

The Louth Herald



The magazine of the Team Parish of Louth

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Wednesday
1st March
2017



CHORAL EUCHARIST For ASH WEDNESDAY

A Service to mark the beginning of
Lent
at 7 30pm

This event will include sharing in communion
and 'ashing' with a sign of the cross for those
who would like it.

Music performed by the Choir of St James' will
include Allegri's setting of the Miserere

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

Sunday
26th March
2017



MOTHERING SUNDAY:
Celebrating the gift of motherhood



SUNG EUCHARIST for
Mothering Sunday at 10am,
with the distribution of flower posies.

The Parish Church of St. James, Westgate, Louth
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TAB – opportunities for those in the twenties,
thirties and beyond to meet socially and for
discussion.

Contact Matthew Harbage (matthew.harbage@teamparishoflouth.org.uk).

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.

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.

Paul Hill

Lay Reader (PTO)

Tel.: 605222

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

Ronnie Partridge

Lay Reader (PTO)

Tel.: 600398

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

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.

VACANT

Team Vicar of Louth

The Vicarage, Little Lane, Louth.

The responsibilities undertaken by the Rev'd Christine Hawkins are being covered by other members of the Ministry Team pending the appointment of a new Team Vicar in the coming months.

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'

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. He is responsible, with the Rector, for ministry to the congregation of All Saints, South Elkington.

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

E-mail: jayne.pegg@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

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

E-mail: ian.miles@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

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

Notes

from the Rectory



All change!

As many of you will know we are currently in the process of seeking to appoint a new Team Vicar to replace Chris Hawkins who left at the beginning of January to return to the Diocese of Chelmsford. As this edition of *The Herald* goes to print adverts are out in *Church Times* and we hope that if there are suitable applicants they will be invited for interview in the last week of March. Please keep this process and the people involved in your prayers.

It has also been recently announced that Kate Toogood, whose time as Assistant Curate comes to an end in the summer, will be moving to take up a post as Associate Chaplain to Reading Blue Coat School and Associate Vicar of Sonning in the Diocese of Oxford. Kate will start these posts at the beginning of September, and her last services in Louth are likely to be on Sunday 13th August. More details will be available nearer the time! Unlike the Team Vicar post, Assistant Curate are training posts and not necessarily replaced; with Matt remaining for at least another year it is unlikely that we will see a new Curate arrive until at least the summer of 2018.

And in the Deanery

In other news around the Deanery it has recently been announced that Chris and Lorraine Turner will be leaving their posts during late Spring and moving to the Diocese of Rochester. At the same time that this news was announced came news that Father Trevor is retiring from the Binbrook Benefice during the Spring. Together with the existing vacancies in the Fotherby and North Somercotes Benefices I think people will understand that we are going to be somewhat stretched in terms of clerical bodies the coming months. As well as prayers for the timely appointment of people to these various posts in the Deanery, I am sure that the retired clergy and Lay Readers who are maintaining services across the various parishes would appreciate prayers and thanks for all they do.

Life goes on...

Meanwhile much continues to go on: the heating work at St James' is now complete; the display of the Anglo-Saxon 'Louth Cross' has been installed and dedicated; we are entering Lent and preparing for Easter; and we are reviewing our life as a church as we approach our various Annual Church Meetings. There are many signs of God's presence amongst us – let us pray that we may be faithful to His calling to be a people of prayer and worship, a people who know his presence amongst us, and a people who encourage others to join us on that journey.

News from St Michael's



Sunday Services

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



The Most Reverend John Sentamu, Archbishop of York on a recent visit to St James Church, Louth.

Photograph taken by Chris Marshall

MENS SHED

There's a regular monthly meeting for all shed members, we meet at the Gaslamp lounge on Thames Street the last Thursday of every month at 7pm.

The shed is run by a volunteer committee who meet quarterly.

The annual subscription from 1st April 2017 will be set at £60,

this can be paid in one lump sum or 6 monthly (£30) or 3monthly (£15)

(We have a small discretionary fund available to help members who may find this payment difficult to meet, you can enquire in confidence to Greg Gilbert on 01507 605083 about this facility)



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PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

5th Feb Shannon Lowe: Adult
Rebecca Whitley: Adult
12th Feb Alfred John Rowe
Lily Ellie Bailey
19th Feb Rubie Jazmine Kendon Frost
26th Feb George Thomas Mountain

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

No Weddings this month

FUNERALS

2nd Feb Iris Harniess
3rd Feb Mary Elizabeth Cooper
7th Feb Bertha Elizabeth Cross
Mary Brumpton
9th Feb Ros Hicks Memorial
13th Feb Jeffrey Allison
15th Feb Gillian Havercroft
16th Feb Jenson Dean Wilkinson
Richard Madge
22nd Feb Robert William Fisher
23rd Feb Rita Maria Fuller
Walter Ernest William Fuller

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

MARCH 26TH 2017

A Special Family Service

will be held at

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SOUTH ELKINGTON

EVERYONE WELCOME

TIME: 11.00AM – 11.30AM

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

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



Room Hire

at

Trinity Centre

Faith, Worship, Community

We have a range of competitively priced rooms for hire at the Trinity Centre for Community Groups, Businesses and Private functions.

Call 01507 605803 or email trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk to check availability and prices.

More information from www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth LN11 8DJ

Hello!

Welcome to the website of Louth Men's Shed (That is Louth, England, not County Louth, Ireland J)

We've been established since July 2015 and we're one of almost 2,000 Men's Sheds worldwide.

Read on for more info about the shed and how it's helped our members in their own words.

Louth Men's Shed

Unit 21 Thames St, Louth, LN117AD

Opening times

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10am - 3pm

If you're interested in joining the Louth Men's Shed please pop in for a chat soon!

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. Weekly 'Wednesday Drop-in' with many agencies available
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!

Mondays

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

Wednesdays

- Advice Drop-in
- Dementia Café
- Arthritis Group
- Patchwork & Quilting Group
- Mindfulness
- Modern Pilates

Tuesdays

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

Trinity Centre

Faith, Worship, Community

What's On?

Fridays

- Fish On 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
- U3A Photography
- Parkinson's Society
- A&M Freedom Dance
- Slimming World
- 7th Louth Guides & Rangers

Saturdays

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

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth LN11 8DJ

01507 605803

trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES'S LOUTH

HELP TO LOOK AFTER OUR HISTORIC CHURCH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. Contact : Mr M Neal (610143)

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 Ugate, Louth, LN11 9ET	610247
<i>Open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday</i>	
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)
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Centre Staff:

<u>Centre Administrator (including all bookings)</u>	
	Ian Miles 605803
Project Administrator	Jayne Pegg 605803

Church Organisations:

2 nd Louth Guides	Mandi Carden	608807
7 th Louth Guides	Claire Mansey	607539

Services and events for FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

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



	26 th February	5 th March	12 th March
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>Sunday next before Lent</p> <p>8 30am Holy Communion</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p> <p>Da pacem Domine Frank Salisbury Service Ives How beautiful upon the mountains Stainer Hymns 2; 248; 311; 513.</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Sanders Responses Walmisley in D minor O thou the central orb Wood Psalm 84 Hymns 626; 299; 19.</p> <p>11am Matins at South Elkington <i>Preacher: Mrs Ronnie Partridge</i></p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold <i>Preacher: Sylvia Pounds</i></p>	<p>1st Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p> <p>Lent Prose Plainsong Mass of St Anne MacMillan O Lord, increase our faith Loosemore Hymns 95; 416; 538; 496.</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>No Evensong at St James'</p> <p>7 30pm TAIZE SERVICE at Louth Methodist Church</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p>	<p>2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p> <p>Hide not thou thy face Farrant Avingham Service Goodwin Stabat Mater Pergolesi Hymns 547; I lift my eyes; 606; 543.</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Boy Choristers and Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Wilby Responses Wood in D O pray for the peace of Jerusalem Blow Psalm 135, 1-14 Hymns 546; 598; 557.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>11am Morning Prayer at Welton le Wold <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p>
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Allan Smith BA PGCD, Master of the Choristers

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	19 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent	26 th March Mothering Sunday (5 th Sunday of Lent)	2 nd April Passion Sunday (6 th Sunday of Lent)
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> Deliver us, O Lord our God Salisbury Service lves Turn thy face from my sins Attwood Hymns 455; 492; 435i; 96.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 12noon 'Sunday Lunch' at Holy Trinity</p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Preacher: Mrs Ronnie Partridge</i> 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Consort Plainsong Responses Canticles with fauxbourdons Holmes Solus ad victiam Leighton Psalm 40 Hymns 571; 368; 366.</p>	<p>8 30am Holy Communion <i>President: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i></p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i></p> <p>10am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE Girl and Boy Choristers <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> It is the day of all the year. Shaw Alvingham Service Goodwin Virgin born, we bow before thee Bergouls Hymns 555; Sheet; 507; 362.</p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i></p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Consort Ayleward Responses D. Purcell in E minor O where shall wisdom be found Boyce Psalm 31.1-8 Hymns 563; 106; 495.</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am EUCHARIST with Hymns No choir <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i> Hymns 582; 432; 120; 127.</p>
In the villages...	<p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday</i></p>	<p>11am Morning Service for Mothering Sunday at Sth Eik'ton <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Matt Harbage</i></p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold <i>Preacher: Sylvia Pounds</i></p>	<p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p>
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The Rev'd Nick Brown BMus 8th FMA, Rector

The Rev'ds Kate Toogood BSc BA and Matt Harbage BTh MTh, Assistant Curates

Allan Smith BA PhD, Master of the Choristers

Mary Cooper died peacefully at home on 19th January aged 87 years.

Mary will have been well known to those of you with in the Louth Parish.

In the 1980s & 1990s she was very actively involved in preaching simple addresses especially at local village churches and also giving communion to patients in Hospital and regular communicants who were unable to get to church. This gave Mary great satisfaction and purpose.

She remained a deeply committed Christian lady to whom the life of prayer was tremendously important.

Mary regularly offered her home and garden to many people and prayer groups including the Julians and Franciscans.

Mary's funeral was held at Welton le Wold Church on Friday, 3rd February. She has been buried there next to her beloved husband, Hubert.

Mary's greatest gift to all her family and friends was her love. She touched many hearts.

Her last message to all of you is to keep on loving for that is all that matters.

Love cannot die. Let your grief be like a garden. Dark patches there will be but from these let flowers grow.

Jan Berry (Mary's daughter)



Louth Choral Society

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As some of our (more local) congregation may already know from the loud calling at least one peregrine falcon seems to have been with us throughout the winter. I have now put out the nest tray and fitted a new camera that has been donated to the church. Perhaps by the time you read this the monitor down in the tower area will already be running.

Although nesting will not start until later in the year I can report that the tray has been inspected as the gravel has been disturbed. Whilst fitting the tray and camera a pair of peregrines on the wing came by loudly calling. As there is still a pair this is a very good sign for the 2017 breeding season. Last year we had four chicks and in 2015 three.

This does of course mean that the tower is now closed to visitors and will remain so until the middle of July.

Chris Marshall - Verger



Snippets from Stewton

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

March is a busy month here at Stewton starting with the Book Club at 5.30pm on Monday 6th March.

This is immediately followed by the start of the Lent Group when we will be exploring issues raised in the film "The Theory of Everything" about the life of Professor Stephen Hawking starring Eddie Redmayne. The course is written by Hillary Brand. There are more questions than answers, but it is about the exploration of these. Clips of the film will be shown to aid discussion so if you are interested why not join us on Mondays March 6th, 13, 20th, 27th and 3rd April at 7pm.

The DCC AGM will be on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm; and the month will end with Community Coffee on Tuesday 28th March from 10am until 12noon to support one of our projects in Kenya where we are raising money to provide a goat unit as well as building a classroom at the village school for children with disabilities.

Women's World Day of Prayer

2017

This years' service will be at 2.00 pm on
Friday 3rd March.

At Louth Methodist Church, Nichol Hill.

The service was prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines, and the theme is
'Am I Being Unfair to You?'

The service focuses on the Bible story of
the workers in the vineyard:
Matthew 20 v 1 – 16.

Refreshments will be served after the service

The Meaning of Everything

"The mystery and magic of the life we live."

A Lent Course for 2017 at St Andrew's Church Stewton

7 p.m. every Monday evening during Lent

Monday 6th March
Monday 13th March
Monday 20th March
Monday 27th March
Monday 3rd April

A 5-week course based on the film "The Theory of Everything" about the life of Professor Stephen Hawking starring Eddie Redmayne. A course written by Hillary Brand.

Most Christian teaching focuses on what we ought to believe; but there is so much in life that is still a mystery to us.

There are more questions than answers.

"The more I find out, the less I realise I know."

Lent is a 'penitential' season challenging us to 'think again' about the big, often unknowable things of life and what they might tell us about God.

Come along and join us

ST HEREFRITH 27th FEBRUARY



From all known evidence, we can now say that an Anglo-Saxon Monastery, or to be more precise a Minster, existed on this site from c690. They were excellent businessmen and it's more than likely they founded a market which the Danes later expanded. The Monastery is recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles written by Bede. Its name was "Hludensis", meaning "The Loud One" referring to the river Lud or Lud Eau (water). There are no archaeological remains that we know of, only written evidence.

In 792 the Abbott of Louth Monastery (Hludensis), Aethelheard, was elected

Archbishop of Canterbury by Offa, King of Mercia.

There are two churches mentioned in the 12 century records: St. Herefridus (Herefrith) and St. James. A church of St. James existed as long ago as 1235 with St. Herefrid's being recorded in 1257 in a grant of lands in Cockerington.

Who was this Herefrid or Herefrith? It has been suggested that he was a Bishop of Lindsey, perhaps the last Bishop? Another, by William Goulding, in a paper to the Louth Ants and Nats in 1916 suggests he became the Bishop of Auxerre in 887 and died in 909. However, it is now accepted that Herefrith was most likely the last Bishop of Lindsey.

We know that the last bishop, of whom there is written evidence in Lindsey, was Beorhtred who attested charters between 839 and 862. After that various bishops appear in Mercian charters but with no mention of Lindsey. The Danish subjugation of Lindsey took place in 873 and by 878 the Danes had settled here. As there is no mention of a bishop between 862 and 873 it is quite possible that our Herefrid was the bishop who

succeeded Beorhtred during that period.

We know the monastery was in existence in 869-872 when the last Bishop of Lindsey, Herefrith, is said to have been murdered by the raiding Danish Vikings. He is the only known victim of this raid, who it is said to have died a martyr's death. Many other monks would have died. The remaining monks retrieved the body of Herefrith after the raid and a shrine was erected to house his remains. His body was venerated by the inhabitants of the town and surrounding area and people would come to visit the shrine for cures.

The shrine known as St Herefrith's would eventually become a wooden church. Saint Herefrith's Feast-day is still commemorated on 27th February each year.

Why then did we begin to use St James as our saint and not Herefrith? For an answer, we must turn to the records of the Abbey of Thorney, near Peterborough. The Thorney Abbey narrative describes how Aethelwold Bishop of Winchester refounded the monastery at Thorney, which had been destroyed by the Danes, and set about endowing it with relics. The narrative continues:

Not long after (Aethelwold) heard of the merits of the blessed Herefrid Bishop of Lincoln resting in Louth (Lutha) chief town of the same church. When all dwelling there had been put to sleep by a cunning ruse, a trusty servant took him out of the ground, wrapped him in fine linen cloth, and with all his fellows rejoicing brought him to the monastery of Thorney and re-interred him.

The Thorney narrative quite obviously points to Herefrid being an important saint. If you substitute Lindsey for Lincoln in the above narrative, then the whole passage begins to make sense. The removal of his body would mean a considerable loss of esteem for the town and Herefrid's shrine in the church. It is easy to see how the cult of St. James could have come to the forefront in the town. However, Herefrid would still attract a large following and his shrine continued to be a place of worship. We know from records that the Blessed Saint's comb was in the town in 1486 as listed in the Church Wardens' accounts for that year.

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St. James's Guild Programme for 2017

Venue - Church House
Time 2.15p.m. unless stated otherwise

Tuesday 7th March - Syrian Crisis Exhibition discussion led by Jane Fletcher. We meet at the Methodist Church at 2.15 to see the exhibition together and then convene at the Church House for tea and discussion.

Tuesday 16th May - Discussion of the novel, *Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin led by Jeannie Gurnham
Bring & Buy sale to raise money for Cristian Aid. Please bring anything suitable like baking or produce.

Tuesday 11th July - Afternoon Tea with Joyce Terrett. Contributions invited. All money for Children's Charity.

Tuesday 12th September - Lunch at The Splash. Nearer time we will reserve a table and ask for numbers.

Tuesday 12th December - Rev. Matthew Harbage talks on an aspect of Christmas.

Upcoming worship

1st March Ash Wednesday
7 30pm Choral Eucharist for the beginning of Lent,
including performance of the famous setting of Psalm 51 – Allegri's 'Miserere'.

12th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent
6pm Choral Evensong for Lent,
with Boy choristers & Consort

26th March: Mothering Sunday
10am Eucharist for Mothering Sunday, with Boy & Girl choristers

13th April: Maundy Thursday
7 30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

14th April: Good Friday
2pm Last Hour at the Cross
7 30pm Music of the Passion

16th April: Easter Day
10am Sung Eucharist for Easter
6pm Festal Evensong

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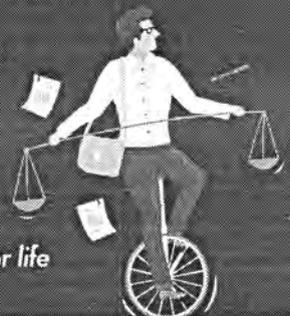
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Following the publication of the paper from the House of Bishops, *Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations*, the bishops have written to the clergy of the diocese. The content of the letter is as follows...

The Church of England has today published a paper about marriage and sexuality, ahead of the meeting of the General Synod next month.

The paper - *Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations* - has been prepared by the House of Bishops, and will be debated by the Synod as part of the continuing exploration of the issues around sexuality, and the church's response to the changes seen in society in recent years. We participated in the discussions which followed the Shared Conversations on human sexuality, and we are encouraged that the final paper is so thorough and detailed. We look forward to it being debated by the General Synod.

We recognise that the paper may cause a range of reactions. We want to assure our congregations and all the people of greater Lincolnshire that we are committed to serving everyone, irrespective of their sexuality, or of their personal opinions on the issue of

sexuality: all are made in the image of God, and all are loved by God.

We want to be a church which values all equally, just as all people are equally valued by God. We want also to be a church which is respectful of different views, and which actively seeks to understand those views in the context of the wider perception and interpretation of people locally, nationally and internationally.

We would be grateful to hear any comments or opinions, and encourage everyone to pray earnestly for the church and for the General Synod as it meets next month.

You can read the House of Bishops paper in full here:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3863472/gs-2055-marriage-and-same-sex-relationships-after-the-shared-conversations-report-from-the-house-of-bishops.pdf>

With our blessings

+Christopher Lincoln

+David Grimsby

+Nicholas Grantham

ELKINGTON SNOWDROP WALK.

A fine morning contributed to the success of the Snowdrop Walk and Soup Lunch organised by members and friends of South Elkington Church on Saturday, February 18th. Over fifty walkers braved the muddy conditions in sturdy footwear in two teams led by Charlotte Whiting and Jill Day. They followed the old carriage way through the woods and Welton Vale where the snowdrops were a beautiful sight. The return was made by the track around Heron Lake recently dredged and refilled. Comments on the history of the area were made during the walk.

The Church Institute was filled to capacity by the time the non-walkers joined in at 12.15pm. Five varieties of home-made soups were served followed by cups of tea or coffee with delicious cakes and biscuits and sausage rolls. There was an opportunity to purchase snowdrops "in the green".

Many thanks to all concerned who helped to make this a wonderful social occasion.

Donations received will enable half the chairs in the Institute to be reupholstered.

Jill Day.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Am I Being Unfair to You?

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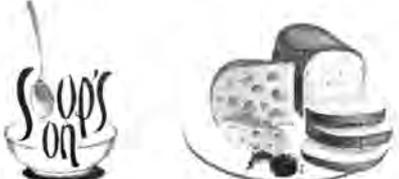
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The last date for submission of articles for the April 2017 Herald is Wednesday 22nd March, 2017.
You can send articles to my Email address which is: stuart@clara.net or stuartsize@talktalk.net