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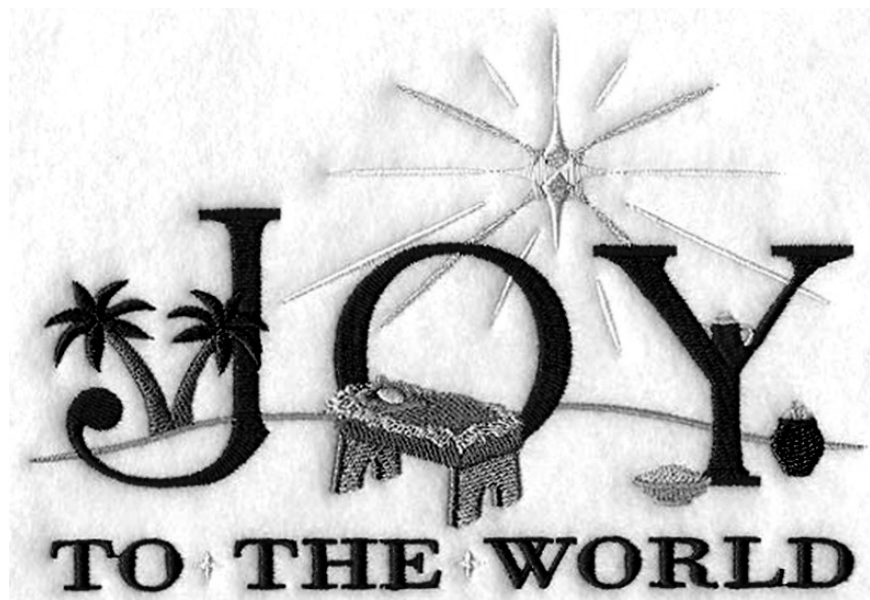


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Christmas Break	21 st Dec. 2023 - 2 nd January 2024
Spring Half Term	10 th - 18 th February
Easter	29th March - 15th April
Summer Half Term	25th May - 2nd June



QUIET REFLECTION

St. Marys church Manby,
will be open on
Tuesdays and Fridays
between 10 am and 2 pm for quiet reflection.
For further details contact the Churchwardens.
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BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS

St Mary's Manby.

is still open for baptisms, marriages and funerals.
Please contact Louthesk Deanery office on 610247 to make a booking.



A little girl climbed upon Santa's lap. Santa asked, And what would you like for Christmas? The child stared at him, open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then said, Didn't you get my e-mail?



Deadline for the January 2024 Magazine is 14th December

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

God of justice and peace, we hold before you the Israeli and Palestinian people in all their need, pain, and fear. Bring an end to humiliation, injustice, corruption and violence. Prosper all who work for peace with justice, that all the people of the Holy Land may know security and prosperity. We ask this through your Son, the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bishops of Lincoln, Grantham & Grimsby

Heavenly Father, we praise you for all you have shown us in Jesus. As we prepare for Christmas, help us to remember the coming of Jesus. We praise you for Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the angels, the wise men and the star. We praise you for the carols we sing and the joy we share in celebrating the arrival of Jesus. We are all the more thankful that it is not just a story but a message of the birth of the Saviour of the world. Forgive us, Father if we spend too much time preparing to enjoy ourselves, that we forget those who have no joy this Christmas. Forgive us that as we decorate our homes, we forget those who have no home. Forgive us, as we welcome the baby in a manger, as we forget the man on the cross. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen



St. John the Baptist Church
at Great Carlton

Christmas TREE FESTIVAL

December 2nd - 7th 2023

Come and have a look during
normal opening times
(10am - 4.00pm) or come along
for childrens activities, a book
stall and festive refreshments
1-4pm 2nd & 3rd December

All funds raised for
'MIMIS MISSION'

Contact for information if you
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FREDA'S CHARITY SHOP

Continues every Saturday at

The Elms, Middlesykes Lane, Grimoldby.

Please do visit and support Freda in her most important work
in raising funds for our local Charities.

Maunder Adult Brain Drain

Christmas is celebrated with immense zeal and enthusiasm in every Christian family of the world. Partying and feasting form an important part of the celebrations. So, this month, instead of testing your brains why not test your culinary skills with these delicious Christmas recipes?

Christmas Fudge

Ingredients

225g Sugar
115g Butter
120 ml Double Cream
Pinch of Salt

Method

Spray an 8"x8" baking dish with cooking spray.
In a large saucepan, bring the sugar, butter, cream and salt to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently.
Let boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
Remove from heat and slowly add the icing sugar and vanilla.
Keep stirring until smooth and well combined.
Stir in the cherries until evenly distributed.
Spoon into baking dish and chill for 1 hour or until firm.
Cut into squares.
Store in an airtight container.



Gluhwein

Ingredients

175 ml water	1 orange
10 whole cloves	750ml bottle red wine
85g white sugar	1 cinnamon stick

Method

In a saucepan, combine the water, sugar and cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer.
Cut the orange in half, and squeeze the juice into the simmering water. Push the cloves into the outside of the orange peel, and place peel in the simmering water.
Continue simmering for 30 minutes, until thick and syrupy.
Pour in the wine, and heat until steaming but not simmering. Remove the clove-studded orange halves. Serve hot in mugs or glasses that have been preheated in warm water (cold glasses will break).





Thanks to Christopher Carver
CAN YOU CHECK SANTA'S NICE LIST ... I'M
PRETTY SURE I'M ON THAT ONE 12-24-2007

Answers to November's Adult Brain Drain: 1: gods, 2: wisdom, 3: fruit of the Spirit, 4: masters, 5: Father, 6: fortress, 7: eagles, 8: pure in heart, 9: season, 10: Cana.

Answers to November's Junior Brain Drain: Heart, Flood, Leaf, Noah, Animal, Forty, Pair, Ark, Rain, World, Bird = **RAINBOW**

Maunderings From The Editor

Well folks, the season of goodwill is here again. It doesn't seem 5 minutes since last Christmas. I have now given up trying to count them! I know each year I refer to my Christmas's as a child, but then I guess they were happy times. my brother and sister and I were very lucky, our Father had a good regular and life long job as a Tinsmith for Jaguar Cars and he earned a good wage. Our parents provided well for us kids but we were never spoilt and we enjoyed whatever we were given; usually 1 toy for Christmas and another for our Birthday, but inevitably we enjoyed playing in the box the present came! There is a ditty, that was said this time of year, which I remember our Grandfather kept poking at us kids and that was ` Christmas is a coming, the goose is getting fat! Please put a penny in the ol` man`s hat!` I guess he was after his beer money and it`s probably a Midland/ Northern saying, perhaps going back to the 1920`s depression. If anyone knows its true meaning and origin I would be most pleased to know. Anyway, we now have to look forward to putting the Christmas decs and tree up, tapping up the bank manager and getting stocked up with goodies and fattening substances to survive the winter. It is a time for fun, games and memories and also the making of memories too. All in all it only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all next year. Cheers!



St. Edith's Church Grimoldby

Is now open for private prayer,
for a time of gentle peace, and quiet reflection.
Monday to Friday during school terms
Look for our 'Church Open' Noticeboard at the Lychgate.

ST. EDITH'S GRIMOLDBY

Candlelit

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 3rd
December
commencing at
5.00pm

Refreshments with Mulled wine.
ALL WELCOME

St. Leonards South Cockerington

CAROL SERVICE



Sunday 10th December
at 4.00 pm.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.



St. John The Baptist, Great Carlton.

Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre: Thank you to everyone supported the refreshments to raise a marvellous £389.50 for church funds and congratulations to Sarah Howard for organising the Fayre raising £520 for 'Mimis Mission'

Christmas Tree Festival December 2nd – 7th church open for viewing 10am to 4pm. Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd 1-4pm children's activities, a book stall and festive refreshments.

Date for diary - Saturday 9 December from 9am: Autumn churchyard clear-up Each year, ready for the Christmas season, we trim the hedges, clear the drive, tidy the churchyard, blow leaves off the grass, strim round graves, weed flower beds, clear rain water drains, trim overhanging branches etc. We would be most grateful for volunteers to help with this work and if able to bring a rake, hedge trimmers, leaf blowers, strimmers etc. it would help to speed up the process. Light refreshments are served mid-morning. For more information, please contact John Smith on 01507 328369. Thank you.

Thank you to Laurant and Jack for clearing the fallen tree in the church yard so promptly. We were fortunate that no graves were damaged.



Notice – unsafe gravestones

The stability of gravestones is checked regularly and if unstable are laid down to make safe to avoid injuring visitors. The number are such that they need to be moved to the perimeter of the churchyard which will happen next year. A **Notice listing the graves affected is in the church porch** and has been posted on village Facebook sites in an attempt to contact family members so that they can discuss this further with church wardens, if they wish, by contacting Carol Carter on 07887 623803 or Kathy Crust on 07584 173168.

The church is unable to repair gravestones/monuments but will endeavour to deal with this situation with the care and reverence it requires.

December	<u>Rotas</u> Cleaning	M Nielsen/M Smith
	Flowers	M Nielsen
January	Cleaning	L Smith/helpers
	Flowers	L Smith

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for families in our parishes who have marked a significant family event in the last month.

The Funerals of;

13th, *Hilary Mountain* at *St. John The Baptist, Great Carlton.*

16th, *John Wilson* at *St. Peter's Saltfleetby.*

22nd, *Terry Madison* at *St. John The Baptist, Great Carlton.*

There are also a number of families in our parishes facing serious and life threatening illnesses, so please also hold them in your prayers.



COFFEE MORNING

every 1st Wednesday of the month

10.30a.m till Noon.

At *St. Peter's Church, Main Road, Saltfleetby*

Free

Tea, Coffee, and Cakes.

Everyone welcome



St. Peters Saltfleetby Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6th December

Free Tea, Coffee and Cakes.

Art Group and Craft Group displays,
Tombola in aid of Andy's Childrens Hospice

All Welcome

10:30 'til Noon.



St. Edith's PCC

Would like to express their sincere thanks to Wendy and Dave for maintaining and keeping our churchyard looking so wonderful Again this last year.



A JOB WELL DONE!!

St. Marys Manby



Carol Service



**Sunday 17th December
at 4.00 pm.**

Carols followed by
mulled wine and mince pies.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2023

St. Mary's Church, Manby.



The Remembrance Sunday Service took place at St Mary's Church, Manby conducted by the Revd Keith Dally.

The parade from ELDC car park, in beautiful Autumn sunshine, was led by the Royal Air Force Association, Louth Standard, Standard bearer Mr Graham Malster. It was a special occasion as the Standard often used to be paraded at Manby but as there is no longer a Louth branch the Standard is now

held at the Cleethorpes branch for use at funerals and military occasions. The old Louth RAFA Standard has been laid up in St Mary's for many years. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts also paraded their banners and the Union Flag and were accompanied by family, friends and people from the area.

The well attended service started around the Commonwealth War Graves. The cubs had painted poppies onto pebbles, which they had placed on the graves at their last meeting.

Wreaths were laid and the two-minute silence observed. The service continued in church with hymns, readings and prayers. A member of the cubs eloquently spoke about "Scouting during the War". Revd Dally gave the address and the names of the airmen killed in action and buried in the war graves in Manby and Grimoldby were read out.

A collection raised £135.95 which has been sent to the Poppy Fund. The service ended with an act of commitment for us all to work towards peace with ourselves, our neighbours and within our world.

Dorothy Selfe

Maunder Junior Brain Drain

Paper Cone Angel Craft

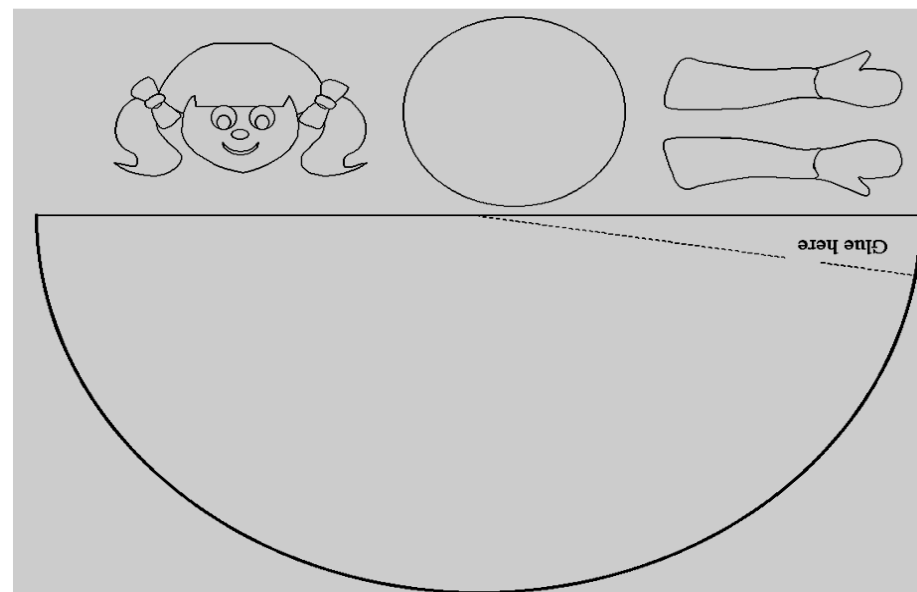


This cute angel can sit as a central table decoration, as a place marker (just write the name of each person on an angel and set them on the plates) or you can put her on top of a small Christmas tree!

You could either trace the pieces below or scan them on a computer and print them off (that way you could make them as big as you want to by enlarging the image)

Materials: paper, glue, scissors, ½ large paper doily or ½ circle of white paper, glitter glue, sparkles, sequins, lace or felt pens.

Instructions:



Cut out the template pieces.

Decorate the cone and the arms and colour the face as desired with felt pens, glitter glue, sequins or lace.

Pull the one edge over to the one that says GLUE HERE to make a cone shape. Tape or glue so it holds

Cut the doily in half OR Cut a piece of white paper into a circle and then cut it in half. (you could colour this or stick on cotton wool or glitter to make them look like angel wings)

Glue the doily onto the back of the cone.

Glue the head onto the top of the cone and the arms onto the side

ST. EDITH'S GRIMOLDBY CRIB SERVICE



**Sunday 24th December
commencing at 4.00pm**

**Refreshments
ALL WELCOME**

Merry Christmas

I Will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future.

The spirits of all three shall strive within me.

I will not shut out the lessons that they teach.

Charles Dickens

An Unlikely Angel



It was 1999. A few days after Christmas, a black dog with a little white around his mouth wandered onto the front porch and settled in as if he'd lived here all his life. Whenever anyone left the house to do chores or walk next door to my brother-in-law's house, the black dog followed. He'd patiently wait until we were done, follow us home and lie down on the porch. Inside, the house was full of sadness and quiet conversation. My 91-year-old father-in-law, Jim Cravens, was gravely ill.

The family had gathered to see to his care, to cook and to welcome visitors. Jim and his wife, Dorothy, were beloved pillars of the community. This curious visitor gave us something new to talk about, a wonderful distraction. Whose dog was he? Did someone drop him off along the road? Did he intend to stay? Either way, it would be dark soon, and he would be cold. Jim sat in the rocking chair by the front window where he could watch the happy black dog's comings and goings. We called the radio station, animal shelter, newspaper, sheriff and several neighbouring farms about a lost dog. Meanwhile, we made him comfortable on the porch with food, water, and a blanket. The days leading up to New Year brought no news, and we were all just content that our companion had stayed around. My father-in-law said he wanted to live long enough to see the new millennium, and he did. He passed away Jan. 2. That was the day the black dog left. Then the weather turned cold, and snow fell every day for the rest of the winter, it seemed. Some-time later we heard that the black dog was a rescued dog living with a family about a mile and a half from the farm. They named him Bogart. The following summer Bogart returned to see us again. When his owners came to pick him up, we told them about his angelic Christmas visit, how he had comforted our family with his cheerful companionship. We wanted them to know how much that meant.

Anon

Teaching Terry!



St. Peter's Saltfleetby.

CAROL SERVICE

Join us on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm.



WHEELCHAIR

For FREE Loan at Grimoldby Church For Details Contact
Peter Bates Tel: 01507 328917



**St. Leonards
South Cockerington**

COFFEE, CHAT, CATCH-UP & CLEAN

every 1st Tuesday of the month
10.00a.m, till 12.00 Noon.



Everyone welcome

The Worship Committee.

This meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th January 2024
commencing at 7pm.

Venue: Rhandirmwyn, Main Road, Little Carlton, Louth, Lincs.
LN11 8HP.

**St John the Baptist Church
Great Carlton**

Carol Service

6pm Friday 22nd December



Rev. Robert Mansfield

Organist Dr. Alison Willis

Collection in aid of the



ST. ADELWOLDS ALVINGHAM CAROL SERVICE



Sunday 17th December
at 4.00 pm.
EVERYBODY WELCOME.



Christmas Myths

Christmas has had many myths added to it down the ages, and if we are Christians, we need to be honest enough to admit the fact, so that we can move on and focus on the truths of Christmas as well.

Here are some of the myths:

- 1. Christmas was in winter:** "Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone..."
Oh no it wasn't! It would have been daft for the Romans to get all the people to travel to their towns of origin in the middle of winter, and the sheep wouldn't have been out in the hills at that time of year. The bible doesn't tell us when Jesus' real birthday was, and Christmas is his official birthday, not his real one. (Like the Queen!)
- 2. Jesus was the perfect baby:** "But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes..."
No he wasn't. He was without sin, but not without human nature. He had to grow in wisdom and stature just like the rest of us.
- 3. Christmas is about presents:** "Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing." No it isn't. Christmas is *first of all* about God's present to us, his gift of his Son, himself come to live among us. The idea of us giving presents to each other only comes a very poor second to the message that we ought to receive God's present.

Here are some of the truths:

- 1. God really did come to earth:** "God of God, light of light, lo he abhors not the virgin's womb..."
We can't really understand how it could happen, but Jesus was God's complete character and personality, living in a human body. You can see it by reading about his life in the four gospels in the bible. The gospels force us to answer a basic question: who was this man?
- 2. God can come to each of us:** "where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in."
The fact that shepherds, the dirty and smelly people of their time, were the first to hear the news shows God's care for each of us, even though we are nothing special, and even in spite of the dirty bits in our lives. Anyone who opens the door of his or her heart can have Jesus in as permanent guest.
- 3. God can make us new inside:** "light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings..."





If we do open the door of our heart to Jesus, then we will discover he can begin to change and correct the things that are going wrong in us, and put his light where there was once darkness.

Did you spot the carols? However, more importantly, have you spotted the challenge?

May you all find that special present of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Rev J L Oddy– Bates

Service Rota for December 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Alvingham</u> St. Adelwolds	<u>Great Carlton</u> St. John The Baptist	<u>Grimoldby</u> St. Edith's	<u>Manby</u> St. Marys	<u>Saltfleetby</u> St. Peter's	<u>South Cockerington</u> St. Leonards	<u>Set Readings</u>
3rd December	Advent 1 Purple		9.30am Holy Communion Rev Robert Mansfield	5.00pm Carol Service Rev Julie Oddy-Bates		10.30am Holy Communion Rev Daphne King		Isaiah 64.1-9 Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20* 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37
10th December	Advent 2 Purple	10.30am Lessons & Carols (Village Hall)	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Rise & Worship Rev Julie Oddy-Bates Peter Bates	10.30am Advent Holy Communion	10.30am Methodist Service Mr. Maidens	4.00pm Carol Service	Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13* 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8
17th December	Advent 3 Purple	4.00pm Carol Service		10.30am Morning Worship Peter Bates	4.00pm Carol Service	10.30am Prayers Local Team		Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28
22nd December	Advent 3 Purple		6.00pm Carol Service					
24th December Christmas Eve	Advent 4			10.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Crib Service Rev Julie Oddy-Bates		6.00pm Carol Service Local Team		2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 Canticle: Magnificat or Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26* Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38
25th December	Christmas Day White							Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12] John 1.1-14
31st December	Christmas 1 White	10.00am <u>Deanery Service, St. Mary, Marshchapel</u>						Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3 Psalm 148* Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21

If you have ANY Cold, Flu or Covid Symptoms, Please DO NOT Attend Services.
Readings at services may vary depending on type of service.
For any late variations, please check Church notice boards.