

The Louth Herald



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CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN LOUTH & DISTRICT



Monday 19th December 2016

CAROLS FOR ALL:

A Carol Service for all the town

Come along for:

- Popular carols for all to sing
- Traditional Christmas readings
- Blessing of the crib figures for the town crib
- Music sung by the choir of St James' Church and King Edward VI School

7.30pm in

The Parish Church of St James, Louth

'Love came down at Christmas'

www.christmasinlouth.org.uk

Advent and Christmas Services 2016



Sunday 27th November: ADVENT SUNDAY

6pm Advent Carol Service at St. James'

Sunday 4th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

4pm Christingle Service at St. James'

Saturday 10th December

10.45am Messy Christmas at Trinity Centre

Sunday 11th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

6pm Carol Service at Welton le Wold

Sunday 18th December: 4th Sunday of Advent

3pm Carol Service at Stewton

6pm Carol Service South Elkington

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER

7.30pm Carols for All:

Lessons and Carols for Christmas at St. James'



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SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm Crib Service at St. Michael's

4pm Carols at the Crib at St. James'

5pm Christmas Mass at St. Michael's

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at St. James'

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Holy Communion at Stewton

10am Christmas Day Communion Service at St. James'

11am Holy Communion at South Elkington and Welton le Wold

'Love came down at Christmas'

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND JOYFULL NEW YEAR

TO ALL HERALD READERS



The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

The Rev'd Nick Brown

Parish Priest: Rector of Louth

The Rectory, 49 Westgate, Louth, LN11 9YE.

Tel.: 603213

E-mail: nick.brown@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Responsible for oversight of the work of the Church in the Parish of Louth, including its life of prayer and worship. Responsible for links with schools across the Parish. As Civic Chaplain, responsible for engagement with Louth Town Council, ELDC and other civic bodies.

The Rev'd Robert Mansfield

Assistant Priest (OLM)

The Old Railway House, Stewton, Louth.

Tel.: 327533

Responsible for ministry to the congregation of St Andrew's, Stewton and the work of Baptism Partners. Robert also works as a Mental Health professional.

The Rev'd Ian Partridge

Hon. Assistant Priest (PTO)

Tel.: 600398

E-mail: ian.partridge478@btinternet.com

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

The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday

Hon. Assistant Priest (PTO)

Tel.: 600877

Alan assists within the Parish of Louth as well as more widely in the Diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev'd Keith Tomlin

Part-time Chaplain to Louth County Hospital

Keith provides a link between the Parish of Louth and Louth County Hospital.

Paul Hill

Lay Reader

Tel.: 605222

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

Sylvia Pounds

Lay Reader

Mob: 07771 549947

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.

Ronnie Partridge

Lay Reader (PTO)

Tel.: 600398

Responsible for 'Tinies Breakfast' at St Michael's.

The Rev'd Christine Hawkins

Team Vicar of Louth

The Vicarage, Little Lane, Louth.

Tel.: 351630

E-mail: christine.hawkins@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Sharing (with the Rector) in the oversight of the life of the Church across the Parish of Louth, with particular responsibility for the Church's pastoral ministry and its ministry through the Occasional Offices.

The Rev'd Kate Toogood

Assistant Curate

The Vicarage, 24 Grosvenor Road, Louth.

Tel.: 608396

E-mail: kate.toogood@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Kate is responsible for co-ordinating Messy Church. She works with Ian Partridge as Chaplain to King Edward VI Grammar School and supports the Rector in maintaining the Parish's life of prayer and worship, working with the musicians and servers at St James'

The Rev'd Matthew Harbage

Assistant Curate

The Rectory, Church Lane, Legbourne. LN11 8LN

Tel.: 07746 444179

E-mail: matthew.harbage@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Matthew started his ministry in the Parish in July 2015 and is getting to know our communities.

Greg Gilbert

Community Outreach Manager

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ

Tel.: 605803 or 610752

E-mail: greg.gilbert@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

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

Jane Pegg

Projects Administrator

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ

Tel.: 605803

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Responsible for Projects based at Trinity Centre, and assisting in community engagement across the Parish.

Ian Miles

Centre Administrator

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ

Tel.: 605803

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

Notes

from the Rectory



For many of us, getting together with others in worship is a regular part of our Christian life. However, at this time of year we welcome among us many who are not so frequently worshipping with us. Sometimes this is because they are visiting the area or staying with friends, whilst for others this is one of the times that they find their hearts touched by the Christian story. It is all too easy to start to draw distinctions between those who are regular and occasional worshippers. But this misses the point – we are all coming to worship God. And at this season we all gather (in our own ways) to remember that the God of love came and dwelt among us. This is something to rejoice in and celebrate!

One way for us to move beyond the easy distinction of regular and occasional worshippers is to think about how we eat as families. After all a great deal of Jesus' ministry took place before, during or after meals and one of our most significant acts of worship is based on the concept of a communal meal when we gather together to share in communion. I can only speak for my own family, but our routine of meeting for meals includes:

- Regularly gathering together as a family for a daily meal
- Coming together for a weekly time as a family, where we spend a bit more time eating and talking
- Having meals for special occasions
- Having meals with friends or visitors
- Getting together for big family parties
- Sometimes (perhaps too often!) eating alone or in ones and twos.

Each of these is an opportunity for us to come together – and we do not draw strong distinctions between members of the family who are only there occasionally and those who are there every day – WE ARE ALL FAMILY!

And so it can be for the Church. Just as communion – where we share bread and wine as signs and symbols of the love revealed to us in Christ – is modelled on the everyday meal, so perhaps our model of how to be 'Church' could learn from the way that we gather together as families to share in meals. Some of us come together every week for 'Sunday lunch'; others are perhaps join for 'Christmas dinner', whilst others still are perhaps only able to make the irregular major family gathering of a wedding or funeral.

In the same way that our families are not made up solely of the people we see at a particular meal or in a particular place, so the Church is not made up of those who meet. So as we gather together this Advent and Christmas season let us welcome among us all who are fed by Christ; for not only are we all fed by Christ, but we are called to join in prayer, and worship, and praise as we remember the gift of love incarnate – Jesus Christ our Lord.

News from St Michael's



Sunday Services

9 30am SUNG MASS, CW1 3pm Baptisms (By prior arrangement)



Join us for fun, crafts,
celebration time and food!

10.45 am to 12.45 pm at the Trinity Centre, Louth

10th September
8th October
12th November
10th December

EVERYONE WELCOME!
www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Tinies Breakfast Celebration



A chance for mum, dad,
granny or grandad to bring
along their toddler/baby and...

- Enjoy a cuppa and a chat
- Juice and toast for the tiny ones
- Playtime in our children's area
- Storytime and a sing-along
- Celebrate at the end with a prayer

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
in term time from 9am until 10:30am

2016

6th September
20th September
4th October
18th October
1st November
15th November
6th December



FREE ENTRY, FREE BREAKFAST, FREE PLAY
St Michael's Church, Church Street, Louth

Louth Churches Together Community Food Bank

Churches are receiving increasing numbers of appeals for help.
We need your support to stop people going hungry. The food
bank can supply a food and hygiene parcel containing enough
food for up to 5 days. During that time we support people and
help them find longer term solutions.

The Community Food Bank **NEEDS** Your Help!

01507 605803 www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk



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134 Eastgate Louth, LN11 9AA

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PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

13th Nov Max David Rooks
Ruby Lisa Mai Chapman
27th Nov Athena Grace Marshall Johnson

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

5th Nov Shane Ross Andrew White with
Sherri Marion Davy

FUNERALS

11th Nov Joan Kerbyson
14th Nov Albert "John" Dilnot
23rd Nov Iris Gwendolene Dodge
28th Nov Frederick Henry Cooper
Stella Patton
30th Nov Hilda Wrisdale

Words from

WELTON LE WOLD

SUNDAY SERVICES

11.00am Holy Communion on the
4th Sunday

11.00am Morning Prayer on the
2nd Sunday



SOUTH ELKINGTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

11am Holy Communion on the
2nd Sunday

Matins on the 4th



NEWS FROM SOUTH ELKINGTON

SOUTH ELKINGTON CHRISTMAS RAMBLE

THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER

MEET AT ST JAMES CHURCH AT 11AM FOR GUIDED WALK
TO SOUTH ELKINGTON LED BY JILL DAY

NON-WALKERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT SOUTH
ELKINGTON

CHURCH INSTITUTE AT 12NOON WHERE SOUP LUNCH WILL
BE PROVIDED

FOR THOSE NOT WISHING TO WALK BACK TO LOUTH
TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED

CONTACT JILL DAY 01507 603998 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Walnut Care are a home care agency; providing quality care to people in their own home. Our services include: support with personal care, domestic, accompanying and providing companionship.

Walnut Care at Home, aim to retain their clients independence as much as possible.

Our teams cover Louth and surrounding areas.



Walnut
Care

Are you
receiving care from
social services but need
more help?

Walnut
Care can help
create a home care
package to suit your
needs and
wants.

Contact Details:

David Weatherley
Walnut Cottage
Langrick
Boston
PE22 7AP

Telephone: 01205 280101
Email: david@walnutcare.co.uk
Visit our website: www.walnutcare.co.uk



Nancy Loft left her wish for donations at her funeral to be made to 'The Children's Society'. Nancy had been its local secretary for many years and had a great interest in and love of the Society. The magnificent total donated by her friends at her funeral came to £1,098.69. Nancy would have been amazed and very proud of this sum donated in her memory. What a wonderful lady to have attracted such an amount. **Thank you all.**

When you are planning a Christening party, wedding reception, funeral buffet or anniversary bash, consider...



stimulating meeting spaces at **Trinity Centre**

for individuals, voluntary groups and businesses in our community

Competitively priced rooms for small parties and for up to 120 for a reception and up to 100 for a sit-down meal

Comprehensive catering service or fully equipped, modern kitchen for use by outside caterers

Warm welcome with a friendly co-ordinator who will help ensure that your event goes well

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ
Tel/Fax: 01507 605803
trinitylouth@btconnect.com
www.trinitylouth.co.uk

NEWS from Trinity



REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around Trinity Centre

Sundays	11am 3pm	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Parish Lunch (on the 3 rd Sunday of the month) Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
Tuesdays	8 30am 11am 12 15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion (on the 1 st Tuesday of the month) 'Tasty Tuesdays' (on the 1 st Tuesday of the month) – please pre-book.
Wednesdays	10am	Weekly 'Wednesday Drop-in' with many agencies available
Fridays	12noon	'Fish on Fridays' – a weekly chance to meet and chat. No need to book.
Saturdays	10 45am	MESSY CHURCH (on the 2 nd Saturday of the month)

In addition to these regular activities run directly by the Church, there are a range of other activities that take place in partnership with others – please call in to Trinity Centre to see what goes on!



In memory of
HENRY CONYERS

The Holy Trinity Church clock was restored in 2016 following a bequest. Henry was well respected and a keen bell ringer and was dedicated to maintaining the clock in former times.

HENTY CONYERS

Henry died in 2010 aged 92.

As a keen bell ringer Henry devoted his life to the bells at St James and to maintaining the Clock at the Trinity Centre.

The Clock has been repaired in 2016 following a bequest from Henry and is now in good working order. This plaque has been placed on the door of the tower at The Holy Trinity Church so everyone can remember Henry in the years to come.

The Bishop of Lincoln blessed the clock in a dedication ceremony to Henry on the 4th October 2016

HUBBY DAY CARE

Louth Men's Shed

He can:

- bring his own projects
- get involved with the Shed projects
- Have a brew and a chat with the Shedders

Is he getting on your nerves & slowing you down while you are shopping??

WHY NOT LEAVE HIM AT THE SHED?

You can shop in peace just pay his membership and we will look after him



The shed is open on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 2pm

Unit 21
Thames Street
Louth LN11 7AD
For more information
tel.01507 605803

Prayer and Pint

...the timeless evening service of Compline – a quiet end to the day:

**The Ancient Office of Compline,
sung in St James at 7 45pm**

Part Two...

...a chance to have a friendly discussion on the evening's chosen subject:

Discussion in *The Wheatsheaf*, from about 8pm

Prayer and Pint takes place on the 3rd Tuesday evening of every month

A Guide to Officers and Organisations in the Parish of Louth

[Please see the separate sheet for details of the Ministry Team that serves the Parish of Louth]

The Parish of Louth

PCC Secretary	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
PCC Treasurer	Mike Crosby	-----
Safeguarding Officers	Mandy Gilbert	-----
	Cate Green	-----
	Frances Green	-----
Herald Editor	Stuart Sizer	604624
<u>Parish groups/Reps.</u>		
Parent & Toddler Gp	Lucy Brown	603213
TAB (20s/30s Group)	Matt Harbage	07746 444179
Churches Together	Eileen Byrne	605371
	Jill Day	603998
	Jennifer Smith	-----
WW Day of Prayer	Jennifer Goodwin	605254

Parish and Civic Church of St. James, Louth

Church Officers/Extended Ministry Team:

Churchwardens	John Troughton	607931
	Kate Roberts	363531
Asst Churchwardens	Margaret Anderson	610554
	Jane Fletcher	-----
	Frances Green	-----
	Robert Haynes	603118
DCC Secretary	Pat Neal	610143
DCC Treasurer	Robert Haynes	603118
Stewardship Recorder	David Neal	-----
ER Officer	Mary Haynes	603118
Vergers	Chris Marshall	-----
	Andy Garner	-----
Church bookings	Kate Clarke	604597
<u>Master of the Choristers</u>		
	Allan Smith	610247
Organist	VACANT	
Church Flowers	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
Bellringers	Mick/Jill Day	603998
Fabric Officer	Robert Haynes	603118

Ministry to Visitors:

Coffee Shop	Sue Hamilton and	07985 247722
	Sue French	606338
Gift Shop	Mary Haynes	603118
Church Guides	Stuart Sizer	604624
Event Catering	Margaret Anderson	610554

Church Organisations and Groups:

St. James's Guild	VACANT	
Church Hse Bookings	Julie Speakman (Office)	610247
Friends of St. James's Church, Secretary	June Barber	604595

The Parish of Louth is within the Rural Deanery of Louthesk

Deanery Office, 6 Upgate, Louth, LN11 9ET 610247

Open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

Rural Dean Lorraine Turner

Deanery Administrator Julie Speakman

Be A Friend Co-ordinator Adele Lee 07890 629062

Parish Church of St. Michael, Louth

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Brian Luckwell	607619
	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
DCC Secretary	Maria Vincent	328149
DCC Treasurer	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
ER Officer	Bob Frankum	354262
Verger	Sheila Williets	603513
Organist	Janet McKee	327256
Flowers	Sylvia Luckwell	607619

Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Dorothy Mansfield	327533
	Helen Rushby	-----
DCC Secretary	Jane Rushby	327606
DCC Treasurer	David Gelsthorpe	602521
ER Officer	Dorothy Mansfield	327533

Parish Church of All Saints, South Elkington

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Charles Dobson	604632
	John Myers	607331
DCC Secretary	Amy Jobe	606348
DCC Treasurer	Caroline Blenkhorn	-----
ER Officer	Amy Jobe	606348
Verger	Jill Day	603998
Church Flowers	Peeby Myers	607331
Church Inst. Bookings	Charles Dobson	604632

Parish Church of St. Martin, Welton le Wold

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Jim Cave	610275
	Alastair Kerr	-----
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
DCC Treasurer	Peter Taylor	609280
ER Officer	Peter Taylor	609280
Organists	David Wormell/David Dickinson	
Church Flowers	Pat Cave	610275
Bellringers	Phil Reeks	606202

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

Church Officers:

Treasurer Rob Carr (DCC)

Centre Staff:

Centre Administrator (including all bookings)

Ian Miles 605803

Project Administrator Jayne Pegg 605803

Church Organisations:

2nd Louth Guides Mandi Carden 608807

7th Louth Guides Claire Mansey 607539

Services and events for DECEMBER 2016

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	4 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	11 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	18 th December 4 th Sunday of Advent
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i> Adam lay 'Y' bounden <i>Ord</i> Alvingham Service <i>Goodwin</i> Advent Prose <i>Plattinsong</i> Hymns 58; 27; 93; 29.</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Boy Choristers and Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Smith Responses <i>Psalm 11</i> <i>Wood in D</i> Hymns 267; 591; 15. O come, ye servants of the Lord Tye</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday</i></p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i> Matin Responsory <i>Palestrina</i> Mass of St Anne <i>MacMillan</i> Zion, hears the watchmen's voices <i>Bach</i> Hymns 34; 386; 38 omit*; 37.</p> <p>12noon Sunday Lunch at Trinity Centre</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm No EVENSONG</p> <p>7 30pm Concert by Louth Chamber Choir</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> When the angel came to Mary <i>arr. Goodwin</i> Salisbury Service <i>Ives</i> Magnificat (Salisbury Service) <i>Archer</i> Hymns 362; 244ii; 41; 32.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity <i>President: The Rev'd</i></p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm EVENSONG with hymns No choir <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> Hymns 24; 444; 16.</p>
In the villages...	<p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington <i>President: The Rev'd</i></p> <p>6pm Carol Service at Welton le Wold</p>	<p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington <i>President: The Rev'd</i></p> <p>6pm Carol Service at South Elkington</p>	<p>3pm Carol Service at Stewton</p> <p>6pm Carol Service at South Elkington</p>
During the week...	<p>Monday 5th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 6th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 9am 'Times Breakfast' at St Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 7pm 'Church without walls' Prayer Group</p> <p>Wednesday 7th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 8th 8 30am EUCHARIST 10 30am Parent and Toddlers at Church House 6pm CAROL SERVICE (Greenwich House School) at South Elkington</p> <p>Friday 9th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 10th 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER 1pm WEDDING at St Michael's</p>	<p>Monday 12th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Time tbc CAROL SERVICE (Lacey Gardens School)</p> <p>Tuesday 13th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)</p> <p>Wednesday 14th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre 2 30pm Home Communion at The Worlds Care Centre</p> <p>Thursday 15th 8 30am EUCHARIST 10 30am Parent and Toddlers at Church House</p> <p>Friday 16th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 17th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 19th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>7 30pm CAROLS FOR ALL: A Town Carol Service</p> <p>Tuesday 20th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 10am CAROL SERVICE (Cordeaux Academy) 10 30am CAROL SERVICE (St Michael's School) at St Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) in Church House, Uppgate 11 30am CAROL SERVICE (KEVIGS) Time tbc CAROL SERVICE (Kidgate Primary Academy) 7 45pm <i>Prayer and Praise</i>: Compline followed by discussion</p> <p>Wednesday 21st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 22nd 8 30am EUCHARIST 10 30am Parent and Toddlers at Church House</p> <p>Friday 23rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p>

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	<p>24th December CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>12 30pm Midday Prayer 3 30pm Crib Service at St. Michael's 4pm Carols at the Crib 5pm Christmas Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> 11 30pm MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> O little one sweet Scheidt Missa Sancti Nicholai Haydn In dulci jubilo arr Pearsall Carols from the Order of Service.</p> <p>25th December CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>9 30am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 10am CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION No choir <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> Up! Good Cristen folk arr. Woodward Mass of St Anne MacMillan In the bleak midwinter Darke Carols from the Order of Service. 11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold 11am Holy Communion at South Elkington</p> <p>Monday 26th <i>Stephen, Martyr</i> Tuesday 27th 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Wednesday 28th Thursday 29th Friday 30th Saturday 31st 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>1st January 3rd Sunday before Advent</p> <p>10am EUCHARIST with hymns No choir <i>President: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i> Hymns 68; 55; 67; 81.</p> <p>6pm EVENING PRAYER No choir <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p>	<p>8th January 1st Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd</i> 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd</i> <i>Preacher:</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>3pm Baptism 6pm EPIPHANY SERVICE sung by Consort Special Order of Service.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington <i>President: The Rev'd</i> 11am Morning Prayer at Welton le Wold <i>Preacher:</i></p>
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Services and events for JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

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	<p>15th January 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p>	<p>22nd January 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8 30am Holy Communion <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>10 45am UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at Louth Methodist Church</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EUCHARIST sung by Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p>	<p>29th January 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by Girl Choristers and Adults <i>Preacher: The Rev'd</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm FESTAL EVENSONG for Candlemas sung by Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p>
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The Rev'ds Kate Toogood BSc BA and Matt Harbage BTh MMin, Assistant Curates
The Rev'd Nick Brown BMus BTh FMCSTC, Rector

Allan Smith BA FODE, Master of the Choristers
The Rev'd Chris Hawkins, Team Vicar



Snippets from Stewton

SUNDAY SERVICES

11am Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday, 3rd and 5th Sundays

As many of you know we support three small organisations particularly through our Coffee Events. These take a break in December and January but will be up and running again on 4th Tuesday of each month from February 28th.

One of the charities, Volunteers for Mental Health, works with volunteers to bring some light to patients in a huge psychiatric hospital in Tarnaveni in the Transylvania area of Romania. In addition to the usual therapeutic interventions they again will hope to bring relief over the Christmas period with small gifts.

Every year their Christmas appeal is used to buy a small gift (treats such as chocolates, fruit and coffee) for every patient to remind each one of them that they are unique, special and cared about. This year they want to go a bit further; it is easy to lose the motivation to look after yourself when you live in a total institution and have no possessions. Receiving the gift of some nice smelling soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste or other small personal hygiene item, can make a big difference to how you look and how you feel about yourself. Most patients have no access to any of these things.

A small gift of £2 will help to achieve their Christmas appeal and can be given to Robert Mansfield. It is humbling to think that such a small sum can do so much.

Remember Book Club is at 6pm on Monday 7th December but it will take a break in January. We would like to welcome you to our traditional Carol Service at 3pm on Sunday 18th December and on Christmas morning at 9.30 for Christmas Communion.

Advent & Christmas Services 2016

Sunday 27th November
6pm - Advent Carol Service at St James'

Sunday 4th December
4pm - Christingle at St James'

Sunday 11th December
6pm - Carol Service at Welton le Wold

Sunday 18th December
6pm - Carol Service at Stewton
6pm - Carol Service at South Elkington

Monday 19th December
7:30pm - CAROLS FOR ALL
A Town Carol Service at St James'

Saturday 24th December
3:30pm - Crib Service at St Michael's
4pm - Carols at the Crib in St James'
5pm - Christmas Mass at St Michael's
11:30pm - Midnight Eucharist at St James'

Sunday 25th December
9:30am - Holy Communion at Stewton
10am - Christmas Day Communion at St James'
11am - Holy Communion at South Elkington
11am - Holy Communion at Welton le Wold

Sunday 8th January
6pm - Epiphany Service and Supper at St James' and Church House

Wishing you a very happy and joyful Christmas, with best wishes, the Rev'd Nick Brown and the Louth Ministry Team.

Photo: St James' in the snow courtesy of Tim Elliott

THE PARISH OF LOUTH
www.christmasinlouth.org.uk

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Trinity Centre

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Support at your local Dementia Café

Every Wednesday 2pm - 4pm Trinity Centre

A sociable get together for people with dementia and their carers or people who used to care for others with dementia.

We can promise you a friendly atmosphere, the chance to chat, activities and refreshments.

Please contact Jayne Pegg on 01507 605803 / email (jayne.pegg@teamparishoflouth.org.uk) for more information or call into the Trinity Centre, Exchange, Louth, LN11 8DU and pick up a copy of the weekly programme.

St. James's Guild

2016 Programme

Tuesday December 13th

2.15. Christmas talk

We meet in Church House unless stated above. You are very welcome to join us.

WANTED

A volunteer to organise the

Friends of St James Bookshop in St James Church.

To be part of the "Welcome " Team
and

To help raise funds for the upkeep of the fabric of this magnificent building.

To buy goods for sale in the shop to tourists and locals

To organise the rota of volunteers who help.

If interested please contact Mary Haynes
01507603118 for more information

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LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMBER PLAYERS

(Leader: Chris Rogers)

Soloists from within the choir

Conductor: Frederic Goodwin

A FEAST OF MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Programme includes:-

Cantata No.122: Das neugeborne Kindelein (J S Bach)

Cantata: Das neugeborne Kindelein (Buxtehude)

Magnificat (attributed to Buxtehude)

Christmas Concerto (Giuseppe Sammartini)

Lo! star-led chiefs (William Crotch)

In the bleak midwinter (Harold Darke)

Carols by Peter Warlock, Peter Wishart,

Vaughan Williams, Bernard Rose & Frederic Goodwin

ST JAMES'S CHURCH, LOUTH

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2016

7.30 pm

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invites you to



A Christmas Concert
of Festive Fun for All the Family

St James's Church, Louth
Saturday 17th December

7.30 pm

Tickets: Adult - £8 (including 1 child free), Under 18 - £4

From: Eve & Ranshaw, Market Place, Louth

By telephone: 01507 463410

Or visit: louthchoral.co.uk

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CHURCHES TOGETHER
in LOUTH & DISTRICT



Monday 19th December

CAROLS FOR ALL:

A Carol Service for all the town

7.30pm in The Parish Church of St James, Louth

*'Love came down at
Christmas'*

www.christmasinlouth.org.uk

Advent and Christmas Services 2016



Sunday 27th November: ADVENT SUNDAY

6pm Advent Carol Service at St. James'

Sunday 4th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

4pm Christingle Service at St. James'

Saturday 10th December

10 45am Messy Christmas at Trinity Centre

Sunday 11th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

6pm Carol Service at Welton le Wold

Sunday 18th December: 4th Sunday of Advent

3pm Carol Service at Stewton

6pm Carol Service South Elkington



MONDAY 19th DECEMBER

7 30pm Carols for All:

Lessons and Carols for Christmas at St. James'



2016-2017
LOUTH & DISTRICT

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE

3 30pm Crib Service at St. Michael's

4pm Carols at the Crib at St. James'

5pm Christmas Mass at St. Michael's

11 30pm Midnight Eucharist at St. James'

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY

9 30am Holy Communion at Stewton

10am Christmas Day Communion Service at St. James'

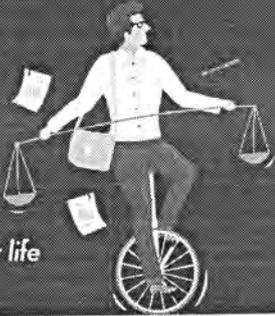
11am Holy Communion at South Elkington and Welton le Wold

'Love came down at Christmas'

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Sunday
4th December
2016




Christingle Service at 4pm

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Around the Parish



SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS: DECEMBER 2016

'Cards for good causes' open from 10 30am from Monday to Saturday in St James'
Advent Quiet Morning at 10am on Mon. 28th Nov. at the Vicarage, Little Lane (and other Mondays in Advent).
Christmas Coffee Morning from 10am on Saturday 3rd December at St Michael's.
CoOp Memorial Service at 4pm on Saturday 3rd December at St James'.
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at 4pm on Sunday 4th December in St James'.
Book Club at 6pm on Monday 5th December at St Andrew's, Stewton.
Concert by KEVIGS at 7 30pm on Wednesday 7th December in St James'.
Messy Christmas from 10 45am on Saturday 10th December at Holy Trinity.
'TAB' event on Saturday 10th December. Times to be confirmed – contact Matt Harbage.
'Sunday Lunch' at 12noon on Sunday 11th December at Trinity Centre (following from the Communion Service)
Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 11th December at Welton le Wold.
Concert by Louth Chamber Choir at 7 30pm on Sunday 11th December in St James'.
Café Church from 10am on Saturday 17th December at Trinity Centre.
Concert by Louth Choral Society at 7 30pm on Saturday 17th December in St James'.
Carol Service at 3pm on Sunday 18th December at Stewton.
Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 18th December at South Elkington.
CAROLS FOR ALL at 7 30pm on Monday 19th December in St James'.
Prayer and Pict: Compline, at 7 45pm on Tuesday 20th December in St James' - followed by a chance for discussion.
Christmas Ramble from St James' to South Elkington at 11am on Thursday 29th December.

Please turn to the centre pages for full details of all services and events taking place this month and full details of services on **CHRISTMAS EVE** and **CHRISTMAS DAY**.

SPECIAL SERVICES: JANUARY 2017

EPIPHANY SERVICE at 6pm on Sunday 8th January in St James', followed by Supper in Church House.
Messy Church from 10 45am on Saturday 14th January at Holy Trinity.
'Sunday Lunch' at 12noon on Sunday 15th January at Trinity Centre (following from the Communion Service)
Prayer and Pict: Compline, at 7 45pm on Tuesday 20th December in St James' - followed by a chance for discussion.
UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at 10 45am on Sunday 22nd January at Louth Methodist Church.
Café Church from 10am on Saturday 28th January at Trinity Centre.
Festal Evensong for Candlemas at 6pm on Sunday 29th January at St James'.

For full details of other events please see the Parish Notes published each week during January.

Sticks and Stones

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat". How very insensitive to the feelings, the very real and valid feelings of, not just the individual goose, but the wider goose community at large, indeed the whole domestic avian subculture. Let's sort this out, 2016 style! For too long, songs of this type have marginalised, mocked and typecast whole sections of farmyard operatives. Enough is sufficient. Shall we, by which I mean I, consider some of these all too common lapses? Of course! This goose, may be big-boned, or differently slim, but to use blunt pejoratives such as "fat" is rude and insensitive.

What about "Santa Claus is coming to Town"? Here we have a differently young benefactor, whose movements are subjected to scathing implications. Is this aged Saint to be portrayed by sniffy city dwellers as a hick, a rube, a straw-sucking redneck, wandering through the city streets gaping in wonder at electric light, hard pavements, and traffic exceeding solitary ox-carts? How does this harsh critic know that Santa Claus is not, in fact, a suave and sophisticated condominium dweller with his own parking space in every major city? Assumptions of this sort are divisive and unjustified.

Consider "While Shepherds Watched". Why do we describe them as "seated on the ground" when it is at least possible that there was a plentiful supply of shooting sticks, folding picnic chairs and the like in First Century Palestine. The statement implies a level of lack of initiative which pigeon-holes the shepherds as dull and uninventive bumpkins. Not good enough!

Then there's "Angels we Have Heard on High". The inference that the Heavenly Host were making noise as a consequence of using recreational drugs is offensive to the dope-fiend community, whose right to respect is infringed by the cruel suggestion that they only sing when they are out of their collective celestial tree on some sort of stimulant. "Stoned Lives Matter", I hear you cry; possibly because of hallucinating as a result of some out of date coffee I am currently quaffing.

I jest, of course, heavily as ever, but there is a point to be made. The late Terry Pratchett, as great an observer of human nature as ever lived, rightly confirmed that words have power. The power to wound, to hurt, and to bend the course of history. The words themselves are not enough, it is important to understand context. Wellington called his

troops "the scum of the earth" but the record shows he was proud of them, and for a General of his time, careful of their lives. The King James Bible (that's the proper one) is full of most powerful and elegant injunctions to humanity at large, such as "suffer little children to come unto me", as distinct from what the modern translations probably say, perhaps along the lines of "do be nice to age-disadvantaged persons" (the gentle reader will have guessed that I don't read the new versions).

In 2016 we have seen the most unpleasant and corrosive impact of words. Donald Trump became President-Elect on a tide of racist, sexist and vituperative words, although some, including "Lark her Earp" were incomprehensible to British ears, even those accustomed to the tones of Glasgow, Cardiff, Newcastle and the strangled gargling of our supposed betters. The great and wise British public were bamboozled into collective economic suicide in the Brexit vote by powerful promises painted on the side of a bus, which were abandoned like used Kleenex within hours of the result. And can anybody tell me what "Brexit means Brexit" actually means? It sounds powerful and decisive. But what does it actually mean?

Words are cheap. They are, effectively, free. Words inspire, affect, placate or anger, and in these days of broadcast media they have more power than ever. We have seen the prosecution of internet trolls, the power of apology and the importance put on apology by the descendants of slaves and the victims of abuse. There is a tide of words swilling and swirling round our eyes and ears, popping up in our phones. The lovely thing is that words, in songs, poems, favourite quotes, glorious oft-repeated jokes and of course the Gospel, the Qran, the Talmud, and liberal intelligent publications can, layer by layer, build good things and inspire heroism, reflection, even love.

So, as this season of goodwill to all men, to all you bruised, upset, deafened and confused comrades and fellow Britons, of all ethnic origins, all classes, all political and religious beliefs and none, all ages, I have two words for you. No, not those two. These -Happy Christmas!

Pat Whistler



The last date for submission of articles for the February 2017 Herald is Saturday 21st January 2017

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