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The Midmarsh Parish Maunder



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Half Term	25th May - 29th May 2026
Summer Break	23rd July - 31st August 2026

Church
Bellringing
At
St. John The Baptist, Carlton.
For more information on
this ancient traditional
British pastime.



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**Deadline for the
June
Magazine is
14th May,**

Hi Folks and welcome to this May edition of your Parish Maunder. It is now a time to relax and reflect on the recent Holy week and the Easter celebrations which I know so many of you put a tremendous amount time and effort in preparing the services and decorating your churches, a very busy time indeed. Julie and I were fortunate after Easter to be invited to stay with our dear friends at Cape Cornwall for a week or so. It was a good time to go down to the bottom point of the country before the summer tourists take the advantage. It is a beautiful area rich in mining and shipping history with lovely places to visit and stories to be heard. We were quite fortunate with the weather, but down there it can change in a minute from sunny bright light clouds to sea mists and can be very windy with nothing to stop it all the way from the America's. But now we are back we both have to pick up from where we left, catching up with all sorts of mundane and everyday things. Aggh well, see you next time.



A Prayer for Ukraine

*Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you
lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end,
to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



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

*Funeral of Charles Edward Nicholson on the 10th April at
St. Edith's, Grimoldby..*

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



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May is a delightful month when the dawn chorus of bird song reaches its full crescendo and there are signs of new life everywhere. There are new lambs in the fields, ducklings in the streams and the first sightings of the swallow's arrival. It's a time to plant out the seedlings and everywhere people are vigorously attending to their vegetable plots and gardens. It is a time of hope and anticipation for the new season, that this year it will be the best ever!

The Bible is full of stories about people who had hope when faced with the challenge of the changes in their daily lives. Challenges that could bring them either growth and success or failure by the choices they made. There are moments in these stories with which we can all identify, and which cause us to reflect and think further. Challenges which we have to face in our spiritual lives and how we make our own decisions and conclusions. In the middle of this month, on the 14th May, the Christian Church celebrates Ascension Day when they remember Jesus' ascension into heaven. It is one of the earliest festivals dating back to the first early church, which marks the conclusion of Jesus earthly ministry and the beginning of his new heavenly phase. In his resurrection ministry we receive a fresh hope for a new season in our daily lives knowing that Jesus ever intercedes on our behalf. The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that during our lives we are "only passing through" on this earth, as we say. We are pilgrims on a journey. Just as Jesus' earthly life was temporary, and he ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father, so also our lives here are temporary, will come to an end, and we will meet God in the next life. The Ascension of Jesus reminds us in all of our busyness not to forget what life is all about.

Part of the prayer in the letter to the Ephesians is so beautiful: *"May God our Father...enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. (Eph 1:17-19)"*

It is a most beautiful prayer and description of living life preparing for eternal life. The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that God has great plans for us that are out of this world and *that prayer reminds us that God has great plans for us that are out of this world.*

So as we bask in the warmth of Spring with all its hope and joy for the months ahead, let us also bask in the warmth of God's love and the hope he offers us.

Rev Julie Oddy– Bates

Maunder Adult Brain Drain Trees and Plants of the Bible

Hidden in the passage below are the names of twenty plants and trees that are mentioned in the Bible. They maybe hidden inside other words (e.g. *Divine*) or across two or three words (e.g. *Tim berated Simon*). I have given you a couple of easy ones, but some are quite tricky to find– see how you get on.



When Will owed money to his friend, Milo, a keen gardener, he decided to get a job to repay him. His other mate Percy pressed him to apply for the post advertised in the local shop in Elton, a village nearby. It was for a few hours each week cleaning the local Social Club room. Right away, he rushed to ring the secretary, but had to leave a message on her answerphone. "Never mind, I'll call again later" he told Percy.

Later that day he had a call from the secretary, Rose. She asked to meet him at the club for an interview. "It's very calm on days like this" she said, when he arrived, "but at weekends it gets quite busy." She was instantly impressed with him and set a starting date for the next week. She told him his salary would be £40 per hour. "That's insane money for such a simple job," he said, "the manager must be living on another planet?"

"Do you mind if I go and check what equipment you have?" he asked her. "to make sure I have everything I need?". "Of course not" she said, impressed with his enthusiasm.

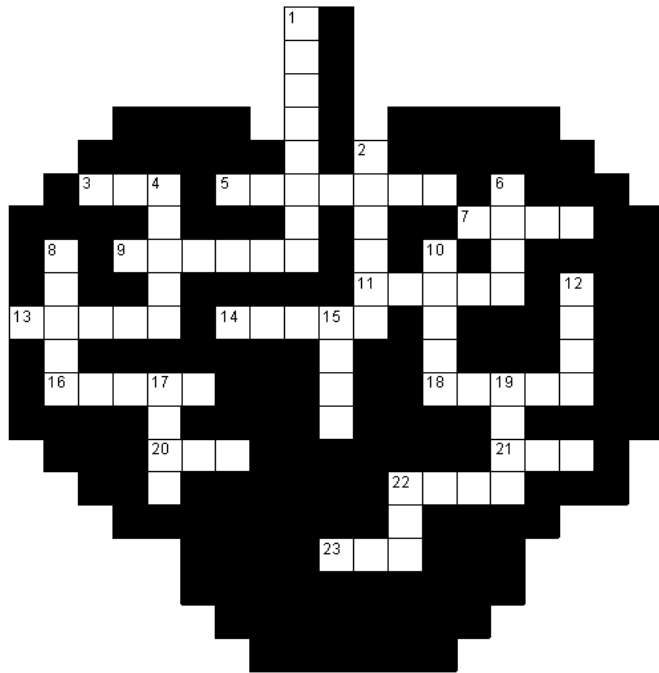
The next week he arrived to find the place dark and quiet without the usual customers around. Switching the lights on, he set to work. He scrubbed away at the scum in the sinks, ran around with the vacuum in the bar area and polished the worktop almost to a perfect shine. When the secretary arrived she was so impressed, she said to him, "allow me to buy you a drink now the bar is open". "Thank you" he said. When he received his salary at the end of the week he sat down and thought, "I've earned a ton, I only need a few week s and I will be able to pay Milo his loan back"



Adult Brain Drain Answers for April: 1. See Eye to Eye 2. Faint Hearted 3. Ends of the Earth 4. Signs of the Times 5. Morning Star 6. Caesar 7. Faith in God 8. Minor Prophets.

Maunder Junior Brain Drain

This time of year is so beautiful with all the new flowers, plants trees and young animals.
Can you solve the clues to complete this crossword all about creation?



- | Across | | Down | |
|--|--|---|---|
| 3. God removed one of these from man to make woman | 16. Little night lights | 1. Another name for the Garden of Eden | 10. Apples, oranges, and bananas |
| 5. Creatures | 18. Grew in the garden; one was of life; one was of the knowledge of good and evil | 2. The _____ of Eden | 12. God created our earth in 6 of these |
| 7. What God used to water the Garden | 20. The heavens | 4. They fly in the air | 15. First man |
| 9. To make from nothing | 21. First woman | 6. These swim in the seas | 17. What God did on the 7th day |
| 11. Our planet | 22. The lesser light that rules the night | 8. These are sown to grow plants; fruits reproduce by these | 19. Where God planted the first garden |
| 13. Healing type plants | 23. The greater light that rules the day | | 22. Adam was the first one |
| 14. Eve was the first one | | | |



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






The WI in action in Grimoldby.




With Easter season upon us and to celebrate, it was most pleasing to see that the local WI have been busy, showing their skills and talents by creating and decorating our posting box outside the old Post Office in Tinkle Street. The post box covers are beautifully crafted in vibrant colours for all to see and admire. Again, well done Ladies, very much appreciated.

For Animal Lovers;

My cat died and went to heaven and met St Peter. St Peter said "What would you like during your stay here?"

"I would like a soft cushion " said cat.

"OK, you can have that" said St Peter.



2 weeks later 2 mice came up and St Peter asked them " What would you like" The 2 mice replied "A Skateboard"

"OK, you can have that" replied St Peter.

2 weeks later, St Peter, walking around in heaven saw the cat and said " you like it here then?" " Yes said the cat" A few moments later the cat called for St Peter.



"What is it?" asked St Peter. The cat replied " Nice touch, providing meals on wheels, thank you very much"

Anon



St. Edith's Church, Grimoldby

Is open for private prayer, for a time of gentle peace, and quiet reflection.

Open Monday to Friday during school terms

Look for our 'Church Open' Noticeboard at the Lychgate.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS

St Mary's Church Manby.

is still open for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Please contact Louthesk Deanery office on 610247 to make a booking.

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Can be collected from our church porch entrance gate at any time.

St Edith's Church, Grimoldby.

FREE
ENTRY

SPRING OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 9th May 2026
10.00am till 5.00pm

Art & Crafts
Displays & Sales

Medieval Oak
Angels Display

Church History
Displays

CHILDRENS ART COMPETITION

THEME: The Nature around us

Group 1 Children 7 years or under

Group 2 Children 8 years to 12 years

Artworks entries to be received at St Ediths Church on Thursday 7th May
from 4.00pm till 7.00pm.

Write your name & age on reverse of work, only 1 entry per child.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE SATURDAY AT 4.00PM

Campanile
Bellingring

Fun Games for
all the family

Wool Spinning
Displays

Refreshments Available
EVERYONE WELCOME



For more information contact the Churchwarden Peter Bates
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Professional Louth Artists : Pat Rowe and John Young

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ST. EDITH'S GRIMOLDBY



ASCENSION DAY

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE.

AT 6.00PM

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY.

**COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THIS SPECIAL HOLY DAY**

St John the Baptist Church, Great Carlton

Easter Holy Communion Service



It was lovely to see so many joining us and a special thank you to everyone who helped make it happen and to all who helped to decorate our cross.

Date for the diary

3pm Sunday 12th July - Pet Service in Little Carlton Churchyard

Please feel free to contact Churchwardens

Carol Carter 07887 623803 or Kathy Crust 01507 450552

if you ever need to discuss any aspect of our Church

as we are here to serve our community through Christ.



EASTER

at

St. Edith's Grimoldby



This year we once again were able to travel with our Lord from the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday right through all the anguish and pain of the crucifixion to the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We began with our brothers and sisters across the deanery on Palm Sunday at Ludbrough, as we followed Harry the donkey and then celebrated Holy Communion with Rev Karen Gooding presiding and a wonderful choir from across our churches.

On Maunday Thursday our small congregation shared an Agape Meal as we remembered the Last Supper and Jesus washing his disciples feet, followed swiftly by the solemnity of Good Friday as we commemorated his death.

Easter Saturday we again celebrated by inviting the deanery members to share in the Service of Light and Vigil, beginning with the bonfire outside the main door from which we lit the new Paschal Candle. This service was greatly enhanced by the Grimoldby Singers' musical contribution and the dramatic readings. This all culminated with the great celebration of Easter Day when the church was once again dressed in white and decorated with flowers and the Easter Garden and we could rejoice once again in our risen Lord.

Following Holy Week step by step, day by day, has brought us new insight and joy on our journey of faith.

Update on the Li Family

Hi everybody, a quick update on the Li family: me and my sister, who started the Go Fund page, met with Pan and her children last night at William Wong House she is doing well physically but struggling on and off daily mentally. She is living at present in Burgh le Marsh with a family member, and the kids are good and go to the primary school there. She wanted me to express how grateful she feels to have had the financial support, and all the comments she has read Have truly moved her in the right direction. There will be a Face Book post put out about the monies raised, and info people may need, by my sister soon. Please read it, you all should be so proud of yourself. My door is always open and I can be contacted on 07414121337 if you need me. Bye for now, Baz Dawson

THE GUARDRAIL



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Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life,
but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.
- PROVERBS 19:16 NIV



QUIET REFLECTION

St. Marys church Manby,

will be open on a

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

between 10 am and 2 pm for quiet reflection.

The Church will be closed during School Holidays

For further details contact the Churchwardens.

Tel: Roger Green 01507 327260 or Dita Lacey 07568473413

**St. Leonards
South Cockerington.**

Coffee, Chat, Catch-up & Clean



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

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

Heavenly Father,

We lift up our young people to you as they prepare for their exams. Please calm their nerves and quiet any anxious thoughts. We ask that You give them clarity of mind, sharp memory, and the ability to recall all that they have studied. Help them to stay focused, disciplined, and to manage their time well.

Lord, please remove any fear, stress, or distractions. Fill them with Your peace and confidence, knowing they are loved regardless of the outcome. We pray that they feel Your presence with them, bringing out the best in them, and allowing them to do their very best to Your glory. **Amen**

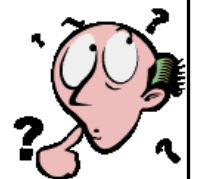


St. Peters, Saltfleetby.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 15th May

For more information contact
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Service Rota for May 2026

<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 May	Easter 5 White		9.30am Holy Communion Rev Robert Mansfield			11.00am Holy Communion Rev Daphne King		Acts 7.55-end Psalm 31.1-5, 15- 16* 1 Peter 2.2-10 John 14.1-14	
10th May	Easter 6 White			10.30am Rise & Worship Rev Julie Oddy- Bates Peter Bates		10.30am Methodist Service Local team		Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66.7-18 1 Peter 3.13-end John 14.15-21	
14th May	Ascension White			6.00pm Holy Communion Rev Julie Oddy- Bates				Acts 1.1-11 or Daniel 7.9-14 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1.15- end or Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-end	
17th May	Easter 7 White		9.30am Morning Prayer John Smith Carol Carter	10.30am Morning Worship Peter Bates		11.00am Morning Prayer Helen Marsden		Acts 1.6-14 Psalm 68.1-10, 32 -35* 1 Peter 4.12- 14; 5.6-11 John 17.1-11	
24th May	Pentecost Red	10.30am Morning Worship Christine Lowis Ann Stratford		10.30am Holy Communion Rev Julie Oddy- Bates		10.30am Methodist Service Mr Paul Fox		Psalm 104.26-36, 37b* 1 Corinthi- ans 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21 John 20.19-23	
31st May	Trinity Sunday White		DEANERY SERVICE 11.00am at St. Nicholas, Grainsby.						Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11 -end Matthew 28.16-20

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.