

REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around St James'

Sundays	8 30am	Holy Communion, on the 4 th Sunday of the month
	10am	SUNG EUCHARIST - activities in the Children's Corner in church most weeks - Crèche on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays (meet in the church just before 10am) - Meet together for Coffee under the tower after the service
	3pm	Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
	6pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Tuesdays	11am	Holy Communion, according to the Book of Common Prayer
	7 45pm	Compline, on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month
Wednesdays	2 15pm	Ladies Guild in Church House, on the 2 nd Weds. of the month
	6 15pm	Choristers, followed at 7pm by Choir Practice
Thursdays	10 30am	Parent & Toddler Group in Church House (not in summer hols!)

Morning Prayer is said in St James at 8 30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and **Midday Prayer** at 12 30pm on Saturdays.

The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth...

The **Parish Church of Saint James**, as a part of the Parish of Louth, is served by parish's Ministry Team. They are overseen by the Rector and their work includes:

- Maintaining a rhythm of regular prayer for the local community;
- Helping people to growing closer in faith
- Seeking to reach out beyond the boundaries of the Church to all those touched by Christ
- Serving the wider community, and making visible God's love for all
- Enabling each of person to fulfil their vocation as members of the body of Christ

As well as ordained clergy, the Ministry Team includes a number of Lay Readers and Workers, and many volunteers who contribute their time and energy to Church life.

Other churches in the Parish of Louth...

The **Trinity Centre** is a focus for a number of social programmes and is a place for outreach to the local community – many of its activities involve other organisations working in partnership, and it hosts the Louth Community Larder and an outlet of the Lincolnshire Credit Union.

The **Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels** is home to a congregation that sits within the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England, and also serves those who live in its immediate neighbourhood.

The Parish Churches of **All Saints** South Elkington, **St Martin** Welton le Wold and **St Andrew** Stewton are the focus for worshipping communities and serve the spiritual needs of the people in those villages.

The Parish Church of St James, Louth



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A place to encounter the
wonder of God...



A varied community gathering



together to grow in faith...

A little about the life of the Church in this place...

A place of prayer and worship

The Parish Church of Saint James continues its centuries-old tradition of being a place of prayer for the town of Louth and surrounding communities. As well as sustaining a rhythm of regular prayer for all, it is home to several groups of worshippers, and serves the spiritual needs of the wider community:

Daily Prayer takes place on most days of the week, with Morning Prayer at 8 30am on most weekdays and Evensong at 6pm on Sundays.

A focal point for our worship is **Sung Eucharist** at 10am on Sunday mornings, at which we gather to worship God and share communion.

A quiet service of **Holy Communion** (according to the Book of Common Prayer) takes place at 11am on Tuesdays.

The ancient office **Compline** is sung at 7 45pm on a Tuesday evening once a month – normally followed by discussion over a drink.

St James' hosts various events in the **civic life** of the town. These include Civic Services for the Council, an annual Remembrance Service and a number of other services during the year.

St James is also a place for people to celebrate events in life; hosting **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** as well as providing pastoral care to the wider community.

A place for people to encounter the wonder of God

With its spire pointing heavenwards, the church has been hallowed by generations of prayer. From the time of its earliest saints it has been a place of pilgrimage, where people have witnessed God's presence. We pray that today's visitors too may become pilgrims.

St James' is normally **open to visitors** at the following times:

Easter to Christmas: Mon. to Sat., 8 30am to 4pm Christmas to Easter: Mon., Weds. and Fri., 8 30am to 12noon and Sat., 9am to 11 30am

On most days between Easter and Christmas our volunteer **Guides** are available to help you explore the building and our **Coffee Shop** and **Gift Shop** (also manned by dedicated volunteers) are open.

The Chapel of St Stephen (in the south-east corner of the church) is reserved as a quiet place for **prayer and reflection**.

We are developing an **Education Programme** to introduce local school-children to the rich cultural and spiritual history of St James'.

We are a regular venue for a variety of **cultural events** from classical music to visual art and contemporary dance.

A varied community gathering together to grow in faith

As well as our main acts of worship there are a number of other ways in which people gather to explore their faith and support each other:

Parents and Toddlers takes place in Church House from 10 30am on Thursdays – all welcome.

Some **Small Groups** meet for fellowship and deepening faith, including:

The **St James's Ladies Guild** meets monthly in Church House for fellowship; **'TAB'** ('Twenties and beyond'), a group for younger adults meets for social events; an occasional **Bible Reading Group** that meets informally explore the riches of the Bible; **'Prayer & Pint'** which is a monthly time for discussion after compline; and **'Pilgrim' Groups** which provide an informal time to learn about the Christian faith and support each other in their journey.

Messy Church meets monthly at Trinity Centre and provides a great chance for children and families from across the parish to explore the basics of the Christian faith.

'Exploring...' events are a chance to think and reflect about a single issue from a 'faith' perspective. They take place occasionally on a Saturday morning.

For more information please visit www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk or call 01507 610247