

The Louth Herald



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2015



29th March: Palm Sunday

'A king enters the city in triumph'

9 30am PROCESSION & SUNG MASS at St Michael's

10am SUNG EUCHARIST at St James'

11am HOLY COMMUNION at Stewton

7 30pm CONCERT: Brahms's Requiem at St James'

30th March: Monday in Holy Week

8 30am MORNING PRAYER at St James'

7 30pm ADDRESS: 'The Passion in Literature'
at Stewton

31st March: Tuesday in Holy Week

8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity

11am CHRISM EUCHARIST at the Cathedral

7 30pm ADDRESS: 'The Passion in Music'
at South Elkington

1st April: Wednesday in Holy Week

8 30am MORNING PRAYER at St James'

7 30pm ADDRESS: 'The Passion in Film'
at Welton le Wold

2nd April: Maundy Thursday

'Recalling the Last Supper'

8 30am MORNING PRAYER at St James'

7 30pm EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER
at St James'

3rd April: Good Friday

'Standing at the Cross'

8 30am STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS at St Michael's

12noon GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY at St Michael's

2pm THE LAST HOUR at St James'

7 30pm MUSIC OF THE PASSION at St James'

5th April: Easter Day

'Celebrating the hope of new life'

6am EASTER VIGIL at St Michael's

8 30am HOLY COMMUNION at Welton le Wold

9 30am SUNG MASS at St Michael's

10am EASTER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST at St James'

11am HOLY COMMUNION at Stewton

11am HOLY COMMUNION at South Elkington

6pm EASTER FESTAL EVENSONG at St James',
followed by celebratory drinks

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Women's World Day of Prayer 2015

This years' service will be at 2.00 pm on

Friday 6th March.

St Mary's Church, Ugate.

The service was prepared by the Christian

women of The Bahamas.

'Reflections led by Rev'd Kate Toogood'



St James Church will be open for the season from Monday 30th March, 2015 from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Why not visit the Shop and Coffee Shop. Guides will be available during these opening hours.

2015 is an important year for St James which will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the completion of the tallest Mediaeval Parish Spire in England.

The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

The Rev'd Nick Brown

Parish Priest: 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. Responsible for links with schools across the Parish. As Civic Chaplain, responsible for engagement with Louth Town Council, ELDC and other civic bodies.

The Rev'd Robert Mansfield

Assistant Priest (OLM)

The Old Railway House, Stewton, Louth.

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Responsible for ministry to the congregation of St Andrew's, Stewton and the work of Baptism Partners. Robert also works as a Mental Health professional.

The Rev'd Ian Partridge

Hon. Assistant Priest (PTO)

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

Paul Hill

Lay Reader

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

Sylvia Pounds

Lay Reader

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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.

Ronnie Partridge

Lay Reader (PTO)

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

Sally Heavens

Lay Reader-in-training

Matthew Harbage

Assistant Curate designate

Matthew is currently completing his training at Westcott House, Cambridge, and will move to start his work in the Parish in July 2015.

The Rev'd Christine Hawkins

Team Vicar of Louth

The Vicarage, Little Lane, Louth.

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Sharing (with the Rector) in the oversight of the life of the Church across the Parish of Louth, with particular responsibility for the Church's pastoral ministry and its ministry through the Occasional Offices.

The Rev'd Kate Toogood

Assistant Curate

The Vicarage, 24 Grosvenor Road, Louth.

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Kate is responsible for co-ordinating Messy Church. She works with Ian Partridge as Chaplain to King Edward VI Grammar School and supports the Rector in maintaining the Parish's life of prayer and worship, working with the musicians and servers at St James'

The Rev'd Keith Tomlin

Assistant Priest (NSM) and part-time Chaplain to Louth County Hospital

Keith provides a link between the Parish of Louth and Louth County Hospital and also assists with the Pastoral Offices.

Greg Gilbert

Community Outreach Manager

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Responsible for developing the programme of social outreach, dialogue with external bodies (including local authority and third sector partners), and exploring ways in which the Church can reach out to the communities it serves.

Jane Pegg

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

Ian Miles

Centre Administrator

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

Other members of the Ministry Team, serving both the Parish of Louth and the Deanery of Louthesk:

The Rev'd Ian Chisholm

The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday

The Rev'd Daphne King

NEWS

at St James'



Diary of special services/events for March and April 2015

11 th March	2 15pm	Ladies Guild in Church House
15 th March	10am	SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY
17 th March	7 45pm	<i>Prayer and Pint</i> : Compline, followed by discussion in the Wheatsheaf
22 nd March	10am	SUNG EUCHARIST for Passion Sunday, with the Senior Choir and Strings from King Edward VI Grammar School
23 rd March	7 30pm	Annual District Meeting in St James'
28 th March		InSpire500: Under 18 Chess Competition
29 th March	10am	SUNG EUCHARIST for Palm Sunday
	7 30pm	Concert by Louth Choral Society, including Brahms's 'Requiem'
2 nd April	7 30pm	EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER on Maundy Thursday
3 rd April	2pm	The Last Hour: A Meditation for Good Friday
	7 30pm	'Music for the Passion': Music and words for Good Friday
5 th April	10am	FESTIVAL EUCHARIST for Easter Day
	6pm	FESTAL EVENSONG for Easter Day
20 th to 25 th April		InSpire500: Photographic Exhibition
21 st April	7 45pm	<i>Prayer and Pint</i> : Compline, followed by discussion in the Wheatsheaf
30 th April	7 30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Trinity Centre

Farewell to one Verger, and welcome to a new Verger Alan Durrant retires as Verger during March and Mothering Sunday will mark Alan's last official service as Verger. We will welcome Chris Marshall – who is joining us as Alan's replacement, and is spending a little time 'learning the ropes' alongside Kate and Alan before taking Alan's place.

Passion Sunday On Passion Sunday (22nd March) we welcome the Senior Choir from KEVIGS to lead our music. They will be giving us a preview of some of the music they are going to sing on a tour to Barcelona, including parts of Haydn's Little Organ Mass and Mozart's 'Ave verum' – accompanied by a small string orchestra.

REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around St James' (please see above for changes/additions)

Sundays	10am	SUNG EUCHARIST - activities in the Children's Corner in church most weeks - Crèche at the Rectory on the 1 st and 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	6 15pm	Choristers, followed at 7pm by Choir Practice
Thursdays	10 30am	Parent and Toddler Group in Church House

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

'Pilgrim' groups meet regularly for reflection and fellowship – please ask the clergy for details.

News from St Michael's



Sunday Services

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

We are pleased to report that we don't appear to have any holes or bits of fabric falling off the church currently, but one of the larger trees in front of the church is dead and so shortly (subject to conservation permission) this will be taken down.

As we move into Lent, St Michael's will carry on holding Stations of the Cross every 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am. This is a very lovely and reflective service which lasts about 40 minutes followed by coffee.

At Easter, Rev Ian celebrates the Dawn Mass on Easter Day at St Michael's with a roaring brazier outside to keep us warm and to light the candles from before we go in and croissants (courtesy of Ronnie) after the service. This service is held in the Chancel and feels particularly personal on this very special morning so do come along if you can make it up in time!

Lastly, we have the Gilbert and Sullivan singers coming on Saturday 9th May to perform their Spring Show again, which was absolutely fantastic last year, more details in next month's Herald.



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BAPTISMS

4th Jan Esme Faith James
18th Jan Henry Seagroatt
Maddy Seagroatt
25th Jan Harry Mace
1st Feb Frederick John Short
Stanley George Glover
8th Feb Daisy May Norbury
15th Feb William Barton

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

14th Feb Christopher Horrell Rolph with
Marie May Taylor

FUNERALS

2nd Feb William King
6th Feb Alfie Jonas Bates
10th Feb Doris Lilian Green

Louth Textile Group Talks 2015

All meetings take place in the Conoco Room at the
Louth Library beginning at 7.30pm

Friday March 6th – From Inception to Completion - Talk
by Local Textile artist Sue Stone

Friday April 10th – Embellished Crazy Patchwork and
surface stitch – Bev Anderson

Friday May 8th – Art Van Go – Talk and demonstration
and materials available to buy.

Friday 5th June - Talk about Glass Fusing – by Hazel
Burnham

Friday July 5th – Talk on Textile techniques by Ruth
Brown.

Pat Cave Louth Textile Group Publicity

And God promised men that good and
obedient wives would be found in all corners
of the world.

Then He made the earth round....and
laughted and laughed and laughed...



Tinies
Breakfast Celebration

A chance for mum, dad,
granny or grandad to bring
along their toddler/baby and...

- Enjoy a cuppa and a chat
- Juice and toast for the tiny ones
- Playtime in our children's area
- Storytime and a sing-along
- Celebrate at the end with a prayer

FREE ENTRY, FREE BREAKFAST, FREE PLAY

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
Open from 9am to 10:30am

2015
6th January
20th January
3rd February
Holidays 17th Feb **NO** Tinies
3rd March
17th March
Holidays 7th April **NO** Tinies

St Michael's Church, Church Street, Louth

THE PARISH OF LOUTH



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Lots to see. Good Tea and Coffee with CAKE. And then peruse the shop for cards, books and gifts.



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NEWS from Trinity



Diary of events at Trinity in September 2014

2 nd September	12noon	Tasty Tuesday
	2pm	'Monthly Make'
6 th September	6pm	Line Dancing and Mexican Supper. Contact Jane Pegg for more details.
13 th September	10 45am	Messy Church
19 th September		Fish on Friday commemorates WWI with pupils from Lacey Gardens School
21 st September	12noon	Sunday Lunch

REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around Trinity Centre

Sundays	11am	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Parish Lunch (on the 3 rd Sunday of the month)
	3pm	Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
Tuesdays	8 30am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Holy Communion (on the 1 st Tuesday of the month)
	12 15pm	'Tasty Tuesdays' (on the 1 st 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 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!

The South Aisle and its Corbels.

St James, as it stands, was created in the 1430s/40s. The south aisle has had various embellishments over the years. It had galleries in the north and south aisles. During the major restorations of 1868-9 the galleries were removed by the architect James Fowler.

If you look closely at the corbels (protruding stones in the walls) in the south aisle which supports the vertical roof timbers, you will notice that the timbers overlap these corbels. This indicated that they are not the original ones of the 14th century. This being done during the major roof work of 1825-7 mentioned above.

Corbels are either plain as is the one near the south porch door or carved figures. These figures are known as "grotesques". They are distinct from "gargoyles" which are basically water spouts.

Four of the corbel/grotesques are of considerable interest. You can take them as simple grotesques or as many believe showing the illnesses of the early 15th century with which the masons who carved were familiar.

The first, closest to St Stephens Chapel, shows a man clasp his head with furrowed brow which looks like lines of fire, indicating the severity of the headache which the person has.

The next shows a figure rather like a bear. It has crossed legs and hands on its tummy. This one might be said to be in need of the toilet rather quickly. He obviously has diarrhoea, another illness which would be common at that time.

The third figure is rather rude as it depicts a man seated on a toilet with mouth open in a straining fashion, but where is his left hand? A close inspection shows it to be up his bottom. Enough said. He is constipated.

The fourth and final figure is of a man's head with his tongue hanging out. He is being violently sick, another hazard of the period.

The four carved corbels give us a glimpse of life during the first part of the 15th century and possibly of some of the masons engaged in the construction of St James church at that time.

A Guide to Officers and Organisations in the Parish of Louth

[Please see the separate sheet for details of the Ministry Team that serves the Parish of Louth]

The Parish of Louth

Parish Wardens	Charles Dobson	604632
	Eileen Byrne	605371
PCC Secretary	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
PCC Treasurer	Mike Crosby	-----
Safeguarding Officer	Cate Green	-----
Herald Editor	Stuart Sizer	604624

Parish groups/Reps.

Parent & Toddler Gp	Lucy Brown	603213
TAB (20s/30s Group)	Peter Moore	07855 985773
	petermoore333@gmail.com	
Pilgrim Groups	Please contact the Rector	
Churches Together	Eileen Byrne	605371
	Jill Day	603998
	Jennifer Smith	-----
WW Day of Prayer	Jennifer Goodwin	605254

Parish and Civic Church of St. James, Louth

Church Officers/Extended Ministry Team:

Churchwardens	John Troughton	607931
	Kate Roberts	363531
Asst Churchwardens	Margaret Anderson	610554
	Jane Fletcher	-----
	Frances Green	-----
	Robert Haynes	603118
	Peter Moore	07855 985773
DCC Secretary	Pat Neal	610143
DCC Treasurer	Robert Haynes	603118
Stewardship Recorder	David Neal	-----
ER Officer	Mary Haynes	603118
Verger (including Church bookings)	Kate Clarke	604597
Asst. Verger	Alan Durrant	606315
Sacristan	Kim Thompson	600828
Organist	Lisa Taylor	07770 550958
Choir Director	Allan Smith	610247
Church Flowers	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
Bellringers	Mick/Jill Day	603998
Fabric Officer	Robert Haynes	603118

Ministry to Visitors:

Coffee Shop	Margaret Anderson	610554
Gift Shop	Mary Haynes	603118
Church Guides	Stuart Sizer	604624
Education	Tiffany Noden	-----

Church Organisations and Groups:

St. James's Guild	Nancy Loft	603580
Church Hse Bookings	Julie Speakman (Office)	610 247
Friends of St. James's Church, Secretary	June Barber	604595

The Parish of Louth is within the Rural Deanery of Louthesk

Rural Dean	The Rev'd Sue Allison	602312
Deanery Office, 6 Ugate, Louth, LN11 9ET		610247
	<i>Open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday</i>	
Deanery Administrator	Julie Speakman	
Be A Friend Co-ordinator		07890 629062

Parish Church of St. Michael, Louth

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Brian Luckwell	607619
	Maria Vincent	328149
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
DCC Treasurer	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
ER Officer	Bob Frankum	354262
Verger (including Church House and bookings)	Sheila Williets	603513
Head Server	John Atkinson	604404
Organist	Janet McKee	327256

Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Dorothy Mansfield	327533
	Eileen Byrne	605371
DCC Secretary	Jane Rushby	327606
DCC Treasurer	David Gelsthorpe	602521
ER Officer	Dorothy Mansfield	327533

Parish Church of All Saints, South Elkington

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Charles Dobson	604632
	John Myers	607331
DCC Secretary	Amy Jobe	606348
DCC Treasurer	Caroline Blenkhorn	-----
ER Officer	Amy Jobe	606348
Verger	Jill Day	603998
Church Flowers	Peeby Myers	607331
Church Inst. Bookings	Jennifer Nelson	603386

Parish Church of St. Martin, Welton le Wold

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Jim Cave	610275
	David Wormell	604210
DCC Secretary	David Dickinson	604217
DCC Treasurer	Peter Taylor	609280
ER Officer	VACANT	
Organists	David Wormell/David Dickinson	
Church Flowers	Dawn Taylor	609280
Bellringers	Phil Reeks	606202

Trinity Centre, incorporating The Chapel of

The Holy Trinity, Louth

Church Officers:

Parish Wardens	Charles Dobson	604632
	Eileen Byrne	605371
Treasurer	Rob Carr (DCC)	

Centre Staff:

Centre Administrator (including all bookings)	Ian Miles	605803
Project Administrator	Jayne Pegg	605803
Church Flowers	Janet Rodgers	610378

Church Organisations:

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

Services and events for March/April 2015

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



	22 nd March 5 th Sunday of Lent ('Passion Sunday')	29 th March PALM SUNDAY	5 th April EASTER DAY
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by the Senior Choir and Orchestra <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown of King Edward VI Grammar School</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> Little Organ Mass Haydn Benedictus Haydn and Ave verum Mozart Hymns 499 omit*; 96; 112; 122li.</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Consort <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> Ferial Responses Psalm 34.1-10 Plainsong Canticles Solus ad viciniam Leighton Hymns 435i; 469; 557 t. 504.</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by the Girl Choristers and Adults <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Setting to be confirmed Lift up your heads Mathias Hymns 128 omit*; 127; 311; (108); 129.</p> <p>3pm Baptism at St Michael's</p> <p>No CHORAL EVENSONG</p> <p>7 30pm Concert by Louth Choral Society, including 'A German Requiem' Brahms</p>	<p>6am Easter Liturgy at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST sung by the Boy Choristers and Men <i>President and Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Christo resurgent Couperin Setting to be confirmed Anthem to be confirmed Hymns 147; 145; 136; (150); 160.</p> <p>3pm Baptisms at St Michael's</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by the Full Choir <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i> Rose Responses Psalm 114 Stanford In G Anthem to be confirmed Hymns 157; 153; 159.</p>
In the villages...	<p>8 30am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p> <p>11am Matins at South Elkington <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i></p>	<p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p>	<p>8 30am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p> <p>11am Holy Communion at South Elkington <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Chris Hawkins</i></p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p>
During the week...	<p>Monday 23rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 24th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 11 45am Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 25th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany</p> <p>10am STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Michael's 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2 30pm Home Communion at the Elms</p> <p>Thursday 26th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10 30am Parent and Toddler Group at Church House 10 30am Home Communion at Stewton House 11am Home Communion at the Beeches</p> <p>Friday 27th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 28th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 30th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 7 30pm Evening Service and ADDRESS at Stewton</p> <p>Tuesday 31st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 9am Tines Breakfast at St. Michael's NO HOLY COMMUNION – Chrism Eucharist in the cathedral at 11am 7 30pm Evening Service and ADDRESS at South Elkington</p> <p>Wednesday 1st April 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 7 30pm Evening Service and ADDRESS at Welton le Wold</p> <p>Thursday 2nd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 7 30pm EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER sung the Boy Choristers</p> <p>Friday 3rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER with Stripping of Altars at St Michael's 12noon GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY at St Michael's 2pm The Last Hour: 'AN HOUR AT THE CROSS' 7 30pm 'MUSIC FOR THE PASSION' sung by the Girls and Adults</p> <p>Saturday 4th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 6th</p> <p>Tuesday 7th 9am Tines Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 12noon Tasty Tuesday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 8th 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 9th</p> <p>Friday 10th 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 11th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>

The Rev'd Nick Brown BA MA BEd FMA, Rector The Rev'd Chris Hawkins, Team Vicar The Rev'd Kate Toogood BSc, Assistant Curate Lisa Taylor BA BEd, Organist Allan Smith BA BEd, Master of the Choristers

St James' has been a site for Christian worship for well over a thousand years. 2015 marks the 500th Anniversary of the completion of the present building, with the finishing of its crowning glory – the tallest mediaeval parish church spire in England.

Services and Celebrations during the year

Passion Sunday: Sunday 22nd March

Sung Eucharist for Passion Sunday at 10am, with music from the Senior Choir of King Edward VI Grammar School with Strings

Easter Day: Sunday 5th April

Festival Eucharist for Easter Day at 10am
Festal Evensong for Easter Day at 6pm

Joint choirs Evensong: Sunday 14th June

Evensong sung by the choirs of St James' Louth, Waltham Parish Church and Grimsby Minster at 6pm

Patronal Festival: Sunday 19th July

Patronal Festival Eucharist at 10am
Festal Evensong at 6pm, followed by Barbeque in the Rectory garden

Anniversary Weekend: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September

Various events including Concerts, Festival Services and ending with a Firework Display – watch out for more information.

Sermons: 'Inspired by these stones...'

During the year we will be welcoming a number of visiting preachers to our morning services.

Arts and Cultural Events as we celebrate

Chess Competition	Saturday 28 th March
Louth Choral Society Concert: Brahms Requiem	Sunday March 29 th at 7 30pm
Photographic Display	Monday 20 th to Saturday 25 th April
Louth Chamber Choir Concert	Sunday 10 th May at 7 30pm
Party in the Pews: Launch of the Zero Degrees Festival	Friday 19 th June (time to be confirmed)
Louth Male Voice Choir Concert	Saturday 20 th June at 7 30pm
Flower Festival	Friday 26 th to Sunday 28 th June
Lincolnshire County Music Service Concert	Saturday 27 th June at 7 30pm
Louth Choral Society Summer Concert	Sunday 5 th July at 7 30pm
Friends of St James event: Concert	Saturday 11 th July at 7 30pm
Cricket in the Nave	Thursday 6 th August (time to be confirmed)
Lunchtime Concert: Noah & his Amazing Floating Zoo	Friday 7 th August (time to be confirmed)
Friends of St James event: Dinner in the Nave	Saturday 5 th September from 7pm (for 7 30pm)
Lecture: 'The construction of the spire'	Tuesday 29 th September (time to be confirmed)
Festival of Light	Friday 4 th to Sunday 6 th December

Other events, subject to confirmation: Art Exhibition, Embroidery Exhibition and Wolds Words Festival events



Snippets from Stewton

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

The Developing Discipleship Programme has encouraged us to think in a more structured way about how we take St Andrew's forward over the next five years and with this in mind we have lots of fledgling ideas. We now have a five year plan to work on and already there is enthusiasm (and some competitive ideas) for its implementation. Watch this space!

The Penny Pot continues to yield well but now has a new focus. This was such a brilliant but simple idea that we have re-named the appeal to **Help us Get Plastered**. Your small change is gratefully accepted.

Over the next few weeks we may have to accept a degree of disruption as the builders commence the internal work on the walls but overall it will be business as usual. As the saying goes: Short term pain for long term gain.

A date for your diary is the weekend of June 13/14 when we will be holding the Stewton Event. It will be a celebration of schemes completed here so far and of the people who work tirelessly to make things happen. It is an opportunity to bring people together and express our thanks.

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Just A Thought

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ST JAMES'S GUILD

The Guild was founded in 1971, with Anne Adie as its first chairman. It has soldiered on since then until now when its numbers have seriously decreased and the ages of its members increased. However, it has not come to an end. At the recent AGM it was decided, with the Rector's valuable advice, to reconstruct the Guild, have four meetings a year, on the second Tuesday in the relevant month, as before, not necessarily with speakers, and no subscriptions required. Meetings are planned for March 10th, in Church House; June 9th for lunch at The Splash; September 8th for tea with Joyce Terret; and December 8th in Church House for Christmas. Members came away with a positive feeling that the pleasures of friendly conversation and shared interests need not be lost.

Your support has meant a lot to
me.....

.....and here's a toilet to say thank you!

Ever since my ordination last June and my arrival as the brand new assistant curate, I have been overwhelmed with the support and encouragement I have been given by so many people in the parish. For the first few months nearly everything I did was new! I didn't know my way around Louth, I had hundreds of names to learn and each week brought new, exciting and sometimes daunting challenges. Encouraging comments, practical advice and general friendly faces really helped my family and I to feel settled. So, with my ordination to the priesthood fast approaching, I wanted to get the parish a gift to say thank you for all of your support so far and a clue to what this will be can be found in the title of the article..... a toilet! Well it's not an *actual* toilet that I'm purchasing for the parish but rather I am twinning one of the church toilets with a toilet in Uganda, a country I visited for 3 months in 2002. The money will support the work of CORD and Tearfund and in return one of our toilets will be twinned with a toilet abroad and both toilets will receive a certificate to display with a picture of its twin! The website describes toilet twinning as follows:

'Toilet Twinning is raising funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a decent toilet, and to learn about hygiene - a vital combination that prevents the spread of disease, reduces the number of deaths among children, and brings hope for the future'. (<http://www.toilettwinning.org/what-is-toilet-twinning/>)

The parish toilet which we will be twinned with is one in Uganda which has already been built, but the money for the twinning goes towards further projects from the charity, either in Uganda or one of the other countries supported by the charity. The website explains that it is about so much more than just having a toilet:

'Your donation is used by Tearfund and CORD to enable local communities to learn about the difference a toilet will make to their lives. When families work together to install water pumps, build toilets, and learn about basic hygiene, the health of the whole community improves: parents are able to work in their fields and grow crops; children are able to go to school and get an education'. (<http://www.toilettwinning.org/what-is-toilet-twinning/>)

There are a number of reasons why I am enthusiastic about toilet twinning. The first is that, as I mentioned earlier, I spent a few months in East Africa and while I was in Uganda there was an outbreak of cholera. The radio reports of the outbreak highlighted the importance of good sanitation and it struck me that in places where there was clean water and better sanitation systems there was less likely to be as many cases of cholera. Secondly I believe that all people should have access to a safe latrine which is within a reasonable distance from their home and community, something I feel many people take for granted. Further to this it is documented that women who do not have access to a safe and local toilet are at more risk of assault as they travel further to latrines and also some latrines themselves are dangerous places for women to be alone.

A final note..... as the parish has a number of church toilets I haven't yet decided which one to twin! When I was at Theological College we did a vote and so as ordination approaches I might try to do something similar here. It would be good if it was a frequently used toilet as I believe the more people who see the twinning certificate the better, as it highlights the work of the charity. If anyone has any suggestions on how to choose or a proposal as to why one particular toilet would be a good choice let me know!

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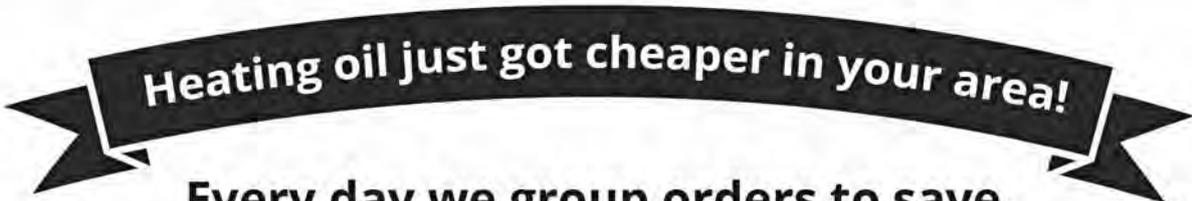


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I'm always deeply moved by the way the gospel of Mark describes the events immediately after Jesus' baptism. Many of you will have heard the passage read a few Sundays ago. Mark tells us that a voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And he continues, "And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."

The passage has a dark undertone: right at the start of his public ministry, Jesus is driven out into the wilderness – to the dry, dusty, inhospitable desert where there is nothing to comfort him. And there, he is tempted by Satan: he has to face down the demons of fear, anxiety and loneliness, and - we could imagine - a deep discomfort that prepared Jesus for his Passion.

But the passage is also full of hope, because it shows us that Jesus came into the darkness and the violence of our world precisely in order to be joined to our brokenness and our frailty, and to show us that it is possible to face it, to wrestle with it, to live through it, and to come out the other side. Whenever we find ourselves in the wilderness of disease, loneliness, joblessness, depression, or the many other things that challenge us, Jesus meets us there in order to bear our burdens with us and for us. He will wait on us as the angels waited on him, and we will not be alone. But there are things we will go through in life, demons we will have to face, because that is the reality of human existence.

The season of Lent, with all its opportunities for reflection, can sometimes bring us face to face with uncomfortable truths, but the greatest truth of all is that the depth of God's love for us, shown in the death of Jesus on the cross, is also present in God's gift of new life, offered to us all, in the promise and the joy of Easter Day.

Bishop Christopher

MY SISTER

My sister bought a laptop so she could shop from home,
For years she'd chosen products and ordered them by
phone.

It took a week or maybe more, to switch it on to see,
But if it's good enough for Susie, then it's good enough for
me.

But what a shock she gave herself when finally she did,
She took one look at all the keys and quickly closed the
lid.

The lid stayed closed for many days, a paper put on top,
Until the manual was read again - to see how it would
stop.

Then nervously she opened up and switched it on,
it's true,

She pressed Control and Enter and disappeared
from view.

'Oh my lord' she cried out loud, I've lost the Rip-
ping flies,

Now stress is not so good for her - plays .havoc with her
piles

So off and on and off and on, but nothing could she find,
She searched through the Recycle Bin and sites of every
kind.

I think I have a virus', she rang me up to say,

My reply to her was genuine, 'just stay in bed today'.

Oh no, it is my laptop, I've lost the page called 'Home',
And I can't even ask the Google so I'm searching all
alone.

So, if inside your mailbox, my sister's, 'Home' you see,
Please copy, scan and paste it and return it home to
me.

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The last date for submission of articles for the April 2015 Herald is Friday 20th March 2015.

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