Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Church Stewton

Community Coffee

Tuesday 18th November

10.00am -12.00

For Coffee/Tea/Cakes and Chatter

For our Kenyan Charity

LAST ONE THIS YEAR

St Andrew's Church
South Thoresby LN13 0AS

Christmas Craft Fair

10am to 4pm cash only



Saturday & Sunday
15th & 16th November 2025

Mid Marsh



Legbourne & Wold Marsh



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Binbrook



Somercotes & Grainthorpe with Conisholme and Marshchapel



Fotherby

