

THE HERALD

for the Team Parish of Louth



November 2021

Cameron's Column

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the re-launched *The Herald* from the Team Parish of Louth.

Over the past couple of years, our lives have all changed in ways which none of us could have expected, the last time you read a copy of *The Herald*. Even with current uncertainties over the level and severity of the pandemic, we are planning for events which will take place across our churches over the Autumn and heading towards Christmas – when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Obviously, we are keeping all the events under review regarding Covid, and how many people might be able to attend any event. To help us all to be able to enjoy the events over the coming months, we have extended some and introduced others. The Christmas Tree Festival will now be on for a week, and we have an extra 'Come and Sing Carols' at lunchtime on the 23rd December.

With every blessing for a glorious Autumn and an exciting run in towards Christmas.

Cameron

Why is St James lit up purple at night in November?

From the end of October buildings all over the world are lit purple to publicise Rotary International's final drive to eradicate polio the world over.

Then in November, attention is drawn to the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness campaign.



We need
part-time helpers for
the coffee shop.

This is a very satisfying job welcoming visitors from all over the world to St James.

We also need church guides (full training given!)

If you can spare just a couple of hours once a week or more, let us know.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

at a glance

ALL CHURCH SERVICE TIMES ARE ON THE WEBSITE OR IN EACH CHURCH PORCH
www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk

- There are no 'Cards for All' at St James this year, but there are cards in the Friends Shop
- The Craft Group meet every Thursday in St James 10.45am to 12.15
- The Coffee Shop and Gift shop plan to be open throughout November
- Annual Co-Op Memorial Service at St James Saturday 27th Nov at 4pm
- Darkness into Light - Advent Carols at St James Sunday 28th Nov at 6pm
- The Christmas Tree Festival in St James is from 2nd to 9th December
- Carols at Welton-le-Wold Sunday 12th December
- Chamber Choir Advent concert at St James Sunday 12th Dec 7.30pm
- Louth Choral Society concert in St James, Saturday 18th Dec 7.30pm
- Nine Lessons & Carols at St James Sunday 19th December 6.00pm
- Carols for All, St James Wednesday 22nd December 7.00pm
- Come and sing Carols at St James Thursday 23rd December 12.30pm
- Midnight Mass, St. James Friday 24th December 11.30pm
- Christmas Day Holy Communion in St James 10am



Music

St James choir have returned from lockdown in fine voice. Beautiful singing on Sundays at both at Sung Eucharist in the morning and Choral Evensong has lifted the spirits of the returning congregations. Christmas Carols for All is on 22nd December at 7pm Concerts, too, have returned to St James with Louth Male Voice Choir and Snake Davis, followed by Voices of Hope and The Choral Society arranging 'The Gesualdo Six' and Louth NSPCC staging 'An evening with Cameron Richardson-Eames'.

Friends of St James

The Friends have continued their generous support by financing the work on the spire which was completed earlier in the year and recently the repairs to the crumbling stonework on the north side of the church.

Even if you are not a churchgoer, but think St James is an important part of Louth you can become a 'Friend'.

Your help and donations will be much appreciated.

Contact Philip George 01507 435961

News from around the Parish



St James, Louth

We are delighted that services have resumed and the choir are once again leading the singing of hymns.

Outside work is nearly complete on the first stage of stonework repair and there is more work to be done in the spring on the south side and roof.

We are researching ways to improve the efficiency of heating the church whilst achieving the Church of England's aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Not an easy task to balance congregation comfort with climate change objectives.



All Saints South Elkington

The church of All Saints' is a Victorian restoration seating approximately 180 people and along with its church yard, is well maintained. The church organ has recently been restored and South Elkington is fortunate to have an excellent regular organist with others willing to fill in where necessary.

The church institute hosts many village events and is available for hire – contact the church wardens.



St Michael's, Louth

St Michael and All Angels was built due to the generosity of one William Wright, (born in Somerby near Brigg on 24th March 1785). During his childhood Wright attended Louth Grammar School which must have left him with fond memories of the town as in his later years he gave the then current vicar of St James's a blank cheque. This beautiful church was consecrated in 1863 and is a fine example of the work of Louth architect, James Fowler (1828-1892). The original cost was £3266.13s.6d.



St Andrew's, Stewton

After being very cautious, and conducting a rigorous Risk Assessment, we are now able to meet in church again at Stewton St. Andrew's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11am for Holy Communion and we can accommodate 28 people in this small building.

We have opted for the time being not to sing hymns, but our wonderful organist Fred Goodwin plays in the service, with a hymn to meditate on. We realise that, as yet, things are not as they were, but moving cautiously forward we are constantly reviewing the situation.



St Martin's Welton le Wold

St. Martin's Festival Church, Welton le Wold is always open, and has three or four services a year. The idyllic location is perfect for weddings, baptisms and funerals. The acoustics are excellent. Three bells can be rung if required. The main aisle seats 70. The carpeted north aisle is suitable for small meetings, classes and light refreshments, with an adjacent kitchenette. There is an accessible toilet. Our Carol Service is on 12th December 2021.

Funeral Services

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Trinity Centre

Trinity Centre has been busy with lots of activities which have become a lifeline for many during lockdown.

Elise Needham, Sue Padbury and Cindy Stratford and have been appointed to promote health & wellbeing in the community. The role of these community connectors is support people to achieve better mental health and wellbeing, increasing their independence and reducing their reliance on services. These posts, paid for by the NHS, cover Louth & area; the aim is to find and talk to people who share experiences, good and bad, to provide a safe space and connect people to resources that they might need such as debt and job advice.

The Food bank will be even busier this year with rising fuel costs and reduced benefits, so please give generously thank you all for the support you have given already.

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY TO THE



Churches are receiving increasing numbers of appeals for help. We need your support to stop people going hungry. The Community Larder Food Bank can supply a food and hygiene parcel containing enough food for up to 3 days. During that time we support people and help them find longer term solutions.

WE NEED

Tinned and packet food including:

Beans
Soup
Tuna
Potatoes
Tomatoes
Meat
Vegetables
Rice
Spaghetti
Spaghetti sauce

Hygiene products:

Toilet rolls
Shampoo
Soap
Shower gel
Baby wipes
Toothpaste
Tooth brushes

All food donations must be in date please!

You can also make a donation directly by electronic transfer to:
Trinity Centre
40-30-26
71449397
HSBC Louth

Referrals (to confirm genuine need) are made via statutory services, including local Town Councillors and local Church Ministers.

Please bring donated items to the Trinity Centre, Eastgate,
Louth LN11 8DJ from Monday – Friday 9am - 10am.
www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk
Tel: 01507 605803



Louth Churches Together Community Larder Food Bank

Contacts

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Church Guides			
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