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Sunday 29th September 2019



Festival Mass to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Michael at 9 30am



The Parish Church of St. Michael, Church St, Louth www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk

HARVEST at St James



Sunday 6th October 2019

Harvest Service at 10 30am

- Giving thanks
- Giving to others
- Giving ourselves



Please bring a gift for the Community Larder – Louth's Foodbank and donate to Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal 2019 During of the service we will share bread and wine: symbols of God's that we are called to reflect in our daily lives.

Bring and share lunch after the



Evening Service at 6pm

Choral Evensong with members of the Choir of St James', and a sermon reflecting on the contribution agriculture makes to our

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One More Step Along the World I Go!

Many moons ago as a teacher in Greenock Academy I was present at the end of term services where the deputy Head Teacher always chose the song One More Step Along the World I Go

For those who don't know it the refrain is:

And it's from the old I travel to the new.

Keep me travelling along with you.

The You is of course God and it's a hymn that reminds us that there is no where we go that God doesn't go with us-rather like the words of the Psalm 139

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

As I prepare to leave Louth and take the next step in my faith and vocational journey it is good to be reminded that we can never escape from the presence of God and that He is there to support and uphold us in the good times and the bad.

I came to Louth having had a fairly difficult first Incumbency and I am grateful to everyone in the Team parish of Louth from Nick to the youngest member of the choir who have helped me to recover and to see God in the smallest detail, to sense His love in the simplest of situations and to grow once more in strength and wisdom that He gives.

You have all been part of that journey and as I prepare to leave Louth it is with very mixed feelings-feelings of joy at the next step I am to take but also feelings of sorrow and gratitude to you all for all you have allowed me to be among you.

So a very big thank you and in the words of my favourite blessing (especially when sung by our choir to Rutter's beautiful setting)

'The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

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The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

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Nick is responsible for oversight of the work of the Church in the Parish of Louth, including its life of prayer and worship. As Civic Chaplain, he is responsible for engagement with Louth Town Council and other civic bodies. Nick is also Rural Denn

Janet shares in overseeing the work of the Church in the Parish of Louth. Within this, her main work is acting as a pastoral link to the work taking place at Trinity Centre, St James' and other locations in the parish, and overseeing our work with Families and Young People (including our Ministry

Responsible for developing the programme of social outreach, dialogue with local authority and third sector partners, and exploring ways in which the Church can reach out to the communities it serves.

Alan assists within the Parish of Louth as well as more widely in the Deanery of Louthesk.

Responsible for ministry to the congregations of St Andrew's, Stewton and St. Michael's in Louth. Robert also works as an Approved Mental Health Professional working for the NHS.

Ian assists in many aspects of the Church's ministry in Louth, including contributing to our work with KEVIGS.

Responsible for ministry to the congregation of St Martin's, Welton le Wold and co-ordinating the provision of communion to the sick across the Parish.

Responsible for co-ordinating the provision of activities to encourage Discipleship across the Parish of Louth.

Responsible for the efficient management of Trinity Centre. and assisting in the work taking place there and in the Parish

Responsible for the projects taking place within the Centre

Arabella joined the Ministry Team in Louth following her ordination as a Deacon by the Bishop of Lincoln on 30th June 2018 in the cathedral. She will be ordained priest in the cathedral on 29th June this year.

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Some notes from the Rectory...

The new Churches Festival for the Wolds and Coast takes place

The first ever Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Churches Festival takes place at the end of August and beginning of September. Up to 200 churches are preparing to open their doors to visitors over the weekends of 31st August and 1st September and also 7th and 8th September, with churches in our area taking part on the second of the two weekends. Do take this as a chance to visit churches you may not otherwise get the chance to look inside. Full details are available in the booklets that are available from all our churches or from the churches festival website: www.lincswoldsandcoastchurches.org

Welcome, welcome back and farewell

Over the summer we have welcomed one of our church guides, Gary Williams, to the verging team at St James to help cover the gap left by Shane (who has been having some running repairs made to his knees. Also, a great thank you to Alan Durrant who came out of retirement to help over the past few months. We have now welcomed Shane back – although Gary will be continuing to provide holiday and occasional cover.

As many of you know, on 13th October we will be saying farewell to Janet Turville who will be leaving Louth to take up her new post as Rector of a group of churches centred on the Cotswold village of Painswick. Full details of the arrangements for her final services will be published in the Parish Notes when they have been confirmed.

One God – many faiths?

Not too surprising to hear this from the Rectory, but it is the statement 'I believe in one God' that made the Jewish people stand out from others as they strove to develop an understanding of the world where there were not many gods but one, true God. It is this belief in one God binds that binds the three Abrahamic religions together by a common monotheistic origin to their patterns of belief. The early books of the bibles of the Hebrew and Christian people and the corresponding parts of the Koran all deal with the development of a monotheistic understanding of the Godhead from the belief systems that accommodated many different gods.

The subsequent development of each religion (and indeed different sects within religions) is ample evidence that there is an imperative to expand the human understanding of one God. In our tradition we can see the continued search for this knowledge exposed through the pages of the Bible. We can see the development of Jewish thought from the worship of many gods to the worship of a dominant god that was specific to their culture and on to the belief that the God was not just the Jewish God but the one and only God for all peoples. In the New Testament we can see the continued development of this understanding in the light of the Christian Church's maturing understanding of the Godhead in the light of the life and teaching of the historical figure of Jesus – identified as the Messiah, the promised Christ. The continued working of belief by experience has resulted in the Christian understanding of the Godhead in the form of the Trinity – a God who is Creator, has a personal relationship and relevance to mankind and provides the lifeblood that nourishes belief and experience through the Spirit.

Whilst the Christian view of God has developed in a Trinitarian form this should not deflect us from our understanding that God is a single being and that our understanding has the same roots as the two other main monotheistic faiths in today's world. The imperative to search for the true meaning of God does mean that different people, through the limitations of their own perspective, will come to differing conclusions as to the nature of God. However, logic dictates that the closer we come to that understanding God, the closer we should come to those who are also seeking the same goal — as long as we are true to our experience of God in our own time, place and culture. This does mean that we need to be open to growing in our understanding as this is dependant not only on the revelation of God but on our often imperfect gifts to interpret our resulting experiences.

To be continued...

Promoting a sate The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates for children, young people & adults in the life of the Church

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding of individuals or groups within the Parish of Louth, please contact:



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If there is immediate risk or danger please contact:

Parish of Louth can be found by contacting the Parish Safeguarding Co-Ordinator or Rector. Policy documents are available online at

www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding, and hard copies of these documents are available

Police on 101

in the Deanery Office.

- Lincolnshire County Council, Adult Services on 01522 78 21 55 (01522 78 23 33 Emergency out of hours)
- Lincolnshire County Council, Children's Services 01522 78 21 11 (01522 78 23 33 Emergency out of hours)

- Further information about safeguarding in the

 - Childline, 0800 1111 Stop It Nov. 0808 1000 900 NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
 - Samaritans: 116 123
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 Action On Elder Abuse 080 8808 8141





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PARISH REGISTERS JULY AUGUST 2019

BAPTISM S

7th July Alfie-James Hastie
14th July Athena Rose Clark
28th July Mya Isabella Selby
4th Aug Kida-Rose Tait
11th Aug Ivy Amber Rooks
18th Aug Kylan Epton Bates

25th Aug Hugh Raymond Joseph Moore

25th Aug Noah Oliver Blanshard

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

3rd Aug Dean Thomas Winters with

Louise Winters (Blessing)

4th Aug Lee Cocker with Anna Hall

25th Aug Sam John Smith with

Jade Rebecca May Moncaster

31st Aug Dominic Francis Ball with

Shaunna Lee Hodgetts

FUNERALS

1st July Vera Grantham

1st July Richard Lancaster Turney
8th July Peter Bertram Emmerson
16th July Thomas Wears McDonald
24th July Christopher Allan Roy Stubbs

25th July Helen Morgan13th Aug David Ewing

28th Aug Margaret "Molly" Sharpe

News from the Gift Shop

Come and be inspired by the wonderful selection of gifts which reflect the ethos of the shop as it is ethically sourced and supports Fairtrade.

Recycled crayons have become coasters, bracelets and boxes large and small.

Bicycle chains have been refashioned into bottle openers and bookends

Saris have become scarves and bamboo has been turned into socks!

Used tea bags turned into cards and bags and coasters

Old keys are transformed into bowls large and small.

Also, in stock are the ever popular jute bags helping in the fight against plastic.

Please visit the shop for felt Christmas decorations and unusual small presents.

These will help to decorate our tree in the Festival of trees in December.

We look forward to welcoming you at St James.

"Churches Without Walls"

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

We meet from 7.00pm till 9.00pm, once a week (though the days vary), at St James'
"Come and see!" (Jn 1:39,46;4:29)

For more details, and any questions or enquiries, etc, Rev Deacon James Hunter (email:james.hunter200@btinternet.com)



Parish Church of Louth St. James

A place of prayer and worship – A place to be touched by God – A community of faith

Church Officers:		
Churchwarden	Jeannie Gurnham	609622
Asst Churchwardens	Jane Fletcher	
	Frances Green	
	Richard Gurnham	
	Robert Haynes	603118
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
ER Officer	Mary Haynes	603118
DCC Treasurer	Julie Speakman	610247
Prayer and Worship:		
Vergers	Dale Walker	
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Hon. Asst. Vergers	Kate Clarke	
	Alan Durrant	
	Chris Marshall	
Master of the Chorist	ers	
	Allan Smith	610247
Organist	Phil Hotham	07434 969323
Associate Organist	Barry Whitfield	*****
Organist Emeritus	Fred Goodwin	
Church Flowers	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
Bellringers	Mick/Jill Day	603998
Ministry to Visitors:		
Coffee Shop	Sue Hamilton and	07985 247722
	Sue French	606338
Gift Shop	Mary Haynes	603118
Church Guides	Stuart Sizer	604624
Church Organisations an	d Groups that are	
part our wider church co		
Parent & Toddler Gp	Stacey Drew	
St. James's Guild	Jane Fletcher	
	Jeannie Gurnham	609622
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Friends of St. James's		
	Carole Romaine	604315

Services a	and Regular Activities
Sunday	
8 30am	Holy Communion: 4th Sunday only
10am	MORNING SERVICE
	(normally Sung Eucharist)
6pm	EVENING SERVICE
	(normally Choral Evensong)
Tuesday	
11am	Holy Communion
7 30pm	Compline: every 3rd Tues of the
	month
Thursday	
10am	Parent and Toddlers in Church Hse
10 30am	'Craft on Thursday' in Coffee Shop
Saturday	
12 30pm	Midday Prayer
	rayer is normally prayed at 8 30am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Parish Church of St. Michael, Louth

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Church Officers:	ENCY MIC MY AV	1923/04/2019
Churchwardens	Brian Luckwell	607619
	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
DCC Treasurer	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
ER Officer	VACANT	
Organist	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Flowers	Sylvia Luckwell	607619

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

9 30am

SUNG MASS

Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

Churchwardens Dorothy Mansfield 327533 Jane Rushby 327208 DCC Treasurer Jane Rushby 327208

ER Officer Dorothy Mansfield 327533 Organist Fred Goodwin

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

HOLY COMMUNION: 1st, 3rd and 5th 11am

Monday Sundays Book Club: 2nd Monday of month 5 30pm

Tuesday

Community Coffee: 4th Tuesday 10am

Parish Church of All Saints, South Elkington

Church Officers:

Churchwardens Charles Dobson 604632 Anthony Doherty

DCC Secretary Amy Jobe 606348 DCC Treasurer Caroline Blenkhorn ER Officer Amy Jobe 606348 Jill Day 603998 Verger Organist Craig Pillans

Church Flowers Peeby Myers 607331 Church Inst. Bookings Charles Dobson 604632 Regular Services

Sunday

HOLY COMMUNION: 2nd Sunday 11am MATINS (BCP): 4th Sunday 11am

Parish Church of St. Martin, Welton le Wold

Church Officers:

Churchwarden Alastair Kerr

DCC Secretary and Treasurer Peter Taylor

609280 **ER Officer** Peter Taylor 609280 Organists David Wormell/David Dickinson Church Flowers Pat Cave

Regular Services

Sunday

MORNING PRAYER: 2nd Sunday 11am HOLY COMMUNION: 4th Sunday 11am

Trinity Centre, incorporating The Chapel of The Holy Trinity, Louth

Centre Staff:

Community Outreach Manager

Greg Gilbert

605803

Centre Administrator (including all bookings)

605803 Jill Trafford

Programme Co-Ordinator

Sam Gilbert 605803 Services and Regular Activities

Tuesday 8 30am

MORNING PRAYER

11am

HOLY COMMUNION: 1st Tuesday

12noon

'Tasty Tuesday': 1st Tuesday only

Wednesday

10am

'Wednesday Drop-in'

1pm 'Health Walk'

2pm 'Memories Matter'

Friday

12noon ;Fish on Friday'

Saturday

MESSY CHURCH: 2nd Saturday 10 45am

Details of other activities are on the website.

*****'Grab a Preacher'*****

After Sunday services, the preacher will (whenever possible) stay behind in church over a coffee. Please join them if you have any questions or puzzlements about what you heard in the sermon.



Services for AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2019

[Unless otherwise shown, services/events take place in St. James']

	18 th Sunday after Trinity	25th AUGUST 10th Sunday after Trinity	1** SEPTEMBER 11 th Sunday after Trinity	8" SEPTEMBER 12" Sunday after Trinity
Sunday in the town of Louth	9 30am Sung Mass at St., Michael's 10am EUCHARIST with hymns No chair Music as announced.	8 30am Holy Communion 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST and Baptism Mass of St Anne MacMillan Anthem to be confirmed. Hymns	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am EUCHARIST with hymns No choir Music as announced.	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Giris Non nobis Domine Byrd Salisbury Service ives Ave verum £igar Hymns 538 (omit*); 582; 418; (285); 40.
	3pm Baptism at St Michael's		3pm Baptism at St Michael's	12 30pm Baptism
	6pm EVENSONG with hymns No choir Music as announced.	6pm EVENSONG with hymns No choir Music as announced.	6pm CHORAL EVENSONG Adults Sonders Responses Psalm 119.81-96 Dison in F My eyes for beauty pine Howells Hymns 191; 174t-248; 211.	6pm CHORAL EVENSONG B Plakesong Responses Psalm 121 Canticles with fausbourdons Marley If ye love me Tallis Hymns 474, 234; 22.
In the villages	11am Holy Communion at Stewton	11am Matins at South Elkington 11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold	11am Holy Communion at Stewton	11am Holy Communion at South Elkington 11am Morning Prayer at Welton le Wold
During the week	Monday 19" 8 30am HOLY COMMUNION Tuesday 20" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Mission Community Chapter Meeting Wednesday 21" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Thursday 22" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Fiday 23" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 5 30am MORNING PRAYER 5 5 30am MORNING PRAYER 5 5 30am HOLY COMMUNION	Monday 26 th - No MORNING PRAYER Tuesday 27 th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (8CP) 11am HOLY COMMUNION (8CP) 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Fiday 30 th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER	Monday 2 nd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 1 Saam MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 1 Lam HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity, 1 Jam HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity, 4 dam MORNING PRAYER 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Utany 5 saturday 7 nd 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER	Monday 9" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Tuesday 10" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMALINION (8CP). 7 pm 'Churches without waiis' Prayer Group Wednesday 11" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 11am HOLY COMMUNION (8CP) at Holy Trinity, followed by 'Memories Matter Lun Thursday 12" 8 30am HOLY COMMUNION Friday 13" 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany Friday 14" 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre 3 2 30m HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev'd Nick Brown and am MAFRIA, Team Rector The Rev'd Janet Turville Reads, Team Vicar

The Rev'd Dr Arabella Milbank Robinson wa MPH Php, Assista

on Ma MPNIPHD, Assistant Curate Allan Smith

Smith as robe, Master of the Choristers Philip Hotham, Organist



Services for SEPTEMBER 2019

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	15th SEPTEMBER 13th Sunday after Trinity	22** SEPTEMBER 14th Sunday after Trinity	29th SEPTEMBER MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	6th OCTOBER 16th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday in the town of Louth	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults Spirit of the living God Neson Alvingham Service Goodwin May the grace of Christ our Saviour Lofe Hymns 89; 589; 112, (308); 555	8 30am Holy Communion 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST A new commandment Shepherd Mass of St Anne MacMillan Litany to the Holy Spirit Hurford Hymns 5:30: 497; 170; (38); 81	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Blessed are the pure in heart Wolford-Dowles Salisbury Service Nes Above him stood the seraphim Dering Hymns 626; 392; 377; (309); 543i	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10 30am HARVEST EUCHARIST Girls and Adults Alvingham Service Goodwin Golden Sheaves arr. Parker Hymns from the order of service
	12 30pm Baptism	12 30pm Baptism	12 30pm Baptism	12 30pm Baptism
	6pm CHORAL EVENSONG Senior girls and adults Ayleward Responses Psalm 125 Dorlan Service Tallis Ave verum Byrd Hymns 2; 152; 23	6pm CHORAL EVENSONG Boys and adults Rose Responses Pealm 129 Dyson in C minor Lead me, Lord Wesley Hymns 377; 208[Pt2+Daxl; 10	6pm FESTAL EVENSONG O come, ye servants of the Lord Tye Sanders Responses Psalm 148 Sumsion in A Beet mundo corde Ives Hymns 246; 225 (omit*); 466	6pm HARVEST EVENSONG Boys and Adults Brammo Responses Psalm 65 Canticles with fauxbourdons Markey Thou visitest the earth Greene Hymns 270; 254; 273
In the villages	11am Holy Communion at Stewton	11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold 6pm Harvest Festival at South Elkington	11am Holy Communion at Stewton	3pm Harvest Festival at Stewton
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Woolly Jumpers.

I wish I could remember when I first heard the claim that the medieval church-builders used to put a layer of sheep's wool in the foundations of any steeple that they were building. I can't have made it up; it sounds so unlikely --- a great church standing on wool?

To check the truth of it I went to Google (Who else?) but failed to get a satisfactory answer, possibly because I didn't ask the right questions. What I did get was plenty of information about the "wool churches" of East Anglia, those splendid square-towered buildings with light pouring through their late perpendicular windows, all paid for by selling wool to Europe. But other churches, outside East Anglia, scarcely got a mention and that raises the questions why should Norfolk and Suffolk apparently corner the trade, and why couldn't those Europeans produce their own wool. One answer comes to me when I remember what Harry Pickard of Bruff-0n-Bain told me long ago. Although he would never speak of his long service in France in WW1 or being awarded the MM, out of the blue he once said, "Do you know, Mole, in all that time I spent in France I never saw a flock of sheep." So there you are: it wasn't poor husbandry or inferior wool that made them come over here for their warm clothes; it was just that they didn't and don't keep sheep.

Marshland is not good for sheep; they get liverfluke and foot-rot, but the Wolds are ideal (and fit for nothing else without fertiliser). That, I'm told, is why Louth grew large and opulent as its merchants and mercers exported wool and cloth to the Continent, and its inhabitants had the confidence and cash at the beginning of the 17th Century to undertake the building of a great steeple - the name that covers both tower and spire.

Applying to Chris Marshall (Who else?) reveals, from church wardens' accounts and scattered records, that the money came as loans from the Guilds, contributions from bell-ringing, collections, and, most impor- rounders-up of sheep when tantly, from the exporters of wool. If only there were a list of benefactors (like the one now on the steps of the font that records the names of those who funded the restoration of the ceiling in1988. Then there would be proof of the extent of the benefactions and the names of the merchant benefactors who gave them.

Amongst them were the Bradleys, a family who have caught my imagination because of the memorials in the church to two of them - to Francis, a matriarch, who "lived bounteously and died religiously" in 1608 and to George Bradley, her great-great-grandson whose impressive altar-tomb stands near the coffee-shop, a Warden of Louth who died in 1688.

More information, from the same source, tells me that the Bradley family flourished during three centuries, from the 15th to the 17th. Among them, since the first-born boy traditionally took his father's name, were several Thomases. One of them is recorded as "seeing the first stone set upon the steeple (c.1455) and the last stone set upon the broch (spire) in 1515" and he and his wife are my favourite merchant candidates as models for the best pieces of sculpture of them all -- the husband and wife who have been gazing into each other's eyes across the space between North and South windows in the tower for five hundred years, and are dressed in the fashion of the day. Their likenesses must have been put there to represent the guildsmen and merchants who, out of their profits from the wool trade. donated the bulk of the money for the building (just as Cornelius Parker who had financed the creation of the great West Window appears in it himself.)

In the angles of the tower, way above those two handsome figures, are three creatures so ill-carved that if it wasn't for their crinkly briskets they could scarcely be recognised as sheep. But the creature in the fourth angle must be a sheep-dog, although his floppy ears are nothing like a collie's. And that little puzzle has been solved by someone's further application to Google and the downloading of two medieval pastoral scenes. In

both idyllic pictures there is, standing by the happy sheep, a single floppy-eared dog. hound-like in appearance. They must both have been guard-dogs than wolves and threats.



From these carvings, and the church records, there can be no doubt that our church is a wool church, as fine as any, and our matchless spire is indeed founded on wool.



Snippets from Stewton

The walk of 500 miles starts with the first step!



During this month of September and into October, Rev. Robert Mansfield and his daughter Victoria will be attempting to walk 500 miles along the ancient pilgrimage route known as the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain, starting on the French side in the foothills of the Pyrenees, walking over those mountains to begin the long stretch in Spain. This time the aim is to raise money to build a classroom for children with learning disabilities at Mathenya Primary School in Kenya. Mathenya is the community next to Wiyumiririe with which it has strong links. This was visited on the trip to Kenya in 2016 where the need was identified. Having achieved the first one in Wiyumiririe we felt it is now time to focus on the second classroom. Although there are dedicated trained staff, the school lacks the resources. That is where we come in - wanting to help provide the facility.

Every penny they receive will go to the project and no expenses will be taken out. Your help to raise the £5000 required for this project is greatly appreciated. Many thanks. There will be sponsor forms available and on line Just Giving. If you require any further information please ring 01507 327533

Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Churches Festival

We at St Andrew's are looking forward to welcoming visitors to the first Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Churches Festival on September 7th and 8th from 10am to 4pm where you will be able to

- See the Hornby model church
- Find the Twinned Toilets
- Discover the Kenyan and Romanian Projects
- Enjoy our refreshments in peaceful surroundings
- See the church in a totally different way!

NEWS from Trinity



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Mondays

- Franciscans
- Modern Pilates
- Children's Theatre
- 2nd Louth Guides

Wednesdays

- Advice Drog-in
- Dementia Café
- Arthritis Group
- Patchwork & Quilting Group
- Mindfulness
- Modern Pliates

Tuesdays

- Morning Prayer
- Communion (1st Tuesday)
- Tasty Tuesday Lunch Club
- Camaraderie Club Lunch
- You
- Children's Centre Toddler Group
- Addaction
- Be A Friend Craft / Singing
- Talk Eat Drink (TEO) Group
- Relaxation Yoga

Trinity Centre

Faith, Worship, Community

What's On?

Fridays

- Fish (In Friday
- Extend Exercise
- Addaction
- U3A Art Group

Sundays

- Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
- Sunday Lunch
- Louth People's Orchestra
- Louth Strategy Games Club

Thursdays

- Modern Pilates
- USA Photography
- Parkinson's Society
- A&M Freedom Dance
- Slimming World
- 7th Louth Guides & Rangers

Saturdays

- Messy Church
- Tevels Fellowship
- Louth Area Autism Family Support

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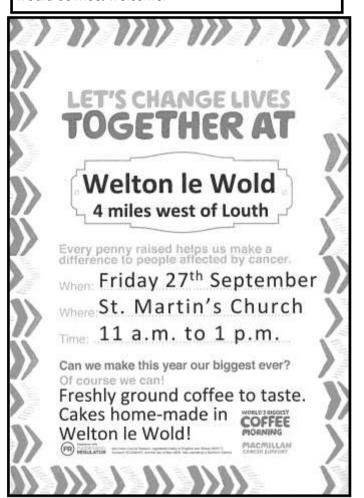
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CRAFT & CHATTER

The Craft and Chatter group which meets on Thursday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30 under the tower are undertaking new project in preparation for the Christmas Tree Festival later this year. We are planning to create some textile banners to decorate some of the pillars and would welcome new members to join us in this exciting project. Any donations of haberdashery or interesting fabrics would be most welcome.



Visit St James's Church and the Friend's shop

Take a guided tour of the Church and climb the Spire
Come out into the sunshine
A warm welcome awaits you at St James's

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NEWS FROM SOUTH ELKINGTON



In July, South Elkington WI spent a lovely afternoon in the garden of our president, Sue Hamilton, enjoying lots of tasty treats. In August, we enjoyed a fun filled evening arranged by our members. Activities included Handbag Bingo, a hilarious health and safety skit by "Admiral Nelson and Captain Hardy", a numbers quiz and People Bingo. The next meeting will be held at the Church Institute, Church Lane, South Elkington on the 3rd September. New members and visitors are always welcome.

St James Medieval Angels—A Mystery



The two medieval oak angels have always intrigued me. Where were they displayed—the Chancel or the Nave?

Next month I will look at this problem and try and solve it.

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The National Free-phone Help-line is staffed Monday-Friday 9.30-5pm (excluding bank holidays) with exrended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings when it is open until 8 pm. The number is 0808 808 1677.

The young people's help-line Freephone 0808 808 1677

The Young people's website: www.hopeagain.org.uk

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HELP TO LOOK AFTER OUR HISTORIC CHURCH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Contact: Mr M Neal (610143)

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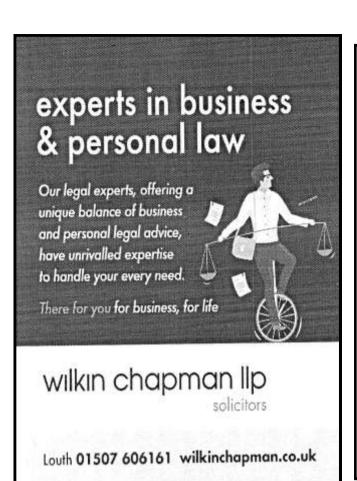
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The Guild of St. James'

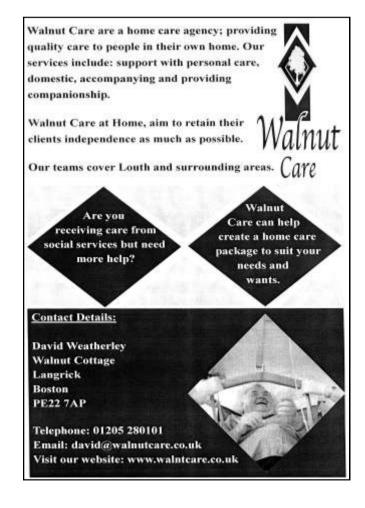




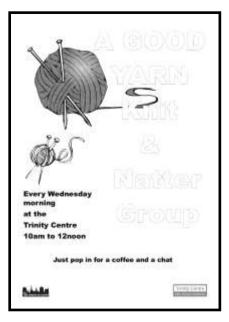
Future Meetings

The Guild of St. James will be going for the annual lunch at The Splash on Tuesday 17th September. Please let me know if you would like to join us at 12.30 for 1 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. We welcome all: members, non-members, friends and partners etc. Please let me know as soon as possible so that I can book the table. Jeannie Gurnham on 01507 609622 or by email to:

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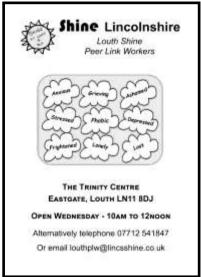


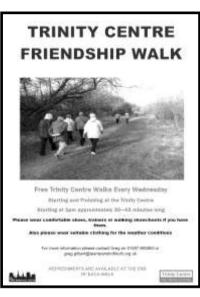




















The Power of Prayer

In May 1940 the Second World War looked soon to be lost by the Allies. Our troops were trapped between the sea at Dunkirk and the advancing Nazi army, and mass slaughter seemed inevitable. On 23rd May the despairing King George VI broadcast a national call to prayer, and the nation responded: you can still see grainy black and white photos of queues of people on Sunday, 26th May outside cathedrals, churches and chapels, gathering to pray for a miracle.

A flotilla of boats set sail in the hope that 30,000 people, around 10% of the forces, might be rescued. Storms came out of nowhere and battered Europe so violently that the Luftwaffe were unable to take off. Meanwhile, in a decision which his generals at the time violently opposed, Hitler had ordered his advancing ground forces to halt. The English Channel later became as calm as a millpond, in spite of the nearby storms, with the boats carrying a total of 338,000 men to safety: British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Polish.

Coincidence? Or a dramatic answer to a nation's prayers? Churchill and the King obviously thought the latter, as a national day of thanksgiving was called, two weeks after the day of prayer, to give thanks to God for what Churchill called 'The Miracle of Dunkirk'.

In the Church today we have become very used to the idea that prayer is where we align our wills to that of God, that we change, rather than our

circumstances. There is truth in this, but the other side is that the Bible and history are full of examples of God changing situations, not just people.

Our diocese needs the fuel of prayer if we really are to see lives transformed. We need the kind of desperate, expectant, faith which sees God actually doing things in our world. One way in which that is happening in our diocese is through our own praying community, the Community of St Hugh, which is to be formally launched on Saturday, 28th September. But wherever we are, let's cry out to God to make a difference, not just in our lives, but in the lives of those for whom we pray.

If you would like to know more about the Community of St Hugh, please contact John Leach via email (john.leach@lincoln.anglican.org) or by calling 01522 50 40 49. You can read more about what came to be called 'The Miracle of Dunkirk' in Pete Greig's book, *How to Pray* (Hodder & Stoughton, 2019).



*****'Grab a Preacher'*****

After Sunday services, the preacher will (whenever possible) stay behind in church over a coffee. Please join them if you have any questions or puzzlements about what you heard in the sermon.

The last date for submission of articles for the OCTOBER 2019 Herald is FRIDAY 20th SEPTEM BER 2019

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