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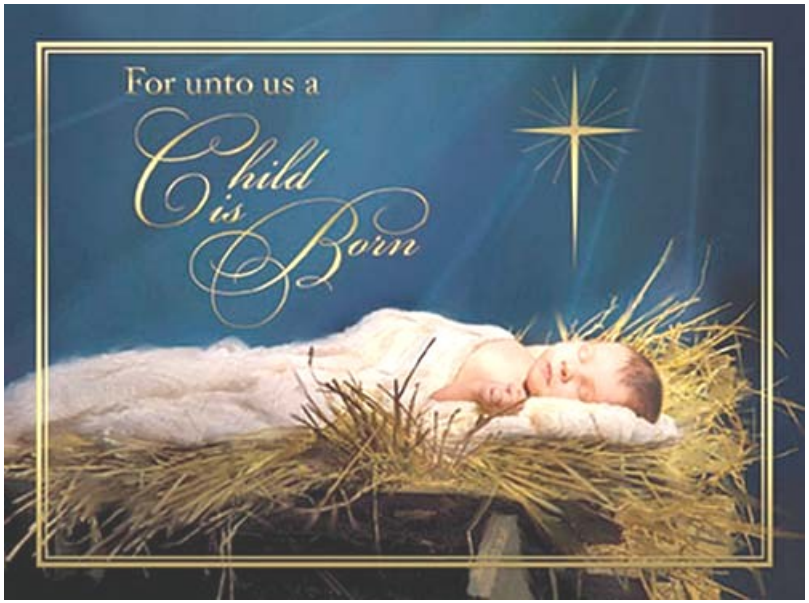


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The Midmarsh Parish Maunder





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Christmas Break	19th December 2026—4th January 2027
Half Term	13th February—21st February 2027
Easter Break	26th March-18th April 2027

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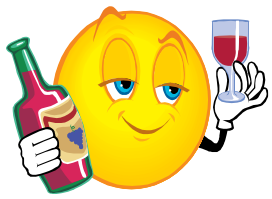


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Deadline for the January 2027 Magazine is 14th December

Welcome folks to this Christmas edition of your Parish Maunder magazine. The Christmas festivities are now with us and hopefully all your preparations are now in place and soon our friends and families will be meeting to celebrate the birth of our saviour. A time of closer relationships, a time of thanksgiving and a time of peace, hopefully throughout this world which has become such a dangerous place of discontent and fear. We pray that at this Christmas time, peace may come for all nations to come together to share the common good. See you next year and wish you a very Happy Christmas.



A Prayer for Ukraine and The Holy Land



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.



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Our weekly booklet is produced by the deanery office and brings together everything happening across the churches of Louth and the surrounding villages — services, events and news, all in one place.

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Three volunteers from St Ediths produce your printed magazine.
All funds received are given to the church.

They seem to go up earlier every year! Even before the clocks went back, the workmen were out in some High Streets to put up the Christmas lights, and the first mention in a traffic report of a street being closed for the switch-on came in the first week of November. The Christmas lights may be there mainly to encourage shopping, but they are also an important symbol of what Christmas is about.

It is very significant that Christmas comes at the darkest time of the year, when we need to be given light to see our way and to feel safe from danger. There is something welcoming and reassuring about the warm glow of light when we come in on a dark night. Behind all the festivity and fun of Christmas is a serious message, telling us how, by sending His Son to share our human life, God has acted to rescue us from the dangers of sin and death and to show us how to live a new sort of life.

Saint John uses two important images to tell us the meaning of Christmas. He speaks of Jesus as the "Word" of God - "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory" - meaning that in Jesus God shows us Himself. None of us has ever seen God, but for Christians, Jesus is the *"express image"* of God - in other words, if you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

John's second image was light - a light that shines all around us to banish the darkness and to show us the way. Not only does Jesus show us the truth about God; He also shows us the truth about ourselves. Jesus is what human beings should be like, and wherever individual men, women and children try to follow the way of life marked out by Jesus, there His light shines to banish the darkness of the world.

The world of 2026 has some very dark areas. The dark shadow of terrorism haunts much of the world, as do war and the fear of war, hunger, tyranny and exploitation. Darkness rules where selfishness and greed destroy people's livelihoods, and where fear and poverty extinguish hope and joy. The Good News of Christmas is that the Light of God shines to dispel this darkness. But that Light needs to be focussed in the lives of people who try to live in Jesus' way, showing the same integrity and compassion for others that characterized His life.

Can that include you and me? I hope so - and I invite you to join us in our Christmas worship in local churches, to celebrate the coming of the Light of Christ, and to seek God's help in letting that Light into our lives so that it may shine out through us and make the world in 2027 a better place than it was in 2026.

Rev. Julie Oddy– Bates

Maunder Adult Brain Drain

Give yourself from all that baking, wrapping and card writing and put your brain into gear to work out these anagrams of popular Christmas Carols.

1. LENT IN SIGHT (6,5)
2. WEAN MARY AGAIN (4,2,1,6)
3. I FELL NORTHWEST (3,5,6)
4. WHITENS GREEK (2,5,5)
5. WE JOLT DOROTHY (3,2,3,5)
6. I ACKNOWLEDGE SONGS (4,4,9)
7. HYMN HINDERING GOOD GIRL (4,4,7,2,4)
8. WHERE I'M KIND IN BATTLE (2,3,5,9)
9. HALF-TIME CUE OF LOYAL (1,4,3,2,8)
10. DIVINE DAINTY COSY CAROL (4,2,5,6,4)



Answers to Adult Brain Drain November: 1) DAVID, 2) Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet. (profit), 3) A little before Eve. 4) Genesis- When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply. 5) Because they were using "fowl" language. 6)Samson. He brought the house down. 7) Joshua, son of Nun. (None), 8) Because Noah was standing on the deck. 9) When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court. 10) Nothing,

Maunder Junior Brain Drain

Can you find all the words from the Christmas Story in the grid below?

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St. Peter's
Saltfleetby

CAROL SERVICE

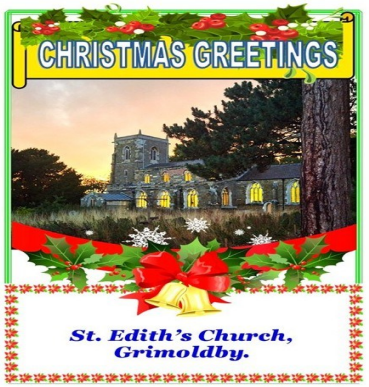


24th December at 6.00 pm.

Free Mince Pies and Mulled wine after the service

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 blasterwavynavy@gmail.com

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. Adelwolds

Alvingham

CAROL SERVICE



27th December at 10.30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

St. Peters, Saltfleetby.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT



Tuesday 29th December

For more information contact
June Spetch 07961424988 or Pete Hatton 07443508055

St. Edith's Grimoldby

CRIB SERVICE



THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER

commencing at 4.00pm

Refreshments

ALL WELCOME

Merry Christmas

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

St. Marys Manby



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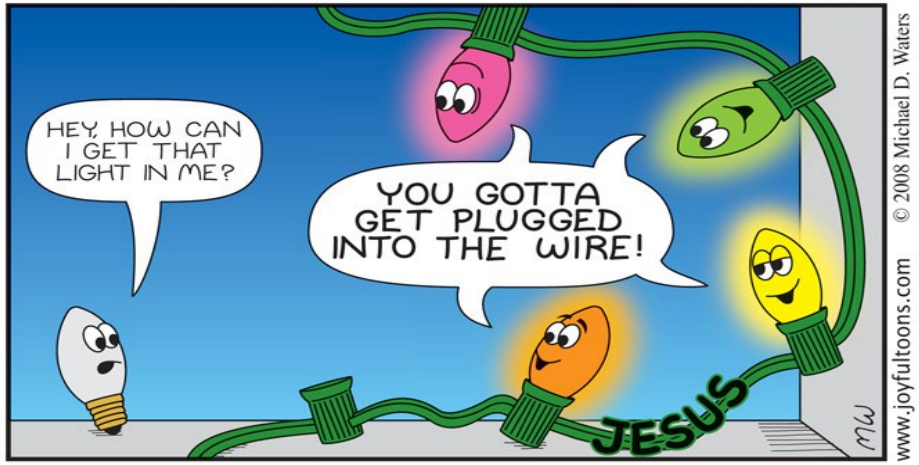


With
Rev Kieth Dally

Sunday 20th December at 4.00pm
Carols followed by Mulled wine and mince pies

EVERYBODY WELCOME

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS A **Joyful 'toon** by Mike Waters



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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12 NIV

St. John The Baptist

Great Carlton

We are again asking for help decorating our Church with as many Christmas trees as possible. (See picture that was created last year by Louth Urgent Treatment Centre from expired plaster cast and signed by children visiting UTC over the festive period). We are pleased to say they are bringing one again this year!



Trees to be in place anytime from 1st December.
Please contact Carol C (07887 623803) or
Kathy C (01507 450552) for further information,
or visit/message our Facebook page on
https://www.facebook.com/share/19aJD2GWQL/
Reminder that we are now on our winter church opening times ie 10am - 2pm, the church will remain closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.



St Edith's PCC would like to express their sincere thanks to Carol, Robin and the WI ladies, for again decorating our church Lych-gate in preparation for the Remembrance Service. This was held on Sunday 8th November at St Marys church, Manby and was led by the Rev Kieth Dally. The service was attended by so many.

St. Edith's Church, Grimoldby.

"START THE WEEK"

COFFEE MORNING

With SEW & SEW

EVERY 3rd MONDAY
of the month

18th January

10.00am till 12.30pm.

FREE

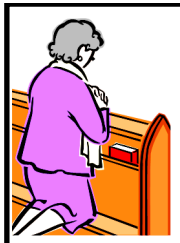




come along, bring your sewing or other craftwork and meet our happy bunch of thirsty sew & sews.
Or just pop in for a friendly chat.
NO SKILLS NEEDED
Also now a JIGSAW SWAP available
A warm welcome to everyone

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:
Pat Needham -Tel 01507 327549
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

St. Peters, Saltfleetby.



Christmas Sing-Along

Sunday 13th December 2026

For more information contact
June Spetch 07961424988 or Pete Hatton 07443508055
EVERYONE IS 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

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



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

The funeral of Dereck Jackson held on Friday 13th November at St Edith's, Grimoldby.
The burial of ashes of Paul Howell on Monday 9th November 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.







Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

Service Rota for December 2026

Date	Season	Alvingham St. Adelwolds	Great Carlton St. John The Baptist	Grimoldby St. Edith's	Manby St. Marys	Saltfleetby St. Peter's	Set Readings
Sunday 6th December	Advent 2 Purple		9.30am Holy Communion Rev Robert Mansfield			11.00am Cof E Prayers Mark Hunkin	Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1, 2, 8-end* 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8
Sunday 13th December	Advent 3 Purple			10.30am Morning Worship Peter Bates		10.30am Methodist Service	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28
Sunday 20th December	Advent 4 Purple		9.30am Carols with Holy Communion Rev Karen Gooding	10.30am Holy Communion Rev Julie Oddy-Bates	4.00pm Carol Service Rev Kieth Dally	11.00am CofE Prayers Jenny Ballantyne	2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 Canticle: Magnificat or Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26* Romans 16.25-end Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday 23rd December			6.00pm. Carol Service Rev Robert Mansfield				Malachi 3.1–4, 4.5–end Psalm 25.3–9 Luke 1.57–66
Thursday 24th December	Christmas Eve			4.00pm Crib Service Rev Julie Oddy-Bates		6.00pm Carol Service	2 Samuel 7.1–5, 8–11, 16 Psalm 89.2, 19–27 Acts 13.16–26 Luke 1.67–79
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day White	**NO SERVICES**					
Sunday 27th December	Christmas 1 white	10.30am Carol Serrvice Ann Stratford & Christine Lowis					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.