

The Louth Herald



The magazine of the Team Parish of Louth

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Pentecost: Sunday 20th May 2018
The gift of the Spirit to the Church



SUNG EUCHARIST
with Baptism at 10am
and
FESTAL EVENSONG at 6pm
followed by drinks under the tower

The Parish Church of St. James, Westgate, Louth
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Ascension Day



God is gone up with a merry noise

**Choral Evensong for the
Eve of Ascension Day**

at 7 30pm on
Wednesday 9th May in St James'
sung by the Girls and Adults of the Choir of St James
and with an address by the Bishop of Grantham

God is gone up Goodwin
Wilby Responses Psalm 24
Brewer in D Hymns 167; 398.
Rejoice the Lord is King Archer

**Holy Communion for
Ascension Day**

at 7 30am on Thursday 10th May
at Hubbards Hills
followed by breakfast

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Some notes from the Rectory...

Unfinished business: Redrawing the boundaries of the Church

In a neighbouring parish to my last parish, there was a small village that had had a small mediaeval church. In the 19th century the owner of the village decided that those people who lived and worked in the village needed to have God more centrally in their lives. To enable this, he rebuilt the church so that there was room not just for those who already came, but room for the whole village (and some). He then encouraged all the people who worked for him or rented from him to attend church. After a while church attendances rose, the church was full for morning and evening services on Sundays – and people noticed that if they went to church they had favourable rent reviews, and better working conditions than those who didn't. Attendances rose still higher. This carried on being an influencing factor until in the 1970s legislation meant that the landowners successors found it more difficult to carry out this policy of promoting the church, but things still carried on until the retirement of the last of the 'old school' estate stewards when, predictably the church registers show a dramatic change in church attendance (within a decade dropping to become 10% of its previous level) and leaving an empty church. This story illustrates (in a very stark way) an attitude to faith that is focused on attendance, and that is seen in weaker reflections behind statements such as:

'I go to church'

'I'm spiritual but not religious'

'Wasn't it good how many people were at...'

'It's a shame more people weren't at...'

'They come for a baptism, but we never see them again'

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The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

Team Chapter

The Rev'd Nick Brown

Parish Priest: Team Rector of Louth

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

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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, responsible for engagement with Louth Town Council, ELDC and other civic bodies. Nick is also Rural Dean of Louthesk.

The Rev'd Janet Turville

Team Vicar of Louth

The Vicarage, Little Lane, Louth.

Tel.: 239534

E-mail: janet.turville@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

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 to schools).

Greg Gilbert

Community Outreach Manager

Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth

Tel.: 605803 or 610752

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

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.

Parish Ministry Team

The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday Hon. Assistant

Tel.: 600877

Priest

(PTO)

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

The Rev'd Robert Mansfield Hon. Assistant

Tel.: 327533

Priest

(PTO)

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.

The Rev'd Ian Partridge Hon. Asst Priest (PTO)

Tel.:

600398

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

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.:

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Responsible for 'Tinies Breakfast' at Trinity Centre.

Jill Trafford

Centre Administrator

E-mail: trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

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

Zoe McIlpatrick

Projects Administrator

E-mail: trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

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

Ministers in training

Arabella Milbank Robinson

Assistant

Curate

designate

Arabella is currently completing her training prior to ordination and will join the Ministry Team in Louth following her ordination as a Deacon by the Bishop of Lincoln on 30th June in the cathedral.

Officers and Representatives in the Parish of Louth

PCC Secretary	Jennifer Goodwin	605254	Safeguarding Officers	Greg Gilbert	605803 or 610752
PCC Treasurer	Mike Crosby	-----		Mandy Gilbert	Messy Church
Herald Editor	Stuart Sizer	604624		Cate Green	St James
Churches Together Reps	Eileen Byrne	605371		Frances Green	Messy Ch/St James'
	Jill Day	603998			
	Jennifer Smith	-----	WW Day of Prayer Rep	Jennifer Goodwin	605254

Behind each of these comments sits a common understanding that the church is a particular group of people who, by behaving in particular ways, make up 'the Church'. Typically, someone who belongs to 'the Church' in this way will be expected to be in the church building on most if not all Sundays for a morning service. They will also have a place on one or more of the rotas which display devoted service, and they may well have a formal role which requires their presence at a number of meetings during the week.

By contrast, there will be a number of people who do not quite make it into the category of 'churchgoers'. They perhaps volunteer for activities that the church supports – but they are not (in *some* people's minds) quite proper members of 'the church' – because they do not attend its core activities.

If we turn to the Bible we can find that there are no such distinctions in Christ's ministry. Throughout his life and ministry Jesus is a full participant in the worship of the Temple, present and active in the teaching of the synagogue, and diligent in prayer.

But Christ goes beyond this and recognises God's active presence in people elsewhere and in other ways – indeed it is enough for someone to touch the hem of his cloak to be transformed by Christ's presence in their lives, and go on their way. It is indeed noticeable that Jesus seems to encourage people not to give up previous patterns of life but to continue in them transformed by their experience of the love and grace of God. I can't think of an example where Jesus reveals God in someone's life and then says, 'see you at the synagogue on Sabbath'!

So, where do we find Jesus in the Gospels, and where do others find God alongside him:

In the Temple – the gathering together to mark significant events in individual lives. We find Jesus there.

At the Synagogue – a smaller gathering to study scripture and worship God away from the Temple. We find Jesus there.

Singing Psalms and hymns – small groups gathering to recite the Psalter and sing other spiritual songs. We find Jesus there.

At Prayer – individual actions, going to the mountain-top or out on the Lake. We find Jesus there.

In Daily life – living a life that truly reflects the love of God that we know can inhabit our hearts. We find Jesus there.

However, as mentioned above, there are times when it is enough for people to touch the hem of Jesus' cloak and go away transformed. But where does the gospel say that in order to attain the grace and love of God they must attend the synagogue (which is the nearest parallel to 'going to church'? They may well find themselves going to the synagogue. They may well end up giving thanks in the Temple (as Christ indeed does bid some people to do). But there are no prescriptive patterns of behaviour or worship that are in themselves gateways to experience of God – though experience of God may well lead people to those very same things.

This is perhaps where the Church has gone wrong. It may be why the landowner coerced their tenants to attend the local church – so that they may experience God. But perhaps the better hope is to seek to help people to understand where God is already present in their lives and help them to recognise the transforming effect that this can have - which may well draw them into the community of faith. But to do that we have to redraw the boundary of where the Church is and recognise that the Christ is already out there with people – it is the Church that needs to be there too, if it is truly to be the body of Christ here on earth.

These thoughts were first shared at the Holy Week Meditation on the Monday of Holy Week, and were subsequently discussed at a Retreat for Ministry Team members at Ampleforth Abbey. Over the months and years that lie ahead we hope that we can redraw the boundaries of the Church so that we live out a church life that echoes the example we are given by Christ. Please join in both this work, and the prayer and reflection that will be necessary for us to discern where Christ calls us to be the body of Church.

Faith & the Environment Conference 2018

Climate Change and Coast

St Giles Church, Lincoln Saturday 12th May



A day conference to explore living well
as individuals, church and community

with

Prof. Edward Hanna FRMetS

Professor of Climate Science and Meteorology, University of Lincoln

Alison Baptiste

Director of Strategy & Investment, Flood & Coastal Risk Management,
Environment Agency

John Beardmore

Operation Noah

including

Stories from the Coast and input from
Lincoln School of Theology; USPG; Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust;
Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Christian Aid; Tearfund

All welcome. Details & booking see <http://tiny.cc/faithE>

For programme & further help & contact details see overleaf.



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a week to volunteer and sup-
port someone in your local
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chat?

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aimed at people aged 50 and
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PARISH REGISTERS

APRIL 2018

BAPTISMS

1st April Millie Grace Bailey
8th April Archie Ian Thompson
15th April Beatrix Penelope Mcphie Phillips-Meiklejon
15th April Hadley Elijah Coleman

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

1st April Paul Roland Patchett with
Sharon Michelle Oldroyd

FUNERALS

5th April Gerald Burley
5th April Mary Elizabeth Ward (ashes)
11th April Muriel Lillian Sowden
13th April William Walter Cook (ashes)
17th April Shirley Ann Barnes-Wallis (ashes)



Louth Summer Fair

Sat 7th July 10.30-3.00pm

at St James Church, Westgate.

A lively, traditional fair with stalls, food, music, games and events.

Held on the cobbles outside the historic church, and in the adjoining Rectory garden.

There'll be something for all the family to enjoy.

<http://www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk>



Can you imagine what it would be like to have to walk for days in just your shoes?

Louth Churches for Refugees invite you to experience what it might be like to be a refugee and walk a long distance – but we want you to be properly prepared with walking boots, backpack, water and food for the 15 and 30 mile walks or sensible footwear, water and snacks for those doing the 5 mile walk.

During the walk which launches the start of **Refugee Week** there will be an opportunity to discuss the work of LCFR and our plans for the future.

On June 16th 2018 Louth Churches for Refugees invite walkers of all abilities to participate in one of 3 walks through the Lincolnshire Wolds. A standard of fitness is essential to complete the 15 or 30 mile walks, refreshment stops will be available en route.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Walk 1 - 5 miles will start and finish at Louth Methodist Church Nichol Hill (departs 9.15)

Walk 2 – 15 miles will start at Louth Methodist Church and finish at the Wolds Centre, Scamblesby (departs 9.00 am)

Walk 3 – 30 miles will start and finish at Louth Methodist Church Nichol Hill (departs 9.00 am)

All walkers must register at Nichol Hill between 8.30 and 8.50 prior to the start of the 15 and 30 mile walks, and registration for the 5 mile walk between 8.50 and 9.10.

For more information contact Derek Gibson on 07719098770 or email derekgibson149@gmail.com



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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:

Churchwardens	Jeannie Gurnham	609622
	Dianne Thompson	-----
Asst Churchwardens	Jane Fletcher	604132
	Frances Green	-----
	Richard Gurnham	-----
	Robert Haynes	603118
	Robert Thompson	-----
	John Troughton	607931
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
ER Officer	Mary Haynes	603118
DCC Treasurer	Julie Speakman	610247

Prayer and Worship:

Vergers	Chris Marshall	-----
	Andy Garner	-----
Hon. Asst. Vergers	Kate Clarke	-----
	Alan Durrant	-----
Master of the Choristers	Allan Smith	610247
Organist	Phil Hotham	-----
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 and Groups that are

part our wider church community:

Parent & Toddler Gp	Stacey Drew	-----
St. James's Guild	Jane Fletcher	604132
	Jeannie Gurnham	609622
Church bookings	Kate Clarke	604597
Church Hse Bookings	Julie Speakman (Office)	610247
Friends of St. James's Church, Secretary	June Barber	604595

Services 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 45pm	Compline: every 3rd Tues of the month

Thursday

10am	Parent and Toddlers in Church Hse
10 30am	'Craft on Thursday' in Coffee Shop

Saturday

10 30am	CAFÉ CHURCH: every 4th Saturday of the month
12 30pm	Midday Prayer

*Morning Prayer is normally prayed at 8 30am on
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.*

Parish Church of St. Michael, Louth

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Brian Luckwell	607619
	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
DCC Treasurer	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
ER Officer	VACANT	
Organist	Janet McKee	327256
Flowers	Sylvia Luckwell	607619

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

9 30am	SUNG MASS
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Saturday

10 30am	Coffee Morning, on the 1st Saturday of every month
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Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Dorothy Mansfield	327533
	Jane Rushby	327606
DCC Treasurer	Jane Rushby	327606
ER Officer	Dorothy Mansfield	327533
Organist	Fred Goodwin	-----

Services and Regular Activities

<u>Sunday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays
<u>Monday</u>	5 45pm	Book Club: 1st Monday of the month
<u>Tuesday</u>	10am	Community Coffee: 4th Tuesday

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
Organist	Craig Pillans	-----
Church Flowers	Peeby Myers	607331
Church Inst. Bookings	Charles Dobson	604632

Regular Services

<u>Sunday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 2nd Sunday
	11am	MATINS (BCP): 4th Sunday

Parish Church of St. Martin, Welton le Wold

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Jim Cave	610275
	Alastair Kerr	-----
DCC Secretary and Treasurer	Peter Taylor	609280
ER Officer	Peter Taylor	609280
Organists	David Wormell/David Dickinson	
Church Flowers	Pat Cave	610275

Regular Services

<u>Sunday</u>	11am	MORNING PRAYER: 2nd Sunday
	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 4th Sunday

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

Centre Staff:

Community Outreach Manager	Greg Gilbert	610752 or 605803
Centre Administrator (including all bookings)	Jill Trafford	605803
Project Administrator	Zoe McIlpatrick	605803

Services and Regular Activities

<u>Sunday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 3rd Sunday
<u>Tuesday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 1st Tuesday
	12noon	'Tasty Tuesday': 1st Tuesday only
<u>Wednesday</u>	10am	'Wednesday Drop-in'
	2pm	'Memories Matter'
<u>Friday</u>	12noon	Fish on Friday
<u>Saturday</u>	10 45am	MESSY CHURCH: 2nd Saturday
<i>Details of other activities are on the website.</i>		

Services and events for APRIL/MAY 2018

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



	29 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter	6 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	13 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults God be in my head <i>Walford-Davies</i> Hymns 442; 516i; 284i; 311; (441c:NEH513); 140. Mass of St. Anne <i>MacMillan</i> I give you a new commandment <i>Aston</i></p> <p>3pm CIVIC SERVICE (CHORAL EVENSING) sung by Adults Rose Responses Ps 150 Wood in D I was glad <i>Parry</i> Hymns 368; 362; 558; National Anthem.</p> <p>6pm COMPLINE No Choir</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults <i>Da pacem Frank</i> Hymns 180; 149 <i>Doxology</i>; 453; (309); 215. <i>Alvingham Service Goodwin</i> How can I keep from singing <i>Archer</i></p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>3pm Baptism at St. Michael's</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSING sung by Boys and Adults <i>Wilby Responses Ps 45 Evening Service for Parish Choirs Shepherd To Christ, now arisen Cooperin Hymns 156; 254; 253.</i></p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE at Louth Methodist Church</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington</p> <p>11am Matins at Welton le Wold</p>
In the villages...	<p>Monday 30th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 1st May PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity 12noon 'Tasty Tuesday' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 3rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Friday 4th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 5th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 7th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 8th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Ministry Team Meeting 7pm 'Churches without walls' Prayer Group</p> <p>Wednesday 9th Eve of Ascension Day 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre 6pm FESTAL EVENSING sung by Girls and Adults God is gone up <i>Goodwin Wilby Responses Ps 24 Wood in D Rejoice the Lord is king Archer Hymns 167; 398.</i></p> <p>Thursday 10th ASCENSION DAY 7 30am ECUMENICAL COMMUNION at Hubbards Hills</p> <p>Friday 11th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 12th 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 14th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 15th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)</p> <p>Wednesday 16th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 17th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Friday 18th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 19th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>
During the week...			

The Rev'd Nick Brown BA, MA, FRCO, Team Rector
The Rev'd Janet Turville BA, MA, Team Vicar

Allan Smith BA, MA, Master of the Choristers
Philip Hotham, Organist

Services and events for MAY/JUNE 2018

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



	20 th May PENTECOST (Whitsunday)	27 th May TRINITY SUNDAY	3 rd June 1 st Sunday after Trinity
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST with Baptism Girls and Adults</p> <p>3pm Baptism at Holy Trinity</p> <p>6pm FESTAL EVENSONG sung by Adults</p>	<p>8 30am Holy Communion</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am EUCHARIST with hymns No choir</p> <p>1pm Wedding</p> <p>3pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Adults</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults</p> <p>3pm Baptism at St Michael's</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Adults</p>
In the villages...	<p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>	<p>11am Matins at South Elkington</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold</p>	<p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>
During the week...	<p>Monday 21st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Louth and East Wolds Chapter Mtg.</p> <p>Wednesday 23rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 24th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 7pm 'Churches without Walls' Prayer Group</p> <p>Friday 25th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 26th 10 30am 'Lego under the Tower' (CAFÉ CHURCH) 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 28th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 29th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)</p> <p>Wednesday 30th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 31st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 7 30pm HOLY COMMUNION at Stewton</p> <p>Friday 1st June 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 2nd 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER in Church House 1pm WEDDING</p>	<p>Monday 4th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 5th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity 12noon 'Tasty Tuesday' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 6th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 7th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Friday 8th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 9th 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>

The Rev'd Nick Brown OMA 87th MA FRSA, Team Rector
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LOUTH CHAMBER CHOIR
and
LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMBER PLAYERS
Leader: Brian Hardy

Martin Priestley (baritone)
and soloists from within the choir

Conductor: Frederic Goodwin

SPRING CONCERT
SATURDAY 12 MAY
7.30 pm
ST JAMES'S CHURCH, LOUTH

Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs
J S Bach: Cantata No. 4 (Christ lag in Todesbanden);
O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht
Edward Bairstow: Save us, O Lord
Frederic Goodwin: Three Tennyson Songs
Music for unaccompanied choir by Tallis, Mundy,
Weelkes, Mendelssohn and Rheinberger
Music for string orchestra by Vaughan Williams,
Gustav Holst and John Ireland

Admission by programme, £10.00,
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Lent Lunches a resounding success



A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese was prepared by volunteers and served on Wednesdays throughout Lent in the Church Cafe. The new venue this year saw an average of 30 diners each week enjoying food and fellowship and on occasions with musical accompaniment. Donations raised over **£500** towards local charities like the Community Larder, the work of St James's and Louth Churches for Refugees . Many thanks to all who have given donations towards the provision of these meals.

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

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Spring Concert

Saturday 5 May, 2018 at 7.30 pm

St James's Church, Louth

Tickets: £15 reserved main aisles and £10 unreserved side aisles

from Malcolm Neal 01507 610143; Bill Wood 01507 354925

Credit card: 07749 502422; St James's Church shop

Eve and Ranshaw; Trinity Centre

www.louthrotaryconcert.com



Snippets from Stewton

The month of May at Stewton Church will see a hive of activity in addition to the usual services, starting with Book Club on Monday 7th at 5.30. An hour of light hearted literary fun, and frequent controversy. The following day, Tuesday 8th sees us hosting Memories Matter in the afternoon. Community Coffee this month is from 10 to 12noon on Tuesday May 22nd when our Kenyan Project will benefit from the proceeds. On Sunday 27th the church will welcome hikers on the Wolds Walking Festival for welcome refreshments and a talk on St Andrew's before they set off for the final part of their walk that day.

NEWS FROM SOUTH ELKINGTON



SOUTH ELKINGTON WI

Denise Harrison entertained us at our April meeting, with "Myths and Legends" of Lincolnshire, telling intriguing tales of Boggarts, Boggles, Mystical Stones and The Three Grey Ladies of Gainsborough Old Hall, Gunby Hall and Boston Stump.

The Annual Meeting followed, when 2 retiring committee members were thanked for their valuable contribution and the remaining members were re-elected for the coming year

After a long winter, our monthly walks have recommenced, and our supper club continues to be a very enjoyable "get-together" at a different local venue each month.

On Tuesday, 5th June, Linda Hewett will show us how to "Upcycle Our Wardrobes". With her good sense of humour, we can be sure that, once again, Linda will provide us with a very entertaining evening!

Visitors are always welcome and if you would like further details, please telephone :-

Val Gothard, 01507 622778.



Is this date in your diary? July 7 2018..... between the hours of 10.30 and 3pm the cobbles will be alive with not only the sound of music but with a bouncy castle, hot dogs, lots of stalls selling a wide range of cakes, toys, books, plants, tombola and anything else we can think of! But these things do not just happen. An active group has been meeting over the last few months to ensure that it all comes together.

So now we need YOUR help, either to supply items for sale, or to assist on the day by helping to set up, man and dismantle the event. While we have sufficient excellent prizes for the raffle we are particularly looking for smaller items for the Tombola as well as cakes and pastries, plants, toys and of course books and CDs. There are boxes at the back of St James.

Not sure how you can help? Need to know more? Contact Robert Mansfield on 01507 327533. Come and be part of this wider parish event where all of us are working together.

If your district is not represented why not ring Robert Mansfield on 327 533. By working together no one person is asked to do too much. We are currently meeting about every 6 weeks to plan the event. The Fair itself will then showcase what we can do as a church. It will be a fun family event.

At the moment there are collection boxes at the back of St James for books, CDs, toys, scarves, jewellery and tombola items. Larger can be collected by phoning 327 533. It is not too early to sort out stuff for us. Later we will be asking for cakes and plants, so if you are a baker or green fingered we would also welcome those contributions nearer the time.

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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	"Fish on Fridays" – a weekly chance to meet and chat. No need to book.
Fridays	12noon	
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

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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

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St. James's Guild Programme for 2018

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

For more information contact Jane Fletcher
604132 or Jeannie Gurnham 609622

Tuesday 8th May - John Loft as guest speaker -
on bird life especially Merlins.

Contributions for a bring & buy invited. All mon-
ey raised for the Children's Society.

Tuesday 12th June- Afternoon Tea at Tearoom
in the Woods, Woodall Spa.

Tuesday 10th July - A trip to Sutton-on-Sea or
local Floral Festival

Tuesday 11th September - Lunch at The Splash.
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Tuesday 11th December - Rev. Nick Brown talks
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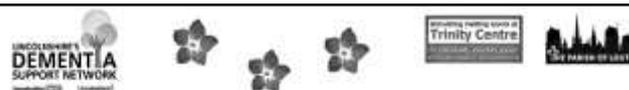
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Support at your local Dementia Café

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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, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ and pick up a copy of the weekly
programme.

St. James's Guild on May 8th Venue - Church House Time 2.15p.m.

Mr John Loft will be guest speaker - on
bird life especially Merlins.

At this meeting we will also be having a
Bring & Buy and all money raised will be
donated to the **Children's Society**.
Please remember to bring along some-
thing for the stall and invite your friends
to join us.

GRIMSBY, CLEETHORPES AND LOUTH CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE

Our 24 hour local help-line number is now 07867312658

Please leave a message: you can normally expect a response within 24-48 hours

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

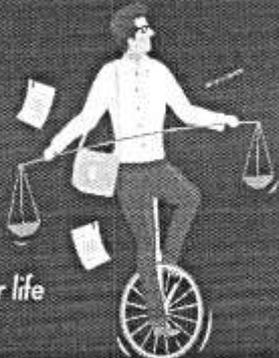
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Louth Churches
FOR REFUGEES



LENT AID COLLECTION FOR REFUGEES

A total of 41 banana boxes were filled with essential items for Pregnant women or new Mums, Babies, Vulnerable families or Women who have escaped ISIS as part of the Lent Aid Care Pack collection.

Louth Churches for Refugees working with the support of Churches together in Louth and District organised the collection on behalf of Samara's Aid Appeal. Samara focuses on getting aid to the most vulnerable and desperate, often in war torn areas still under attack in Iraq and Syria.

Churches, Craft Groups, Schools, Families and individuals donated new and many beautiful handmade items which will demonstrate the care, love and compassion we have for all those trapped in such distressing circumstances. The boxes will now be transported to Jacob's Well in Beverley to containers which will be shipped to the Middle East. Thank you for your generosity to all who donated goods and cash for transportation and also to Louth Lions for underwriting the shortfall in transport costs.

The St. James' Lending Library

Did you know St. James' Church has a small lending library? In May last year the library was dedicated to the glory of God and the memory of the late Hubert and Mary Cooper whom many will remember with fondness. I often notice people making use of the bookshelves, looking for some spiritual nourishment or guidance, or simply just to browse.



There are a range of books on prayer, the Bible, and Christian living.

I thought I'd highlight just one or two to perhaps whet your appetite to go and find the library (if you haven't already)

and have a browse.

The Poverty and Justice Bible

The Bible can be understood in many ways but I like the idea that the Bible is a polyphony of voices, conversations between people and God. One motif which resonates throughout the pages is the theme of social justice; particularly for the marginalised and those most vulnerable in society.

Some have suggested that we cannot properly understand the Bible without listening to those who have been on the underside of power and listening closely to how they interpret the Bible (something explored in the movement known as Liberation Theology). This version of the Bible contains highlighted passages to help inspire as we listen to God, and may encourage us to listen ever deeper to those neglected voices in our local community and wider world.



The Screwtape Letters, C. S. Lewis

I first read this creative work as a child. It is a playful fiction exploring themes of temptation and Christian living from the perspective of a junior demon called Wormwood and his uncle as they seek to lead their 'patient' astray. Who said theological books had to be academic!



The library can be found in St. Stephen's chapel and has extra lighting for ease of use. Using the sign-out sheet, books can be borrowed for as long as desired.

April 2018, Reverend Matt

Something a bit different...

Lowkey

Have you ever found yourself listening to a rap artist on Radio One and suddenly hear an echo of the Beatitudes?



I have become a fan of the activist rapper Lowkey; I cannot say I fully understand his overarching political outlook or agree with all his assessments of history, political movements and contemporary culture (I cannot even identify some of them). But I've heard enough to say I believe he has a prophetic voice that is worth listening to. I'm not sure if he would describe himself as a man of faith, but I want to share some highlights from his music which have stirred me in my Christian walk – and who knows, these lyrics might spark a novel conversation with the rap listeners in your lives.

"I don't know if history is linear or cyclical

*But know I'm ridiculed for making invisibles visible
That's why Plato said banish poets from the republic
'Cause they know that we can shake the social system
and disrupt it."*

Lowkey ft. Kaia – 'Lords of War'

Official Music/Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvxOptlgsis>

A haunting sound, addressing the problems of the international arms trade through recounting the real-life life stories of victims of conflict: on both sides of the weapons.

Lowkey's 2nd Fire In The Booth with Charlie Sloth on Radio 1 and 1Xtra

Official Music/Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIFWRsYn1SU>

The first half of this rap tour-de-force has Lowkey rapping through the alphabet – backwards, offering phrases that reference political issues such as corruption, capitalism (Shock Doctrine anyone?) and refugees but the really meaty material comes after 3 minutes 55 seconds. Lowkey lived opposite London's Grenfell Tower and since the tragedy has sought to raise awareness of the systemic problems the disaster highlighted.

"Those that signed off on the cladding are still receiving their wage"

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Dear Friends,

'You are witnesses of these things.' The words of Jesus to his disciples in one of the Easter season gospel readings. There he was before them, the one they'd seen crucified, sealed in a tomb, and now very much alive, eating fish – explaining what it had all been about, encouraging them to tell others what they now were discovering to be true themselves.

The Sunday after Easter, with some of my family, I was witness to a very different kind of event, as I was there as Lincoln City beat Shrewsbury Town in football's Checkatrade Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium. It didn't feel totally right, as some of my Grimsby friends have pointed out, that the Bishop of Grimsby was there to watch Lincoln – but then when you're a Norwich City supporter at heart, opportunities to go to Wembley don't come around too often!

And so I was there, I saw it happen, and so were 27,000 other City supporters, who have no doubt spent much of the following weeks witnessing to anyone unfortunate enough to have come across their paths, and sharing what they saw and experienced.

The real challenge to me over Easter, however, was being at *Spring Harvest* at Butlins in Skegness, and listening, with around 5000 other Christians, to a lady from North Korea – a country where Christians are seen as hostile to the state, and to talk openly about your faith, risks betrayal, even by family, and persecution, imprisonment in labour camps as political prisoners, and even death.

After she spoke we sang 'Amazing Grace' together incredibly quietly, almost as a whisper, because that's how worship has to be in North Korea when

Christians meet together, when you're meeting in secret.

To be a witness in a place like that takes real courage, real belief. I went with a friend for a drink after hearing the lady speak, and we later reflected that although we had had a good time, it felt in some ways an inappropriate thing to do straight after the things we had just heard.

It leads to the question of how would I respond if I were in that situation? And the honest answer is I really don't know – I suspect few of us do. I hope I would show the same bravery and courage as that lady, and as those early disciples, in how I lived and by what I said, taking the opportunity to witness, like those City supporters, to what I knew to be true.

I hope I would. I hope you would – because it's that kind of witness that our world, and our friends, still need to see from us today.

With every blessing,

Bishop David

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He doesn't pull his punches, encouraging listeners to reconsider their assumptions around monarchy and immigrants and interpretations of world history. A repeating assertion is "Power to...": power to victims, to the illiterate, to those under house arrest, to the youth desiring the truth... the list often lifting up those who are seen as weak, and calling a blessing upon them.

"Power to...every rapper that doesn't rap about killing"

The lyrics of rap music often get a bad press, and quite rightly, but this intelligent voice stands out. If you want to go deeper, with Lowkey or any artist, try typing the name of the artist/song into the website <https://genius.com/> to find complete lyrics and interpretations of cultural references.

The last date for submission of articles for the June 2018 Herald is Monday 21st May 2018

You can send articles to my Email address which is: stuart@clara.net or stuartsize@talktalk.net