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School Term Times for the Academic Year.

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Half Term	24th October—1st November
Christmas Break	19th December—4th January 2027
Half Term	13th February—21st February 2027

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



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Deadline for the December Magazine is 14th November

Welcome to this November issue of the Parish Maunder. Have you yet been swayed by the early Christmas shops filled up with to the eaves with Christmas stock, and to part with some or most of your hard earned cash? I did note that most of the shops are looking forward to the Christmas bonanza and were clearing and storing away most of their good traditional and normal stock at the end of September. I must admit, I do not buy the jingly jangly stuff that hangs around the house until the beginning of December, but we do buy any presents and cards early, some we bought in the last Christmas sales last January, and we do wrap them and write them now. I like to have everything ready to go by the first week in December, it leaves us with a lot less pressure of the last minute Christmas frenzy, giving more time to deal with the advent and nativity services in our church. We do also prefer to buy our cards and presents usually from local family run shops as they do need the business to stay open throughout the year. See you in December.



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.

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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"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world...You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." (John 9:5; 2:35-36 NIV)

We have a love-hate relationship with this time of year. While we enjoy autumnal flavours, colours and smells, summer holiday memories are fading, temperatures are beginning to topple and Spring is too far away to even mention! Perhaps the most significant physical change is the increasing darkness that must accompany our changing mood. Gloomy evenings while returning home makes us lengthen our stride as we press on to homely warmth and company.

Darkness - itself defined by the absence of something else - frames each day. For most of us when it comes, it marks a pause to all the busy things that keep us lively and productive.

More than that, darkness is often thought to accompany evil and corruption. We speak of 'dark thoughts', worry about the 'trick' on a dark Halloween night and guard against the activity of thieves who come and go freely under cover of darkness. At the end of the day, darkness is endured and we strive for the light.

When Jesus Christ, the Son of God, lived among us, he came to fulfil a huge promise made by God himself.

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.." (Isaiah 9:2 NIV)

He didn't come to say, "there is light at the end of the tunnel." He makes a much larger claim. What He says is more than advice to "wrap up warm" or "lock your doors". Instead, He invites us to see that He Himself is the light that the world has been awaiting. He came among us, to illuminate our lives. But He didn't just come to shine a light on the ground in front of us. He came so that we might trust in him and what he came to do. When we believe in the 'light', he tells us, we become 'sons of light'. Christians are those who trust in Jesus and become members of his family: brothers and sisters of light. Will you move toward the light this Autumn?

Rev. Julie Oddy– Bates

Maunder Adult Brain Drain

Now we are well and truly into late autumn with the winter months before us, I thought we all needed to test our brains and have a giggle at the same time! Try these riddles out:



1. Five hundred begins it; five hundred ends it, And five in the middle is seen;
   The first of all the letters, the first of all the numbers,
   Have taken their stations between;
   And if you correctly this medley can spell,
   The name of an ancient king it will tell.

1. Who was the greatest female businessperson in the Bible?
2. At what time of day was Adam created?
3. Where is the first maths homework problem mentioned in the Bible?



4. Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?



5. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
6. Which Bible character had no earthly parents besides Adam and Eve?
7. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
8. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?
9. What is greater than God More evil than the devil
   The poor have it, The rich need it And if you eat it, you'll die?

Answers to Adult Brain Drain October: 1.brothers, 2.father and son, 3. Sisters, 4.husband and wife, 5. brothers, 6. daughter and mother, 7. brothers, 8. husband and wife, 9. Brothers, 10. father and son.

Maunder Junior Brain Drain

Can you find and circle the words listed? As you look for the hidden words, remember that they can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal and that they can be listed frontward or backward.

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N	A	N	E	T	L	N	W	T	D	S	T	R	C	I
T	I	R	S	K	R	S	G	A	I	H	E	T	S	N
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S	R	D	W	A	T	E	R	W	T	E	F	S	D	Y
T	M	L	A	C	M	S	E	A	U	D	S	N	M	B

AFRAID
BOAT
CALM
DISCIPLES
DOUBT
EYES
FAITH
MIRACLE
PETER
PRAYING
SAFE
SEA
SINK
STRETCHED
TRUST
WALKED
WATER
WAVES
WINDY



Answers to Kids Brain Drain October: 1.Sarah, 2. Hagar, 3. Rebekah , 4. Leah, 5. Miriam, 6. Deborah 7.Delilah, 8.Naomi, 9.Elisabeth, 10.Martha, 11.Lydia, 12. Lois, 13. Tabitha n be listed frontward or backward.



Saturday
28th November 2026
at
St. Edith's, Grimoldby
6.00pm

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service



St. Edith's Church.

GRIMOLDBY ART GROUP

Alternate Fridays at St. Edith's

2.00pm - 4.00pm



EVERYONE IS WELCOME, BEGINNERS TOO.

Donations for refreshments welcome.

During the very cold months we will use the Pavilion, Grimoldby where a small charge will be made to cover costs.

For more information call Peter Bates on 07743350542



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.

St. Marys MANBY

Morning Worship

(Said Service)

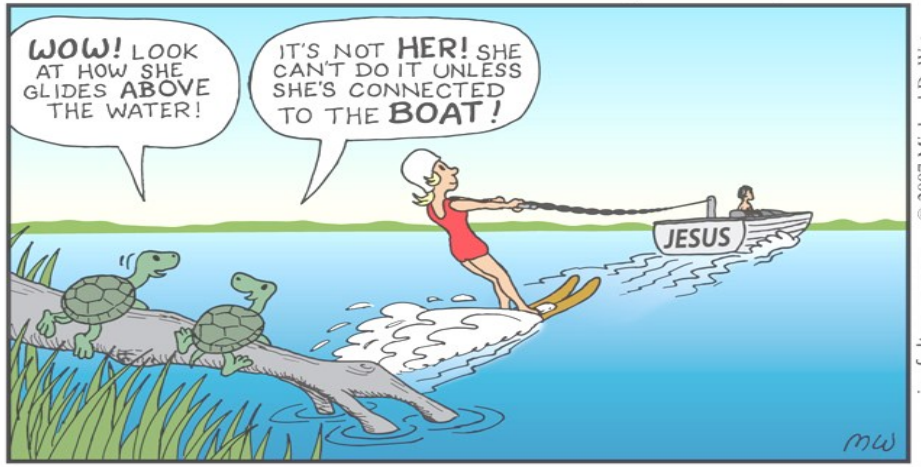
27th

Last Friday of the month

10.00am

Everyone is welcome

CONNECTION A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

– John 15:5 NIV

Supporting Sight, Changing Lives:
The Work of Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society



For over 100 years, Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society has been a vital source of support for people living with sight loss across Lincolnshire. With a mission rooted in independence, inclusion, and wellbeing, the charity continues to make a meaningful difference in Gainsborough and beyond.

Sight loss can be an isolating experience, but the Society works tirelessly to ensure that no one has to face it alone. From practical support—such as advice on daily living skills and assistive technology—to emotional guidance and social opportunities, their services are tailored to help individuals maintain confidence and independence.

One of the charity's most valued offerings is its wide range of community-based activities. These include befriending, social clubs, coffee and chat groups, ten pin bowling teams and online social groups - all designed to reduce isolation and bring people together. Many of these cannot exist without volunteers – if you have some free time and would like to help make a difference in Gainsborough please contact us on the details below.

The Society also plays a crucial role in providing information and advocacy. Whether helping someone navigate a new diagnosis or offering guidance on benefits and mobility, their knowledgeable team ensures individuals and families feel supported every step of the way.

The charity's head office is in Ramsgate, Louth. Local residents benefit from a monthly coffee and chat group and a monthly Friday social group, outreach services and a sight impairment providing support. If you would like more information contact us on 01507 605604, email: info@llbs.co.uk or go to our website for more information: www.llbs.co.uk.



St John The Baptist, Great Carlton

What a fantastic day on Sunday 11th, Celebrating Harvest.
Thank you to all who came, all who donated to the food bank, and all who helped decorate the church. As always our fantastic volunteers made this day happen, huge thank you to them all



Change to a Winter Church Opening Times

Effective from 1st November until the 28th February the Church will be opened daily from 10am to 2pm daily except for Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day.
Opening times will return to the summer 10am to 4pm on the 1st March.



We had such a fantastic festival celebrating harvest at the weekend.
We also gave thanks to John and Margaret Smith as they stand down from the PCC after many years of exceptional service to our Church. They will still be very involved in our congregation and are looking forward to having a bit more well deserved free time and the whole congregation wishes them well

Remembrance Day Poem

Remember,
the soldiers that risked their lives.
Remember,
the men that left children and wives.
Remember,
the tanks that loudly went boom.
Remember,
soldiers that died in gloom.
Remember,
the trenches damp and cold.
Remember,
the soldiers that never grew old.
Remember,
the guns that ceased their sound.
Remember,
the poppies that grew
in the ground.

By Jamie Cannell





St Peters, Saltfleetby.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 7th November

For more information contact
June Spetch on 07961 424988 or Pete Hatton on 07443 508055

St. Edith's Church, Grimoldby.

"START THE WEEK"

COFFEE MORNING

With SEW & SEW

EVERY 3rd MONDAY
of the month

16th November

10.00am till 12.30pm.



FREE



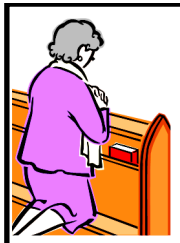
come along, bring your sewing or other craftwork and meet our happy bunch of thirsty sew & sews.
Or just pop in for a friendly chat.
NO SKILLS NEEDED

Also now a JIGSAW SWAP available

A warm welcome to everyone

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:
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Email: patneedham41@gmail.com



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

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.

WALKING FRAME

For FREE Loan from St. Edith's Church.
For Details Contact Peter Bates
Tel; 07743350542



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

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.

The Parish Maunder Magazine
Can be collected from our church porch entrance gate at any time.

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.



Service Rota for November 2026

Date	Season	Alvingham St. Adelwolds	Great Carlton St. John The Baptist	Grimoldby St. Edith's	Manby St. Marys	Saltfleetby St. Peter's	South Cockerington St. Leonards	Set Readings
Sunday 1st November	All Saints White		9.30am Holy Communion Rev Robert Mansfield			11.15 am Holy Communion Rev Karen Gooding		Revelation 7.9-end Psalm 34.1-10 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12
Remembrance Sunday 8th November	3 Before Advent Red or Green				11.00am Remembrance Service Rev Kieth Dally	10.30am Remembrance Service Adams		Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end Matthew 25.1-13
Sunday 15th November	2 Before Advent Red or Green		9.30am Morning Prayer Mark Hunkin Carol Carter	10.30am Rise & Worship Rev Julie Oddy-Bates Peter Bates		11.00am Morning Prayers Lillian & Malcom Boot		Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11] 12* 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30
Sunday 22nd November Christ The King	The Sunday before Advent Red	10.30am Morning Worship Ann Stratford Christine Lowis		10.30am Holy Communion Rev Julie Oddy-Bates		10.30am Methodist Service Maidens		Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95.1-7 Ephesians 1.15-end Matthew 25.31-end
Friday 27th November					10,00am Morning Worship Said Service Peter Bates			Psalm 139 (or) 88, (95) Isaiah 41.21 – 42.9 Revelation 17
Saturday 28th November				6.00pm Advent Dark to Light Service Rev Oddy-Bates				
Sunday 29th November	Advent Purple	**DEANERY SERVICE See Deanery Notes**						Isaiah 64.1–9 Psalm 80.1–8, 18–20* 1 Corinthians 1.3–9 Mark 13.24–37

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.