

Uniting Louthesk Churches

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

(African proverb)

Week Commencing 24th May 2026

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Louthesk Deanery

Pew Sheets – w/c Sunday 24th May 2026

Whit Sunday

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SERVICES THIS WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY...

Sunday 24th May	HC Scripture	<i>Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36, 37b; 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11; John 17.1-11</i>
<i>Whit Sunday</i>	8 45am	Parish Mass at Wold Newton (PS)
<i>Pentecost</i>	10am	Holy Communion at St James (PC)
	10am	Morning Prayer at North Thoresby (MP JW)
	10am	Morning Prayer at Utterby (JB)
	10 30am	Morning Prayer at Alvingham (AS CL)
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Grimoldby (JOB)
	10 30am	Holy Communion at Binbrook (KG)
	11am	Holy Communion at Raithby (TS)
	11am	Methodist at Saltfleetby
	11am	Morning Prayer at North Somercotes (MH)
	11 15am	Holy Communion at South Elkington (PC)
	1pm	Baptism at North Somercotes (KG)
	3pm	Evening Prayer at Little Grimsby (KG)
Diary Date:		Church Warden Swearing in Sunday 19 th July Grainthorpe St Clements 3pm

Monday 25th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 123, 124, 125, 126; Joshua 1; Luke 9.18-27</i>
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Rural Mission Enablers Day Off

Tuesday 26th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 132, 133; Joshua 2; Luke 9.28-36</i>
	11am	Holy Communion BCP at St James' (TS)

Wednesday 27th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 119.153-end; Joshua 3; Luke 9.37-50</i>
	11am	Funeral at Alford Crem (RM) Julie Johnson
	1 30pm	Wedding at St James (TS) Sellars & Kaye

Thursday 28th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 143, 146; Joshua 4.1-51; Luke 9.51-end</i>
	12noon	Funeral at Alford Crem (RM) Patrick Read
	7pm	Night Prayer/Compline
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3707749666?omn=81345669641 Code: 370 774 9666

Friday 29th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 142, 144; Joshua 5.2-end; Luke 10.1-16</i>
	11 30am	Ashes Interment at Saltfleetby Barry Hall
	11am	Wedding at St James (SH) Moncaster & Morris

Saturday 30th	MP Scripture	<i>Psalm 147; Joshua 6.1-20; Luke 10.17-24</i>
	10am	Churchyard clean up at St Mary's Ludford
		<i>Any helpers please come along.</i>

Sunday 31st May	HC Scripture	<i>Isiah 40.12-17, 27-end; Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-end</i>
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10am	Morning Prayer at St James (Lay lead)
	11am	Deanery Service at Marshchapel
	6pm	Choral Evensong at St James (Tbc)

To Celebrate 30years since Fred Goodwin cam to Louth as choirmaster|
Church Warden Swearing in Sunday 19th July Grainthorpe St Clements 3pm

Diary Date:

Shared Spaces

I'm delighted to see that the Chelsea Flower Show this year is having a big focus on shared community green spaces- highlighting the importance of the edges of towns, cities and villages as well as road verges. Here, in our glorious Lincolnshire countryside, we tend to forget that we are sitting on one of the greatest assets of England's life. I'm sure we all have beautiful childhood memories of walks to school or playtimes in meadows, fields and gardens but nowadays, how many children experience these simple joys? Happily, we do still see children playing and families out walking or bike riding in and around our villages and country lanes but, for many reasons they can't experience the freedom that we enjoyed and sadly, wildflower and bird species have dramatically dwindled over the life-spans of most of us.

What can we do to help? Well- many of our churchyards are already valued oases for many people in our communities, mainly because they are so well cared for by armies of skilled and willing gardeners, but it seems to me that we have an opportunity as the summer holidays approach to encourage our children and young families to come and appreciate the beauty of our lovely churchyards. If we could also arrange to have a team of friendly volunteers on hand to welcome families to visit and explore their village church and churchyards, what a gift we would be offering!

If you feel able to explore these ideas with me, please be in touch as we shall need to plan activities for children both inside and outside church. I'm not suggesting that we take the children off their parents' hands but that we welcome families all together. As well as bug-hunts, identifying plants and just appreciating local history and the peace of our churchyards, there are many creative crafts as well as stories, songs and games which we could share- and probably all thoroughly enjoy!! Who knows? An experience like this may make all the difference to our summer holidays!

See the below Churches Count on Nature 2026 this has many useful links that you can use.



Mother Karen



Louthesk Deanery Intercessions

Sunday 24th – 30th May 2026

PENTECOST



We all wrestle with how to understand, picture or depict the Holy Spirit, the invisible presence of God moving through the world. Because the Holy Spirit cannot be contained in a single human form, artists often turn to symbols: wind, flame, light, breath, wings. Perhaps that is fitting. The Holy Spirit moves like the wind itself... unseen yet deeply felt... quietly breathing divine life into the Church and into each human heart. One depiction of the Holy Spirit (above) is this beautiful roundel by Yeinier Gonzalez from 2022. It feels both ancient and new at the same time, firmly rooted in the great traditions of Christian sacred art, yet it possesses a freshness and luminosity that speaks powerfully to the modern eye.

**Most powerful Holy Spirit come to us.
Come upon us, subdue us from heaven,
where the ordinary is made glorious
and glory seems ordinary.**

Bathe us with the brilliance of your light and dew.

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

During this season of APMs please let me know of any changes to PCC and DCC church officers in your parish ASAP to Canon Alan Hayday
windhover22@live.co.uk

THE WIDER CONTEXT OF LOUTHESK DEANERY (CONTINUED)

Day 23

READERS

Jenny Ballantyne, Mark Hunkin, David Margaron, Helen Marsden, Ronnie Partridge, Penny Crane.

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] John Smith [Great Carlton] 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.

Lincoln County Council.

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 Darren Hobson

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

Seeking God, Seeking Growth

Fulstow Village Hall was the setting on Saturday 16 May for a gathering of Churchwardens, ALMs, Readers and clergy from across Louthesk Deanery, meeting together under the theme Seeking God, Seeking Growth. Deanery Lay Chair Steve Woodcock MBE welcomed all participants, including Archdeacon Eleanor. He encouraged everyone to be both honest about the present and hopeful about the future, speaking of the opportunity to connect, to be creative, and to discern God's call together. He echoed the Gospel reminder that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

The day unfolded through a series of reflections introduced by Mother Karen Gooding, the Deanery Mission Enabler. These were shaped around nurturing growth, recognising that we are a church that values open welcome, attentiveness to the needs around us, and the strengths we already carry. Our life together is shaped by worship, discipleship and service, and we seek to follow Jesus faithfully as we care for others, connect with our communities, and grow in understanding and hope. This gentle beginning invited us to look honestly at the vine God has planted among us and to notice both its fruit and the places where new shoots may yet emerge.

From there we moved into the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, exploring how God's kingdom often begins in small, hidden ways. Jesus teaches that "the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it becomes a tree" (Matthew 13:31–32), and like yeast that quietly transforms the whole dough. We reflected on who might be missing from our churches, who we are becoming, and what values God is calling us to grow into. Like the seed and the yeast, the smallest faithful actions can reshape a community, quietly forming a church that offers space, warmth and encouragement for others.

After a coffee break, we continued with the image of the tending gardener and his shed, which invited us to notice where growth is already happening and where gaps remain. Through honest and gentle conversation, we explored what nourishes our shared life, what supports the branches already forming, and what tools God has placed in our hands. It was a reminder that God tends His Church with patience and care, and that we are called to join in that attentive work.

This movement led naturally into a reflection on a plant's blossom and the fruit it develops into, drawing on Christ's words: "I am the vine; you are the branches... those who abide in me bear much fruit" (John 15:5). We considered how the Church grows like a tended plant—nourished, strengthened and gradually shaped. New shoots appear where we make space for growth; gaps are filled as branches strengthen; and in time the whole plant becomes a sign of God's life among us.

The day also included a joyful contribution from the Fotherby Group's Open the Book team, who performed Goodbye at Last, retelling Christ's post-resurrection appearances leading to the Ascension. Several attendees joined in—costumes included—bringing warmth and laughter to the room. The group regularly visits two local church schools, and Mother Karen Gooding, expressed the hope that others might feel inspired to form their own teams, living out Christ's commission to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news" (Mark 16:15).

Throughout the day, Mother Karen guided the sessions, inviting participants to move between tables after each section so that ideas could be shared widely and new connections formed across the Deanery. Practical matters were also addressed as Peter Middleton from Trinitas Church Insurance spoke about issues relating to church buildings and answered questions. The event was kindly sponsored by Trinitas Church Insurance and Parish Buying.

After a buffet lunch, Mother Karen led a final session on next steps, drawing together the themes of the day and encouraging parishes to continue the conversations locally. Archdeacon Eleanor closed the gathering by highlighting the hopeful, collaborative spirit that had characterised the event and affirming the commitment shown across the Deanery. Her words reminded us that Christ's promise—"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)—continues to guide and sustain us as we seek growth together. **Written by Nick**



Deanery Day Report

Saturday 16th May 2026 – Fulstow Village Hall

Melanie and Linda attended the Deanery Day held at Fulstow Village Hall on Saturday 16th May 2026.

The day began with a presentation and sketch by the “Open the Book” team from Fulstow. Their team, consisting of up to six volunteers, regularly visits local schools to share Bible stories through drama and storytelling. It was an engaging and inspiring example of outreach into the wider community and demonstrated how churches can work creatively with younger generations.

Throughout the day, members of churches from across the Deanery were divided into discussion groups to consider:

- how things are currently working within churches,
- ideas for growth and outreach,
- challenges faced by churches and communities.

#Community and Outreach Discussions

There was considerable discussion around the changing nature of village communities. It was recognised that many people living in villages today may not necessarily have long-standing connections to the area or to church life in the traditional sense.

Topics discussed included:

- ecumenical relationships,
- inclusivity,
- music and worship styles,
- understanding the different types of people within our communities,
- ways of welcoming families and younger generations into church life.

There was a feeling that the word “worship” itself may sometimes feel off-putting or unfamiliar to people outside regular church attendance. It was suggested that many people may still value churches deeply, even if they do not attend services regularly, and may wish churches to be available and accessible when needed.

The importance of communication was also discussed, including:

- social media,
- Deanery booklets,
- pew sheets,
- wider sharing of church activities and opportunities.

Ideas around prayer and community engagement included:

- prayer trees,
- prayer chains,
- shared prayer initiatives across churches.

There was also discussion around the fact that some visitors may come into churches because of an interest in local history, architecture or heritage rather than specifically for worship, and that this should also be seen as an opportunity for welcome and engagement.

Safeguarding

There was a general comment that safeguarding requirements can sometimes feel complicated and difficult to navigate, and that simpler systems and guidance would be welcomed by many churches.

Insurance and Open Churches

Peter Middleton from Trinitas Church Insurance Services gave an informative talk regarding church insurance and the practicalities of running events and open churches safely.

Key points included:

- Church insurance can support and enable community activities when proper risk assessments are undertaken.
- Insurers are generally supportive of churches being open to visitors.
- Local knowledge and sensible risk assessment are important.
- A locked church door may not necessarily deter break-ins and, in some circumstances, opening churches more frequently may reduce risk through increased visitor presence.
- If churches are left open and unmanned, health and safety considerations should be reviewed carefully.
- Valuable items should be secured appropriately.
- Petrol or flammable materials should not be stored on site due to fire risk.

- Allowing community groups and organisations to use church buildings can be beneficial for both outreach and building use.
- Churches should review policy wording carefully to ensure adequate insurance cover.
- Combined insurance policies may offer financial savings.
- It was noted that, in some cases, insurance cover for a proportion of rebuilding costs may still be sufficient to make a damaged building safe following an incident.

Mission and Growth

The afternoon session focused on mission and planning for growth, using the themes:

- Being
- Belonging
- Believing
- Becoming
- Branching Out

There was discussion around churches developing their own local vision for mission and growth, rather than attempting to adopt a single Deanery-wide vision, recognising that each village church serves a different community with different needs.

ALM Course

It was announced that a new ALM (Authorised Lay Ministry) course will begin in September 2026, led by Mother Karen and Helen Marsden.

The course will not only prepare people to assist with services and worship but will also include pastoral training and support, helping churches develop wider ministry and community care.

Overall, the Deanery Day provided a valuable opportunity to share ideas, reflect on challenges facing rural churches and consider practical and creative ways of encouraging growth, welcome and community engagement within our churches.

Written by Melanie Drewery



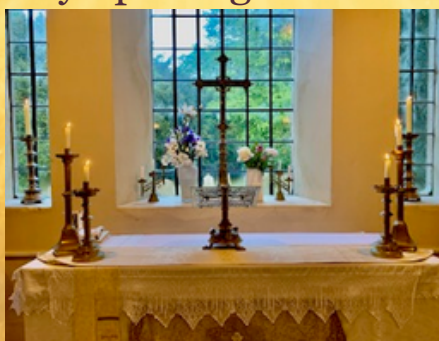
The Ascension Day service at St Andrew's Church, South Thoresby, held at 6pm on Thursday 14th May, was a joyful gathering of worshippers from across the Deanery. Led by Mother Karen Gooding, whose warm welcome set the tone for the evening.

As the liturgy unfolded, the evening sun illuminated the great Venetian window of the church, a fitting moment as we recalled Christ's rising glory: "While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:51)

The readings were thoughtfully delivered by Helen Marsden and Nic Hanson, the prayers were delivered by Jean Howard, with the music of the service beautifully supported by Elizabeth Marshall at the organ.

For many one of the most moving parts of the service was the return of a choir to St Andrew's. Their voices rose with warmth, lifting the worship and restoring a sound not heard here for many years — a gift for which we are deeply grateful.

Following the service, a generous buffet prepared by the churchwardens and volunteers offered everyone the time to share food, conversation, and renewed friendships, rounding off a truly uplifting celebration of the Ascension



Louth Churches FOR REFUGEES

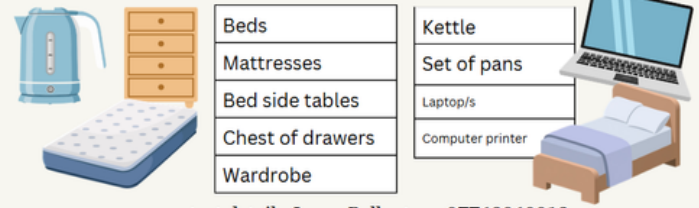
Louth Churches for Refugees encourages prayer, action and giving to support refugees. As part of the government's "Community Sponsorship" programme, we have supported the resettlement of two refugee families in Louth and we are currently planning to welcome a third family to the area in the near future.

Community sponsors are responsible for the integration and resettlement of a family for at least one year, and their housing for two years. Each resettled family is different but all will have suffered the loss of their home. Many will have lost loved ones, friends and family and witnessed the horrors of war. Being a community sponsor allows us to welcome the stranger, share our blessings and the wonderful generosity of our God, with others. In so doing, it breaks down barriers and offers critical support to refugees who have experienced immense hardship and heartache. The charity is looking for new trustees who would be willing to help resettle a new family into our community. Our work is inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan and the invitation of Jesus to 'go and do likewise'.

Find out more at <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/> Please contact Jenny Ballantyne on 07768060012

Furniture and Furnishings for new family's house

"Hi everyone! Does anyone happen to have any of the items listed below that could help out a new family? Your support would really make a difference!"



Beds
Mattresses
Bed side tables
Chest of drawers
Wardrobe

Kettle
Set of pans
Laptop/s
Computer printer

contact details Jenny Ballantyne 07768060012

Church History Interesting facts

From Floor to Table?

As I wrote about the black and white floor of Raithby St Peter's last week I remembered that we have an item of Thomas Ablewhite's work here at Tathwell. The important family throughout the 19th century were the Chaplins of Tathwell Hall. It's apparent that they paid for the gravestones of three of their workforce as their graves are more expensive than the families themselves could probably have afforded.

One of these, a quite imposing table tomb, is for John Maxey who evidently gave many years service as gardener for the Chaplin family. One day I went to the church to find someone cleaning it – very properly with a wooden spatula and a natural bristle scrubbing brush. The visitor was also John Maxey, great grandson of the deceased. Both he and I were fascinated to read the epitaph which was gradually revealed. It says: →

At the moment we're getting church and churchyard ready for the 36th Annual Tathwell Art & Craft Exhibition this weekend. We shall put lots of tables and chairs out for people to eat their refreshments but I know that several visitors will use John Maxey's tomb as a convenient place to put a cup and saucer. I wonder how many will read what it says?

Jean Howard

Here lie the remains of JOHN MAXEY who departed this Life on the 13th day of Jany 1835 in the 78th Year of his Age One of the noblest works of God AN HONEST MAN; of which he gave ample proof during the lengthened service of nearly 54 Years as Gardener to the late Chas Chaplin Esqr and since his death in the same capacity, to his Son Geo: Chaplin Esqr, who places this stone over him in respectful remembrance of his fidelity and excellence as a servant, worthy the example of all others.

ABLEWHITE
LOUTH





WOLDS WALK OF FAITH

WHERE NATURE MEETS SPIRIT, STEP BY STEP

Approx 4 mile walk starting and finishing at
St Andrew's Church South Thoresby LN13 0AS

10AM - SATURDAY 23RD MAY

VISITING THE VILLAGES OF BELLEAU AND SWABY



Wolds Walk of Faith – in partnership with Wolds National Landscape and St Andrew's Church, South Thoresby.

Enjoy a refreshing 4-mile circular walk through the Lincolnshire Wolds, starting and finishing at St Andrew's Church, South Thoresby (LN13 0AS) at 10am on Saturday 23rd May 2026. The route links South Thoresby, Belleau and Swaby, exploring rolling hills, chalk-stream valleys and two Sites of Special Scientific Interest rich in wildlife. The walk includes track and field paths, inclines, short road sections, ladder stiles and some wet, marshy areas. Ideal for families, solo walkers and small groups, with both churches open for quiet visits and local heritage insights.

Off road parking available at South Thoresby

Churches Count on Nature 2026

Join the annual nature recording activities as part of a country-wide focus on the biodiversity of our churchyards and church outdoor spaces. With free resources to help everyone get stuck in, it runs between Saturday 6th June to Sunday 14th June 2026.

What is Love your Burial Ground Week?

Love your Burial Ground Week is a celebratory week which has been running for many years. Caring for God's Acre encourages all who help to look after churchyards and cemeteries to celebrate these fantastic places in the lovely month of June – in any way you choose, with history talks, picnics, volunteering work parties and even abseiling teddy bears! Be creative and get people together!



DIARY DATES

THE LSCP PRESENTS:
LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN WEEK 2026
 Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July

A series of FREE 1-hour webinars
 Morning | Afternoon | Evening sessions

Topics include: Artificial Intelligence | Trauma-Informed Practice | How to support children experiencing low mood | Talking to children about drugs & alcohol | and more...

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:

For any queries, email: LSCP@Lincolnshire.gov.uk

Tathwell 36th Annual ART and CRAFTS EXHIBITION 2026
 St Vedast's Church, Tathwell, Louth LN11 9SR

Preview Evening with cheese and wine
 Friday 22nd May 6-8 pm £6

Sat 23rd May
 Sunday 24th May
 Monday 25th May
 11am-5pm, Admission £2.00
 School children 50p Dogs welcome

SALE OF PAINTINGS plus Craft Stalls
 PRINTS - GREETING CARDS - QUALITY SECONDHAND BOOKS - Singing with NICKY HAXBY
 DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAINTING, UPHOLSTERY, TATTLING, WOOD TURNING
 LOUTH SCOUTS TOMBOLA
 CREAM TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS

UTTERBY VILLAGE HALL

Craft fair

10AM - 4PM
SUNDAY 31ST MAY

RAISING FUNDS FOR UTTERBY ST ANDREWS CHURCH

MAIN ROAD UTTERBY LN11 0TU

Louthesk Deanery Study and Prayer Group

A study and prayer group will meet monthly, on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning in May. The study part of the sessions will follow the Church of England's "PILGRIM" resource. This resource enables an exploration of the Christian faith, through contemplation and discussion. For the prayer part of the sessions, if you have any needs you wish the group to include in their prayers, please indicate these to stephen.woodcockmbe@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend whenever they can. Sessions will begin at 10 am with tea/coffee and biscuits, and end by approximately 11.15 am.

19 May	Grimoldby St Edith's Church	LN11 8SW
16 June	Ludborough St Mary's Church	DN36 5SG
21 July	Legbourne All Saints	LN11 8LL
18 August	Trinity Centre Louth	LN11 8DJ
15 September	Gt Carlton St John the Baptist Church	LN11 8JY
20 October	Covenham St Mary's Church	LN11 0PG
17 November	Saltfleetby St Peter's Church	LN11 7SF
15 December	Fotherby St Mary's Church	LN11 0UJ

Annual **PLANT SALE**
 at SOUTH THORESBY LN13 OAS

At St Andrews Church
SUNDAY 24th MAY 2026
 10am - 4pm
 Variety of Plant Stalls & Cake Stall
CASH ONLY
 Refreshments & Toilets Available

St Andrews Social Group together with
 Claire Sutton of Fig & Fern

invite you to a
Flower Demonstration

Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm
 In the Church

Booking: £30 includes wine and nibbles
 Reserve your place: pam@the-gables.org.uk

Hands-on Demonstration
 Bring your own bowl to create your table centre to take home
 Learn professional tips and tricks



ALL SAINTS CHURCH LEGBOURNE

Welcome on Wednesday Coffee Morning
 10am- noon

18th March 15th April 20th May 17th June 15th July,
 19th August 16th September 14th October, 18th November.

A friendly welcome, coffee and delicious cake.

Saturday 30th May 10am
Churchyard tidy up at S Mary & s Peter, Ludford.
Any helpers, please come along.

St. Edith's, Grimoldby Grimoldby Short Mat Bowling Club

We meet most Wednesdays in St. Edith's Church, Tinkle Street, Grimoldby, between 6.30 and 8.00pm. We have a bit of gentle exercise while playing, lots of friends talking together, and we finish with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two. **Soft soled shoes please** so we don't damage the Bowling Mat. We have a few bowls you can borrow just to try the game.

Your first "taster" session is free and we don't have a membership fee, just £3.00 for the session when you play.

Any questions contact Jeff or Juli on 07504 228 972.

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 7.00pm in Manby & Grimoldby Village Hall. Unless otherwise advised.

Contact details for further information on how to join or upcoming events are:
 Pat Needham - Tel 01507 327549
 Email: patneedham41@gmail.com

COFFEE MORNING
 Every 1st Wednesday of the Month 10.30am till Noon
 At St. Peters Church, Main Road, Saltfleetby.
FREE
 Tea, Coffee and Cakes
Everyone welcome

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.

Items can be dropped off at either Trinity Centre or a St James' Church Louth

CHURCHES TOGETHER in LOUTH & DISTRICT




In the upcoming months, please note the following diary dates.




The 2026 Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival takes place in 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th September.

**St. Michael's Church
Louth**
CORPUS CHRISTI
(Day of thanksgiving for the Holy Communion)
Thursday 4th June
1100am Mass



"Salt, sea and the medieval churches of the Fulstow area"
An illustrated talk
by Dr Matthew Godfrey
Historic Churches Support Officer in the Diocese of Lincoln




Saturday 4 July
10:30 am
Fulstow Village Hall
Entrance by donation Light refreshments served Raffle
In aid of St Lawrence's Church Fulstow Development Fund and Lincolnshire Churches Trust

Classic Car Coffee Morning with stalls
Tuesday 11 August
10 am – noon
Fulstow Village Hall
Raffle Cake Stall Bric a brac
Bensley's Ice Cream Van



Come and enjoy viewing the static classic cars




Imo Boddy talks Breaking World Records and Ultra Running
An Evening with Imo Boddy - Q&A at St Andrew's Church, Utterby
Thursday, Jun 18, 2026 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Join us for an evening Q&A with Imo Boddy, world record holder & ultra runner, telling her story of endurance, mindset & pushing limits. Enjoy a casual Q&A session, ask your questions, and hear Imo's stories and insights.

- Welcome drink on arrival
- Donation bar and refreshments available
- Raffle in support of St Andrew's Church

Support our cause - contributions welcome on arrival. Make sure you reserve your place! [Book with Eventbrite](#)



MUSIC FOR A SUMMERS EVENING
With Adele Dixon and Barry Whitfield, Nicki Haxby, Bob ETTY, Octangle and others
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH RAITHBY, NEAR LOUTH
Saturday, 4th July 2026
7PM
Tickets on the door £10
Raffle
To include light refreshments and a glass of wine
All proceeds in aid of church funds

Coffee Morning with stalls
Saturday 27 June
10 am – noon
Fulstow Village Hall
Raffle Bric a brac



In aid of St Lawrence's Parish Church



Sunday 24 May 2026

Pentecost

John 20:19-23

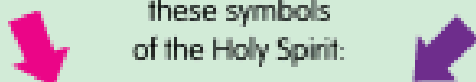
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GOSPEL TODAY

PEACE!

Jesus' friends are frightened and are hiding in a room together. Suddenly Jesus appears! He says, "Peace be with you" and gives them his Holy Spirit. Jesus' friends aren't afraid anymore!

Path word puzzle

Can you find a path that starts on the **F** and which spells out these symbols of the Holy Spirit:



fire

dove

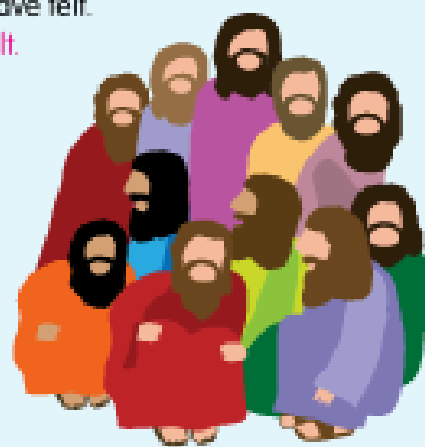
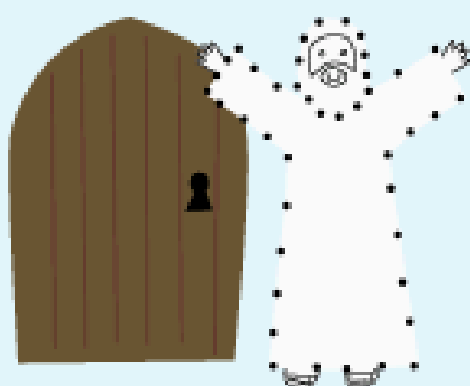
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You can go in any direction, but you can't go back across the path you make with your pencil.

Who is here?

Join the dots to see Jesus in the locked room with the disciples. Imagine how they must have felt.

Draw in their faces to show how they felt.



Word search

Can you find these words hidden on the door?

DISCIPLE **PEACE**
HOLY **WITH**
SPIRIT **YOU**
JOY **DOOR**
JESUS **FRIGHT**

W F F W I T H R
V R Y O U Y O J
D I S C I P L E
O G P J O E Y S
O H I P I A U U
R T R G H C O S
S K I H X E F V
X U T B T K L L

A PRAYER TO SAY

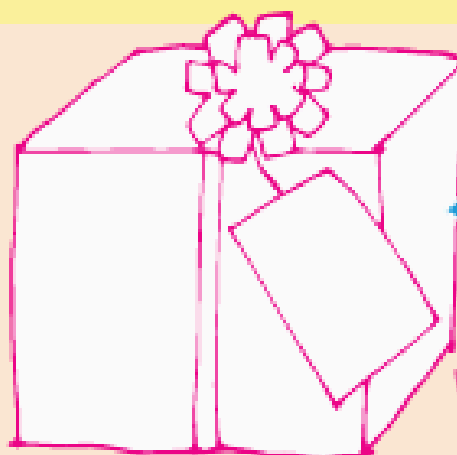
Thank you, Jesus, for the peace your gift of the Holy Spirit brings. Amen.



The gift of peace

How can you share the gift of peace this week?

Write or draw your ideas in the gift box.



Who will you give this to?