

The Louth Herald



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Lent Lunches 2018



Lent Lunches will be in the Church Cafe this year on Wednesdays during Lent (14th, 21st, & 28th Feb, 7th, 14th & 21st March). We will need hosts to provide a simple lunch like soup and a roll or bread and cheese. Please contact **Jane Fletcher** on **01507 604132** if you are willing to be a host between 12-1.30 on any of the above dates. Also if you cannot host but would like to donate provisions please get in touch.

Lent 2018 starts with our services on Ash Wednesday (14th February). This year the theme of our preaching will be to look at The Creeds, which shape and describe our faith:

- 18th February 'I believe in God the Father...'
- 25th February 'I believe in God the Son...'
- 4th March 'I believe in God the Holy Spirit...'
- 11th March (MOTHERING SUNDAY)
- 18th March 'I believe in the one catholic, apostolic Church...and the communion of saints...'

25th March (PALM SUNDAY)
As well as the events listed here there will be a Book and Film Group meeting at Stewton on Monday evenings, and Confirmation Groups meeting in preparation for Confirmations in the cathedral at Easter.

Lent in the Parish of Louth



fresh expressions

Our world and our lives change at an ever faster pace, but how does the church respond to this change? Are new ways of being church possible? If so, what might they look like here?



We are running the mission shaped intro (msi) course during Lent to help us to reflect on our engagement with the community and to re-imagine the forms of church that are needed for the 21st century.

Churches Together in Louth & District will be running the Fresh Expressions Mission Shaped Intro Course on the following dates:

Session	Date	Venue	Time	Theme
Session 1	20th February	The Trinity Centre	1.45pm	Church and culture - have they become disconnected?
	21st February	Louth Methodist Church	7.00pm	
Session 2	27th February	The Trinity Centre	1.45pm	Mission and church - including a look at 'what a church?' and 'what is mission?'
	28th February	Louth Methodist Church	7.00pm	
Session 3	6th March	The Trinity Centre	1.45pm	Church and Community - thinking about our church community and the community outside our doors - and networks
	7th March	Louth Methodist Church	7.00pm	
Session 4	13th March	The Trinity Centre	1.45pm	Offering a mixed economy - being a missional church
	14th March	Louth Methodist Church	7.00pm	
Session 5	20th March	The Trinity Centre	1.45pm	Where next? - Dreaming BIG - where is God calling us now?
	21st March	Louth Methodist Church	7.00pm	

This is an ecumenical course and is open to all.
Previous experience of Church office is not essential.

Further details, and to book your place from Rev David Newlove
01507 603402 david.newlove@methodist.org.uk.



THE BIG ISSUES

FROM C.S. LEWIS'S 'SHADOWLANDS'
AND 'NARNIA – THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE'

MON. FEB 12TH 19TH 26TH & MAR 5TH 12TH 19TH
7 – 9 P.M.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH STEWTON

In considering the muddle and mess of the human situation in history and in life today, join us in wrestling along with C.S. Lewis in finding some of the answers to our human condition.

C.S. Lewis wrote:
'Look for Christ and you will find him, and with him everything else thrown in.'

Is that possible? Is that true? Let's find out!
We will use excerpts from the films 'Shadowlands' and 'Narnia – the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' to help us face and come to terms with some of The Big Issues of our time.

IT WOULD HELP IF YOU WERE TO BRING A BIBLE WITH YOU!

The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

Team Chapter

The Rev'd Nick Brown

Parish Priest: Team Rector of Louth

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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 Loutherby.

The Rev'd Janet Turville

Team Vicar of Louth

The Vicarage, Little Lane, Louth.

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Janet was licensed as Team Vicar in the Parish of Louth on Thursday 3rd August in St James'. 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).

Parish Ministry Team

The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday Hon. Assistant

Tel.: 600877 Hon. Assistant Priest (PTO)

The Rev'd Robert Mansfield Hon. Assistant

Tel.: 327533 Hon. Assistant Priest (PTO)

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

Tel.: 600398

Sylvia Pounds

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Paul Hill

Tel.: 605222 Lay Reader (PTO)

Ronnie Partridge

Tel.: 600398 Lay Reader (PTO)

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

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.

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

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.

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

Responsible for 'Tinies Breakfast' at Trinity Centre.

Community Outreach Team based at Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ Tel.: 605803

Greg Gilbert Community Outreach Manager

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.

Jane Pegg Projects Administrator

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

Ian Miles Centre Administrator

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

Ministers in training

The Rev'd Matthew Harbage Assistant Curate

Tel.: 07746 444179

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Matthew is responsible, with the Rector, for ministry to the congregation of All Saints, South Elvington. He also co-ordinates the Team running Café Church and assists with the running of Messy Church.

Officers and Representatives in 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
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	Jill Day	603998
	Jennifer Smith	-----
WW Day of Prayer Rep	Jennifer Goodwin	605254

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IN LOUTH

Towards Easter 2018

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday 20th January

7pm 'Celebrate'
at Louth Methodist Church

Speaker: Roy Crowne, Hope 2018

Sunday 21st January

6pm EVENING SERVICE: Choral Evensong
at St James'

Preacher: David Newlove, Louth Methodist Church

LENT AND HOLY WEEK

14th February ASH WEDNESDAY

8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany

at St James'

11am ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

at Louth Methodist Church

7 30pm EUCHARIST FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT,
with Rite of Ashing at St James'

Preacher: Janet Turville, Team Vicar in the Parish of Louth



18th February 1st Sunday in Lent

6pm 'Inspired': INFORMAL EUCHARIST
under the spire at St James'

Preacher: Richard Jevons, Eastgate Union Church

29th March MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 30pm 'EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER'

at St James'

Preacher: David Newlove, Louth Methodist Church



30th March GOOD FRIDAY

8 30am GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

at St Michael's

10am GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

at Eastgate Union Church

2pm 'The Last Hour': A MEDITATION

at St James'

7 30pm EVENING SERVICE: 'Music for the Passion'

at St James'



EASTERTIDE

31st March EASTER EVE

8pm EASTER VIGIL

with confirmations
in Lincoln Cathedral



Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY

6pm EVENING SERVICE: Festal Evensong for
Easter Day, followed by celebratory drinks
at St James'

Preacher: Janet Turville, Team Vicar, Parish of Louth

The Parish Church of Louth St James
Louth Methodist Church
Eastgate Union Church, Louth

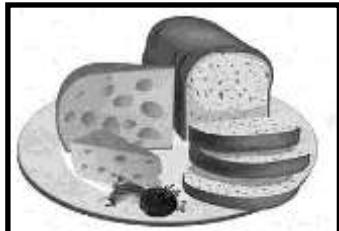
Members of:



News from St Michael's



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Fundraising for the upkeep of St James's

The Christmas Fayre at St James's was a great success, raising in excess of £2,300. The atmosphere on the day was fantastic, with a variety of music making from choral



groups, pianists and bell-ringers to recorders providing a festive feel to the general hubbub around the church. We are grateful for the generosity of many local businesses who provided some fantastic raffle prizes, to the many groups and organisations who rented stalls and to the hundreds of people who came along and supported the event and enjoyed the produce on sale and the delicious refreshments from the cafe. It was a great team effort.



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PARISH REGISTERS

DECEMBER 17 / JANUARY 18

BAPTISMS

3rd Dec Teddy Brian Goy
17th Dec Noah George Wright
21st Jan Albert Henry Tozer

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

No Weddings

FUNERALS

4th Dec Martin John Briggs
4th Dec Michael Gibson
21 Dec Bryan Walter Coxon
22nd Dec Graham George Oakes
2nd Jan Charles Terence Bench
3rd Jan Ethel Margaret Wells
3rd Jan Michael Edward Goldby Jr
4th Jan Ronald William Stephenson 'Ron'
4th Jan Kenneth Dannatt
17th Jan Shirley Moncaster
23rd Jan Leslie Walter Whitehead
24th Jan Elsie Unwin (Ashes)
25th Jan Alfred Paul Wiles
30th Jan Derek Smith

St. James's Guild

Venue - Church House

Next meeting on **Tuesday 12th December** has a Christmas theme. Please bring a small present, costing no more than £2.00 for Santa's Lucky Dip.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Church House at 2.15 p.m.

Jeannie Gurnham

Words from WELTON LE WOLD



The Thursday morning Craft and Chatter group...

joined with the Trinity Energise Me Carers and Volunteers for the Dementia Cafe for a demonstration of festive floral decoration making in



St James's guided by Ann Snowden

It was a very enjoyable session with some excellent decorations being created by all who attended and a big thank you goes to Jayne Pegg for organising the event. We look forward to more joint practical sessions in the future.

Louth Churches FOR REFUGEES

Following the very successful Smiley Bag Collection in November when 90 bags with items for refugee children were sent to Syria through the Samara's Aid project, the Louth Churches for Refugees group will be asking all the churches in Louth to contribute items for 2 boxes, one of Mother & Baby items and another for women escaping ISIS. The boxes will be in church between the first week of February and the end of March and there will be a list of specific items needed. Your support is much appreciated.



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	John Troughton	607931
	Jeannie Gurnham	-----
Asst Churchwardens	Jane Fletcher	604132
	Frances Green	-----
	Richard Gurnham	-----
	Robert Haynes	603118
DCC Secretary	Pat Neal	610143
ER Officer	Mary Haynes	603118
DCC Treasurer	Julie Speakman	610247
Stewardship Recorder	David Neal	-----

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 Sue French	07985 247722 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	Lucy Brown	603213
St. James's Guild	Jane Fletcher	604132
	Jeannie Gurnham	-----
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

Compline: every 3rd Tues of the month

Thursday

10am Parent and Toddlers in Church Hse

'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.

Special Services coming up...

5th November All Souls Service at 6pm

12th Nov. Remembrance Service at 11 15am
Meditative Eucharist at 6pm

3rd December Advent Carol Service at 6pm

17th Dec. Christingle Service at 4pm

21st Dec. CAROLS FOR ALL at 7 30pm

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	Bob Frankum	354262
Organist	Janet McKee	327256
Flowers	Sylvia Luckwell	607619

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

9 30am SUNG MASS

Saturday

10 30am Coffee Morning, on the 1st Saturday of every month

Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

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

Special Services:

1st October Harvest Service and Auction at 3pm

Services and Regular Activities

<u>Sunday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays
<u>Monday</u>	5 45pm	Book Club: 1 st Monday of the month
<u>Tuesday</u>	10am	Community Coffee: 4 th 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: 2 nd Sunday
	11am	MATINS (BCP): 4 th Sunday

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

Regular Services

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

Special Services:

10th December Carol Service at 6pm

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

Church Officers:

Treasurers	Rob Carr (DCC)	
	Greg Gilbert (Trinity Centre)	

Centre Staff:

Centre Administrator (including all bookings)	Ian Miles	605803
Project Administrator	Jayne Pegg	605803

Services and Regular Activities

<u>Sunday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 3 rd Sunday
<u>Tuesday</u>	11am	HOLY COMMUNION: 1 st Tuesday
	12noon	'Tasty Tuesday': 1 st 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: 2 nd Saturday
		<i>Details of other activities are on the website.</i>

Services and events for JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

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



	28 th January 4 nd Sunday of Epiphany/PRESENTATION	4 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	11 th February Sunday next before Lent
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>8 30am Holy Communion 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl and Adults Cantata Domino Pforri Hymns 2; 426; 75; (467); 80 omit*. Abingham Service Goodwin Sing lullaby Trid.</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl and Adults Cantata Domino Pforri Hymns 380; 267; 474; (185); 250. Mass of St Anne MacMillan May the grace of Christ Late</p> <p>3pm Baptism at St Michael's</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl and Adults Non nobis Domine Bjord Hymns 377; 248; 392; (495); 2. Salisbury Service Jules I am the bread of Life</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p>
In the villages...	<p>6pm FESTAL EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS sung by Adults Behold the tabernacle of God Smith Sanderson Responses Psalm 24 Stanfard in C Almighty and everlasting God Tonkins Hymns 58; 244; 2.</p> <p>11am Matins at South Elkington</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold</p>	<p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Adults Sanderson Responses Psalm 65 Dyson in F My eyes for beauty pine Howells Hymns 621; 191; 22.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>	<p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Adults Rigan Responses Wilby psalm 62 Service 'for parish choirs' Shepherd Cantique de Jean Racine Faure Hymns 216i; 333; 23.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington</p> <p>11am Morning Prayer at Welton le Wold</p>
During the week...	<p>Monday 29th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 30th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity 12noon 'Tasty Tuesday' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 31st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 1st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Friday 2nd PRESERVATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 8 30am HOLY COMMUNION 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre 7pm DEANERY SERVICE for Candlemas at Conisholme</p> <p>Saturday 3rd 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 5th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 6th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 7th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 11am SERVICE FOR LENT at Louth Methodist Church 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 8th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Friday 9th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 10th 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 12th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 13th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 14th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 11am SERVICE FOR LENT at Louth Methodist Church 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 15th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Friday 16th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 17th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>

The Rev'd Nick Brown MA FRSA Team Rector
The Rev'd Janet Turville BEd MA, Team Vicar

The Rev'd Matt Harbage MA MA, Assistant Curate

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

Services and events for FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

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	18 th February 1 st Sunday in Lent	25 th February 2 nd Sunday in Lent	4 th March 3 rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's Hymns 93; 99i; 376; 95.</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST with hymns No choir. Lent Praise Plainsong Hymns 582; 468 omit v.5; 386; {329}; 627 t:227. Mass of St Anne MacMillan Turn thy face from my sins Altwood</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p>	<p>8 30am Holy Communion 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's Lent Praise Plainsong Hymns 582; 468 omit v.5; 386; {329}; 627 t:227.</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girl and Adults Deliver us, O Lord Ritter Hymns 556; 426; 368; {121}; 125. Salisbury Service Hymns Lord, let me know mine end Greene</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's Plain Song Responses Ps 135 w.1-13 Canticles with Faubourdonis Willian O Lord, the maker of all things Joubert Hymns 455; 586; 598.</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Adults Plain Song Resp. Ps 135 w.1-13 Canticles with Faubourdonis Willian O Lord, the maker of all things Joubert Hymns 455; 586; 598.</p> <p>11am Matins at South Elkington</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold</p>
In the villages...	<p>6pm 'Inspired': A MEDITATIVE EUCHARIST Woldsong Special order of service</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity</p> <p>12noon Sunday Lunch at Trinity Centre</p>	<p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Adults Plain Song Responses Ps 135 w.1-13 Canticles with Faubourdonis Willian O Lord, the maker of all things Joubert Hymns 455; 586; 598.</p> <p>11am Matins at South Elkington</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold</p>	<p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Boys and Adults Plain Song Responses Ps 132 D Purcell In E minor Oaviour of the world Goss Hymns 480; 201; 467.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>
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	<p>Saturday 24th 10 30am CAFE CHURCH 12 30pm HOLY COMMUNION in Church House 1pm WEDDING</p>	<p>Mathias, Apostle</p>	<p>The Rev'd Matt Harbage smm, Assistant Curate The Rev'd Nick Brown sma, Team Rector The Rev'd Janet Turville adma, Team Vicar</p>



You may remember the successful fair that was held in July 2016 on the cobbles at St James when people from across the districts of the Team Parish of Louth worked to show what can be done when we pull together.

Make a note in your diary for July 7 2018 when once again we will see the idea being repeated but on a bigger scale, still with the notion of us all working together but this time calling it **Louth Summer Fair** so that its appeal is widened to the people of Louth, visitors and residents alike. Last time the thought may have been it was just for churchgoers, hence the change of name. A dedicated group of people is working hard to organise it, but we could still do with a representative from each district, so 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.

St. James's Guild: December Meeting

Revd. Matthew Harbage was our guest speaker in December, which is traditionally the Christmas meeting and he had chosen to talk to us about 'Christmas around the World'; a very interesting talk it was. Matt breezed in cheerfully with his flip chart and a collection of pens, leaving us wondering what we were in for. We had all seen his entries in the Parish Newsletters for weeks before asking for a 100-200 word description of Christmas elsewhere done differently to Louth. I asked him whether he had had any responses (knowing from experience that most people do not respond!), he made a rotating hand gesture which could have meant anything. Then he said, 'well, no, not

had any!' In the event, he came well prepared, having done his own research commendably.

We learnt about the origins of the festival of Christmas, like Easter, falling, as a convenience, on pagan festivals like Deus sol Invictus - the unconquered sun - observed on 25 December; Saturnalia observed between 17-23 December and the Winter Solstice which has been celebrated in the northern hemisphere for centuries on the longest night and a time of greatest darkness. It is clear why the Christian symbolism of Jesus as the 'Light of the World' fits well with this background. Pope Julius in 350AD proclaimed 25 December as the official celebration of the birth of Jesus. Of course, the Orthodox still celebrate Christmas on 6/7 January because of the Gregorian calendar.

Fast forward to the 21st Century, many of the pagan symbols live on, for example, Matthew pointed out that Mistletoe was sacred to the Celtic Druids, the Norse and to the native American Indians because it remains green throughout winter when all other plants die back. Druids also thought that the plant had power to cure infertility and ward off evil. Thus, our own tradition of 'kissing under the mistletoe'.

Before we had the opportunity to talk about our own experiences of what Christmas means to us, Matthew talked about a variety of countries and traditions different from our own Christmas, which was fascinating. For example, in the Philippians, formal Christmas starts on December 16 when people go to pre-dawn mass everyday until Christmas Day and celebrations continue to the first Sunday in January when Epiphany or the Feast of Three Kings is celebrated. We too celebrate Epiphany with a supper after the Evensong - and if you have not been, make a point of going next year.

Christmas Eve is very important in many countries and some Christians stay awake all night to welcome Jesus's birth at mid-night with a big feast - like in Peru where Christmas Eve is called La Noche Buena: the Good Night. In Germany, presents are exchanged on Christmas Eve where it is a bigger Feast Day than Christmas day. Our own tradition of writing to Father Christmas reflects some of the European traditions. In Germany, children write to 'das Christkindl' asking for presents; 'Christ-kind', like Christ; in Nurnberg, a young girl is chosen every year to represent Christ in a parade. She wears a long white and gold dress, has long blond curls and wears a gold crown and wings like an angel.

Nativity scenes are a part of most Christian celebrations of Christ's birth. Here schools perform nativity plays and there are displays of the stable scenes in most towns, villages and churches. Many countries have specially carved nativity scenes, some simple some very elaborate. In Russia, Grandfather Frost made an appearance when Christian symbols and celebrations were banned in the Soviet era. Our own Christmas favourites and memories were shared enthusiastically. Margaret Ottaway remembered the



Snippets from Stew ton

Spring must be on its way. We are re-starting Community Coffee on Tuesday February 27th. Never been? Do come and join us. These are totally informal occasions running from 10am to 12noon and continuing through to 4th Tuesday in November, giving people the chance to socialise, to drink teas or coffee, not forgetting the cake. We even do a take away cake service if it is too early in the day to eat it there and then! It's a great opportunity for people to meet.

This year's Lent Activity at St Andrew's starts on Monday 12th February from 7pm to 9pm (see advert elsewhere in this publication). Our discussions were well received last year and we hope they will achieve similar success this year.

Our recent Quinquennial Inspection went well with no major problems identified but it is surprising how much the "smaller" issues will cost to rectify!

Many of you will be aware of our involvement with a community in a remote district in Kenya and our pledge to support the building of a classroom in the village for children with learning disabilities who are currently so disadvantaged. We sincerely want to thank everybody who helped in any way, particularly with the campaign that ran in the second half of 2017 to enable us to raise this magnificent sum; and to remind you that every penny raised went towards the project and in this way we can have a direct influence on the lives of those who need our help so desperately.

And we can now report that at Christmas we were able to send £5000 to be added to any other money raised locally to enable the project to be started. Watch this space. It is our hope to revisit the community once it is completed to take part in the celebrations.

tragedy that overtook her family years ago and how she always pays tribute to members of her family at this time of year for their endurance. Family seemed to be at the core of celebrations for most of us. I said, I particularly like the hushed silence of Christmas Eve.

The talk finished with this lovely prayer:

May we too find reasons to praise God this Christmas time and learn from the Christ Child. May the joy of angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

Amen

The meeting finished with delicious Christmas delicacies and a cuppa and a chat.

Thank you, very much Revd. Matthew Harbage, for a very interesting talk.

If you missed it, our next Christmas talk will be from Revd. Nick Brown so put it in your diaries. The Guild Programme is now available. Do come and join us. The Guild is open to all - men, some, old, young etc.

Give me a ring if you want to know more.

Jeannie Gurnham (609622)

Wednesday
14th February
2018



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NEWS from Trinity



REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around Trinity Centre

Sundays	11am	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Parish Lunch (on the 3rd Sunday of the month)
	3pm	Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
Tuesdays	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Holy Communion (on the 1st Tuesday of the month)
	12.15pm	'Tasty Tuesdays' (on the 1st 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 2nd 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
- Addiction
- Be A Friend Craft / Singing
- Talk Eat Drink (TED) Group
- Relaxation Yoga

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- Fish On Friday
- Extend Exercise
- Addiction
- 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
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Tuesday 8th May - John Loft as guest speaker -
on bird life especially Merlins.

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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.
Nearer time we will reserve a table and ask for
numbers.

Tuesday 11th December - Rev. Nick Brown talks
on an aspect of Christmas.

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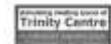
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NEWS FROM SOUTH ELKINGTON



SOUTH ELKINGTON WI welcomed Adele Lee to their January meeting. She introduced members to Extend exercises. We all took part with a lot of fun and laughter. Members discussed and voted on the Resolutions for the AGM. A minute silence was held in memory of Margaret Blackmore. The Craft Group is starting on 22nd Jan, the Supper Club on 25th Jan and the Walking Group will start up in the spring. Our February speaker will tell us about Tiffany Glass. New members very welcome, if anyone is interested just call President Val Gothard on 622778.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICES TO
LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE**

I am proud to announce our team of Police Support Volunteers, coordinated by Sergeant Caroline Broughton and Mel Cowell, who befriend and advise elderly and vulnerable people in Lincolnshire about staying safe from crimes were honoured at an awards ceremony in London last week.

Lincolnshire Police set up the Repeat Elderly Vulnerable Intimidated Victim Engagement (REVIVE) scheme, which has helped protect people from falling victim to doorstep crime, scam mail, hate crime and mate crime.

The REVIVE team makes vulnerable people aware of crimes, freeing up police officers to concentrate on other work.

Myself and six other Police Support Volunteers were nominated by Lincolnshire police and we won the prestigious Team Award at the Lord Ferrers Awards last week.

The Lord Ferrers Awards recognise the outstanding contributions of Special Constables, Police Support Volunteers and Volunteer Police Cadets. They also acknowledge the support employers offer their local force by allowing volunteers time away from work.



Home Secretary Amber Rudd said:

"The Lord Ferrers Awards celebrate the professionalism, dedication and sacrifice

shown by Special Constables, Police Support Volunteers and Cadets.

"I am delighted to award the REVIVE team for the vital contribution they have made to Lincolnshire Police and the local community.

"I want to thank all the nominees for their commitment and drive and for making a real difference in the communities where they serve."

Sergeant Caroline Broughton, who coordinates REVIVE alongside Mel Cowell, said:

"We are so very proud of our volunteers and it is fantastic that their work is being recognised through this award. The project is the culmination of several months planning and from the outset we have been met with enthusiasm and commitment from all of the team.

"They are so dedicated in what they do and their support and dedication has seen some great results. I think the key factor is that they all care about the people in their communities and want to make a difference. It is an amazing and inspiring project to be part of and that is completely down to them."

As for myself, it has been a very big privilege indeed to have been able to work with Lincolnshire police supporting vulnerable people in our communities. It is often just by listening that crimes can be prevented or nipped in the bud.

I want to thank the force for the opportunities they have provided. Volunteering with the police has given me the confidence to explore new dimensions of faith and work.

Alan Gurbutt

Dear Friends,

'Well, if he thinks he's going to get me talking about my faith, he's got another thought coming!' The reaction of a churchwarden (not of this diocese) to the suggestion made by a particular bishop that they might have a mission in his diocese, where they tried to share what they knew of Jesus to people who had not yet made the same discovery.

It is a sad, but reasonably common, response. Faith seen as a private affair, something we're reluctant to talk about even with our friends, those we trust, let alone those we might not know as well. Maybe we're afraid of being asked questions to things we haven't got the answers for. Maybe we're afraid of being thought of as strange. For whatever reason we keep firmly quiet, which means those around us are prevented from discovering the treasures we know – the difference that Jesus can make in an ordinary life, even like ours.

By contrast, one of the things that all three of the bishops in our diocese are looking forward to this year, in response to a challenge from the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to work with our second-year curates and their parishes to see how, together, we can creatively, intentionally and appropriately share what we know to be true with those we are in contact with. That is, across the diocese, in a variety of ways, simply sharing what God means to us, in the hope that others will open themselves up to all that he might have for them as well.

We have a prayer that has been written for these events. Perhaps, at the start of this year, it is a prayer you could use too:

Almighty God, source of our hope and all good things,
You call us in love to share in your work of making your
love known to all.

Bless, we pray, all that we do in sharing the story of
your love

with those amongst whom we live,

that through us they may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us, and find their place within it themselves.

With every blessing,

Bishop David

Trinity Centre Health and Wellbeing Food Service

The Team Parish of Louth in Partnership with Talk Eat Drink (TED) East Lindsey has launched a new meal on wheels service in September 2017 based at the Trinity Centre. During 2017 it was identified that many older people who are



often alone and isolated needed a meals on wheels service to provide them with at least one hot meal per day.

Staff at the Trinity Centre have been suc-

cessful in applying for funding from TED for a year to provide a meals and wellbeing service.

A new cook has been employed to provide a well-balanced and nutritious meal to those who require them also we have been fortunate in securing the support of a number of kitchen volunteers to support the preparation of the meals.

Sam Gilbert (Cook) explained "that her aim was to deliver home cooked nutritious meals to people "

The meals part speaks for itself but the wellbeing element is a physical check of those in receipt of a meal to ensure they are well and either looking after themselves or being looked after properly. Already we have identified a number of clients who need additional support and either their relatives or agencies have been informed of any issues that have arisen.

To help us deliver the service we have recruited both volunteer kitchen assistants and drivers to deliver the food.

Greg Gilbert Community Outreach Manager" explains that the service was needed for many older people in Louth. It also enables those delivering the food to ensure people are looking after themselves. If not we can contact the appropriate organisation/agency or family member to ensure that they are aware of the situation.

Lunch meals include a main and a pudding and are available from Monday to Friday at a cost of £5.60 per day and are delivered hot to your door.

If you would like more information or would like to order a meal then please contact the Trinity Centre on 0791 096 3190 or trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

Greg Gilbert

Community Outreach Manager

The last date for submission of articles for the March 2018 Herald is Saturday 17th February 2018

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