

The Louth Herald



The magazine of the Team Parish of Louth

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THE HERALD WISHES ALL ITS READERS' A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS.



Sunday
14th December
2014



Christingle Service at 4pm

The Parish Church of St. James, Westgate, Louth
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Advent and
Christmas Services
2014



Sunday 30th November: ADVENT SUNDAY
6pm Advent Carol Service at St. James'

Saturday 13th December
10 45am Messy Christmas at Trinity Centre

Sunday 14th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent
4pm Christingle Service at St. James'
6pm Carol Service at Welton le Wold

Thursday 18th December
7 30pm Carols for All:
Lessons and Carols for Christmas at St. James'

Sunday 21st December: 4th Sunday of Advent
3pm Carol Service at Stewton
6pm Carol Service South Elkington

Wednesday 24th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE
3 30pm Crib Service at St. Michael's
4pm Carols at the Crib at St. James'
11 30pm Midnight Mass at St. Michael's
11 30pm Midnight Eucharist at St. James', with the Bishop of Grimsby

Thursday 25th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY
8 30am Holy Communion at Welton-le-Wold
9 30am Holy Communion at Stewton
10am Christmas Day Communion Service at St. James'
11am Holy Communion at South Elkington

'Love came down at Christmas'

LOUTH CHAMBER CHOIR
LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMBER PLAYERS
 (Leader: Chris Rogers)

Jessica Banks (soprano) Emma Wardell (alto)
 Xavier Hetherington (tenor) Martin Priestley (bass)
 Conductor: Frederic Goodwin

**A FEAST OF MUSIC FOR
 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Music from Messiah (Handel)
 Cantata No. 62: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (J S Bach)
 Three Carol-Anthems (Howells):-
 A spotless Rose, Sing lullaby, Here is the little door
 A Hymn to the Virgin (Britten)
 There is no rose of such virtue (Goodwin)
 The Shepherds' Farewell (Berlioz)

**ST JAMES'S CHURCH,
 LOUTH**
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2014
7.30 pm

**CAROLS ROUND THE TREE WITH A CHOIR AND
 CRAFTS ETC.**

Saturday 7th December at 6.30 pm. A social event with a few carols round the tree and this year we have a choir from North Somercotes coming kindly arranged by Elisa Palk at Muddy Paws. We have the official switch on with time afterwards with refreshments and to natter and browse the crafts and stalls. We have a number of stalls arranged and room for more. It is planned to have a mini marquee but gazebos welcome and if possible your own table. Please bring your own torch or lantern and chair if you feel you may need one.

Persons attending are requested to bring a plate mince pies, sausage rolls or similar. Drinks will be available. If you wish to participate in secret Santa please bring a wrapped generic gift for all that attend. All gifts will be put in a sack and one handed out to each person participating.

All welcome and bring your family dog too.

Persons to help at this event or to bring along your crafts or festive goodies contact Elisa on **01507 607577 or Nicky on **01507 609774****

Prayer and Pint



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Part One...

...the timeless evening service of Compline – a quiet end to the day:

The Ancient Office of Compline, sung in the Parish Church of St James at 7 45pm

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Part Two...

...a chance to have a friendly discussion on the evening's chosen subject over a pint:

Discussion in the Lounge Bar of *The Wheatsheaf*, following on from 8pm

Dates for the rest of 2014:

16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December

The 'Be A Friend' Visiting Scheme has a vacant post for a

Visiting Scheme coordinator

The Coordinator will be responsible for the management and monitoring of the project, recruiting, supporting and reviewing the befriending relationships and developing the project towards sustainability.

Job Description

<u>POST</u>	Visiting Scheme Coordinator
<u>HOURS</u>	8 hours per week
<u>DURATION OF POST</u>	1 year fixed term (including a three month probationary period).
<u>SALARY</u>	£8 per hour (£64 per week) (plus travelling and office expenses)
<u>RESPONSIBLE TO</u>	Trustees

Details of the job description, necessary skills and specific responsibilities will be available with the application form.

The form can be obtained from the Deanery Office in Ugate, Louth.
 (Tel. No. 01507 610247)

Closing date for applications 10th December 2014

Interview Date 15th December 2014
 (Interview to be held at Church House, Louth at 9.30am)

Application forms available from the Deanery Office in Ugate, Louth.
 (Tel. No. 01507 610247)

The successful applicant will be in post by 1st January 2015

NEWS

at St James'



Diary of special services/events for November 2014

7 th Dec.	7 30pm	Concert by Louth Chamber Choir
13 th Dec.	7 30pm	Concert by the Choral Scholars of Trinity College Cambridge
14 th Dec.	4pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
16 th Dec.	7 45pm	<i>Prayer and Pint</i> : Compline, followed by discussion in the Wheatsheaf
18 th Dec.	7 30pm	CAROLS FOR ALL: A Carol Service for all the town
21 st Dec.	7 30pm	'Sing Noel!': Christmas Concert by Louth Choral Society
24 th Dec.	4pm	CAROLS AT THE CRIB
	11 30pm	MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST, with the Bishop of Grimsby
25 th Dec.	10am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
4 th Jan.	6pm	EPIPHANY SERVICE, followed by Supper in Church House
20 th Jan.	7 45pm	<i>Prayer and Pint</i> : Compline, followed by discussion in the Wheatsheaf
25 th Jan.	10 30am	United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
		at Louth Methodist Church
1 st Feb.	6pm	FESTAL EVENSONG for Candlemas, followed by drinks under the spire

Much of our time and energy during December and January will go into celebrating the great festival of Christmas, when we remember the love of God revealed to us in human form. Hopefully, everyone will find some way of reflecting on the deeper truth that we celebrate – and our thanks to all who put in such effort to make our worship and common life such a valuable and rich resource.



Icon of Louth's Saints

The Orthodox Church in Louth have made a gift of an icon of these two local saints which is currently beside the High Altar at St James'. This is a symbol of the heritage that we share, and bonds of affection that exist between our Churches. A simple display panel with some further details about the icon and its meaning will be created to go nearby.

Advertising for a new Verger

In March Alan is planning to retire from his job as one of the Vergers at St James'. We are currently advertising for a replacement – if you know anyone who might be interested please pass on their details or show them the advert (which is printed in this edition of the Herald and in copies of the weekly Parish Notes.

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	2 15pm	Ladies Guild in Church House (on the 2 nd Wednesday of the month)
	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.

Four '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)

December is always such an exciting time and our congregation really look forward to the beginning of advent and all the hope that it bring with it.

Christmas Eve is such a lovely day and evening. Ronnie Partridge holds a really family fun Children's Crib Service at 3:30pm. Lots of children come and bring with them their cuddly toys to add to our big *Blue Peter* type crib!

One of the friends knit stacks of red little Christmas stockings and all the children come up at the end to collect one filled with sweeties, so thanks to Christine for all her knitting throughout the year!

Next year Tinies Breakfast will continue (1st and 3rd Tuesday from 9-10:30am) and Stations of the Cross (every 4th Wednesday at 10am), so do come along and join us for these services.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas from everyone at St Michael's.



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Louth Men's Shed moves one step closer to a reality:

Louth Men's Shed has received a grant from Lincolnshire County Council's Public Health Department for £9,500; the grant will go towards renovating the old pavilion on Charles Street Recreation Ground. Greg Gilbert the Community Outreach Manager said "this is fantastic news and it has come at the right time. Louth Men's Shed will be an important facility for men to enable them to get together and talk about things that interest them over a cup of tea or coffee". Additionally by renovating the pavilion more community groups are coming together to help develop the recreation ground into a fantastic community facility.

The Louth Men's Shed also like to thank the Lincolnshire County Council for their generous grant and also the following organisations who have also provided funding towards Louth Men's Shed: Conoco Phillips, East Lindsey District Council, The Managed Care Network and the RAOB Aero College Lodge.

If you need any further information about the Louth men's Shed please contact Greg Gilbert on 01507 605083/610752 or



PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

2nd Nov.	Giorgio Edward Green Kingston Maddox Michael Dyke
9th Nov.	Seth Williamson Emma mountain
30th Nov.	Matilda-Rose Cullingford

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

None this month

FUNERALS

4th Nov.	George Dodge (Ashes)
12th Nov.	June Frances Loveley, aged 75.
14th Nov.	Edna May Archer, aged 88.
19th Nov.	Dorothy Elizabeth Mackie, aged 81
24th Nov.	Frederick Michael Collins, aged 80 (Thanksgiving service).
24th Nov.	Mary Elizabeth Cawkwell, aged 97.
27th Nov.	Gabrielle Hossell, aged 94.
28th Nov.	Elizabeth Jean Wood, aged 84.

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

When you are planning a Christening party, wedding reception, funeral buffet or anniversary bash, consider...



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for individuals, voluntary groups and businesses in our community

Competitively priced rooms for small parties and for up to 120 for a reception and up to 100 for a sit-down meal

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Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ
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Why not visit St James Church and bring a friend.

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!

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Talk From Trinity

Community Larder

Total number of parcels issued:	2012	– 240
	2013	– 477
	2014 (Jan – Oct)	– 447

In December we will be creating Christmas Hampers for individuals and families.
Items needed: Boxes of Chocolates, Christmas Cake, Christmas Puddings and Mince

Past Events:

The Great War Lunch – Fri 7th Nov

Diners were invited to join us for lunch in commemoration of WWI with Rabbit Stew and Fruit Crumble. After the meal children from Lacey Gardens School joined us for a sing-along of well-known songs from the era.



Kiddie Crafts – Fri 31st Oct

Little ones and parents had fun with arts & crafts and after the session their masterpieces were taken home to put on display.

What's happening at the Trinity Centre - December 2014

- Tuesday 2nd December – Tasty Tuesday Christmas Party
 - Friday 5th December – Extend Exercise and Fish on Friday
 - Saturday 6th December – Christmas Cake Decorating
 - Tuesday 9th December – Open House at Trinity – All welcome to join staff for a mince pie.
 - Friday 12th December – Fish on Friday Christmas Party
 - Sunday 21st December – Christmas Sunday Lunch
 - Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Drop-in
 - Tuesday 30th December – Drop-in Curry Lunch
 - Every Wednesday – Drop-in at Trinity – Individuals and families are invited to drop-in to receive free, confidential help and advice, no appointment needed.
 - Every Wednesday – A Good Yarn
- Contact Jayne Pegg, Projects Administrator, 01507 605803 for more information.

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

The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

The Rev'd Nick Brown

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The Rev'd Lorraine Turner

**Rector of Legbourne and Woldmarsh, also
available to the Parish of Louth**

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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

The Rev'd Ian Partridge

Ronnie Partridge (Lay Reader)

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2014

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	7 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	14 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	21 st December 4 th Sunday of Advent	28 th December 1 st Sunday after Christmas
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> Chor/Ad</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Chor/Ad <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> E'en so Lord Jesus Manz Mass of St Anne Macmillan O come, O come, Emmanuel arr. Rutter Hymns 27; 386; 608; (38); 490.</p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>7 30pm Concert by the Louth Chamber Choir</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> Chor/Ad</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Chor/Ad <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> E'en so Lord Jesus Manz Mass of St Anne Macmillan O come, O come, Emmanuel arr. Rutter Hymns 27; 386; 608; (38); 490.</p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>4pm Christingle Service</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> Chor/Ad</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Chor/Ad <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> Creator of the stars of night, Plainsong Avingham Service Goodwin</p> <p>11am Communion at Holy Trinity <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> Hymns 39 vv. 1&2; 37; 380; (242); 362.</p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p> <p>7 30pm Christmas Concert by Louth Choral Society</p>	<p>10am EUCHARIST with hymns <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i> Gloria: Avingham Service Goodwin Hymns 73; 55; 67; 44</p> <p>6pm Evensong with hymns <i>Officiant: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> Said responses Hymns</p>
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SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2015

(Unless otherwise shown, services/events take place in St. James')

	4 th January	11 th January	18 th January	25 th January	1 st February
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>Epiphany</p> <p>9:30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am EUCHARIST with hymns <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> Gloria: Alvingham Service Goodwin Hymns 89; 85; 83; 84</p>	<p>Baptism of Christ</p> <p>9:30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p>	<p>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</p> <p>9:30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>11am Communion/Lunch at Trin. <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p>	<p>Conversion of Paul</p> <p>10am UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at Louth Methodist Church <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p>	<p>4th Sunday of Epiphany</p> <p>9:30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>President: Team Vicar</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p>
In the villages...	<p>3pm Baptism at St Michael's <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>6pm EPIPHANY SERVICE Singers <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Psalm 98 Special Order of Service</p> <p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p>	<p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG <i>Officiant: Dr Paul Hill</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Psalm 46 Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i></p>	<p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>4pm Prayers for Unity at Trinity</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i> Psalm 96 Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday</i></p>	<p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: To be confirmed</i> Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>8:30am Communion at Welton <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p>	<p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>6pm FESTAL EVENSONG <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Psalm 118 Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday</i></p>
During the week...	<p>Monday 5th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 6th The Epiphany 8:30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9am Times Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION at Trinity <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 12noon Tasty Tuesday at Trinity</p> <p>Wednesday 7th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10:30am Drop-in at Trinity</p> <p>Thursday 8th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 10:30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 9th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 10th 10:45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity 12:30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 12th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 13th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9:15am Full Ministry Team Mtg 11am HOLY COMMUNION <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>Wednesday 14th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10:30am Drop-in at Trinity 2:15pm St James Guild at Church Hse.</p> <p>Thursday 15th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 10:30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 16th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 17th 12:30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Please see publicity for details of activities during the week.</p> <p>Monday 19th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 20th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9am Times Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 7:45pm Prayer and Pk at St James'</p> <p>Wednesday 21st 8:30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10:30am Drop-in at Trinity 2:30pm Home Communion at the Wolds</p> <p>Thursday 22nd 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 10:30am Toddler Gp at Church House 10:30am Home Comm. at Stewton Hse 11am Home Comm. at The Beeches</p> <p>Friday 23rd 8:30am MORNING PRAYER Fish on Friday trip to Woodthorpe</p> <p>Saturday 24th 12:30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 26th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 27th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> 11:45am Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 28th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10am STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St M 10:30am Drop-in at Trinity 2:30pm Home Communion at the Elms</p> <p>Thursday 29th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 10:30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 30th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 31st 12:30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 2nd Presentation 8:30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd 8:30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9am Times Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION at Trinity <i>President: Team Vicar</i> 12noon Tasty Tuesday at Trinity</p> <p>Wednesday 4th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10:30am Drop-in at Trinity</p> <p>Thursday 5th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 10:30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 6th 8:30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 7th 12:30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>

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Snippets from Stewton

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

The hectic month of November started with a working party in the churchyard led by Matthew Davey from Lincolnshire County Council. A group of hardy volunteers braved the rain to lay the hedges on the the southern and western boundaries of Stewton churchyard. Fortunately the sun did come out, enabling a positive outcome to the work. A further working party is to be convened in January to complete the job.

The work on the toilet is proceeding well with a completion date prior to Christmas and this has received county-wide acknowledgement from BBC Radio Lincolnshire when a visit was made to the site as part of National Toilet Day to contrast our development with an award winning one in the cathedral. Recognition indeed!

Grateful thanks to all who have already donated £2 to the Volunteers for Mental Health (vfmh) Romanian Christmas Appeal. Anybody still wishing to make a donation can contact Robert Mansfield (01507 327533).

You can find details of our Christmas Services elsewhere in the Herald but a particular reminder to arrive in good time for the Carol Service on 21st December at 3pm followed by traditional refreshments. Everyone is very welcome.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

11am Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday
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Friday 23rd January at 7pm in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Uppgate
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8th January 2015 (AGM)



What States to Get Into

By Pat Whistler

I suppose it was watching the Festival of Remembrance this anniversary year that I realised the magnitude of the change in our identity as a, hem hem, culture. A very able and talented singer (Joss Stone) gave a rendering of Eric Bogle's wonderful First World War song, No Man's Land. To begin with she was using an American accent, though as far as I know she is from our own cherished West Country and the song was written by an Australian about a Scots soldier's grave in France. By way of contrast a wonderful old D-Day tugboat crewman sang, in his own voice, a superb ballad about the role of tugs in the celebrated landings.

My initial reaction, as an enthusiast of the music of the British Isles, was a kind of elderly, impotent fury. Why does Reg Dwight (Elton John) need to affect an American intonation in all his incomprehensible ditties? Why would two artistes from Yorkshire singing Gypsy Davy need to do a New York job on it? Why, why do we have to hear No Man's Land, mercilessly abbreviated to blunt its impact, sung as a showy Soul number, with associated warbling and high-tensile emphasis?

"It's not about you, lovey!" I muttered. However, on mature reflection, I now think "why not?" Perhaps we could extend the doctrine, and insist on singing the National Anthem in, say, an Italian accent, or Abide With Me, at funerals, as if we were recently arrived from China. Well, isn't that suggestion absurd? More absurd than a Grimsby based folk band singing about the old days on the North Wall in the tones of a Deep Southern Confederate? I was rank about that for a month, and still boycott the band's performances (yes, they are local, not from Tuscaloosa)

The whole issue of cross-over, transatlantic influence, fascinates and confuses me. We have imported Halloween wholesale, and recently a beloved relative rang me to ask if she really had to install a "baby shower" in her bathroom, having had the suggestion raised repeatedly at work. When did it start? Before the Second World War, access to the United States was mostly by ocean liner. If you were rich, you visited, and if poor, went for keeps. Then came the welcome arrival of the GI, and now we are blessed with a great library of American origin.

Blessed, yes, though it is a mixed blessing, as outlined above, when the young fail to grasp when it is or isn't OK (OK!) to paint the colours of the USA over the drab colouring of our native culture. In point of fact, Britain is as much a mixture of cultures as the US, albeit over a far longer period. We are a fortunate little island, with the chance to watch movies (movies!) from across the Atlantic, enjoy the Blues, laugh at the works of the genius Tom Lehrer, wonder at the bizarre and inspiring activities of New Yorkers and borrow whole bushels of expressive words and phrases from there – "OK" and "movies", spring to mind.

Tony Blair regularly stood accused of kowtowing to George W Bush, and it is a fact that it was relatively recently that we finished paying the bill for the US intervention in the Second World War. US foreign policy is sometimes seen as a kind of Western epic, spraying indecently large quantities of ammunition at spear-waving primitives, only to find that the aforementioned primitives have the ability to hit back, hard. We have been involved in, and shared, some real pain with the resulting long campaigns.

The Festival of Remembrance taught me that, despite my acute irritation at the needless rending (as distinct from rendering) of No Man's Land, we still have the old tugboat crewman. We have the ability to preserve and foster our own identity, and not see it submerged in the Mississippi. There will be other performances, in the true voice of the singer. We have the Proclaimers, happily, since Scotland stayed on board. We have Cerys Matthews to sing a hymn beautifully in Welsh (though I felt the slide guitar was a mistake). We have Roger McGough and others too numerous to mention.

I believe it is dangerous to allow anti-American sentiments to creep into our thinking. Despite the unwelcome importation of presidential politics (we elect, not our local MP, but a figurehead Prime Minister), the Stateside twang in just about every broadcast song, Halloween and next, probably, Thanksgiving, we are linked culturally and politically to the Good Ole US of A and should make the most of it.

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I write to you just after Remembrance Day this year, which was for many was particularly poignant in this year as we marked the outbreak of the First World War 100 years ago. Already, the symbols of remembrance that have been around us have given way to signs that Christmas is on its way. Even the television advertisements have started, designed to encourage us to dig deep in search of the perfect Christmas.

Christmas advertisements are fast becoming a television genre in their own right. Many have taken a familiar approach - 'tis the season to spoil yourself,' we're told in one - but one supermarket chain has, more controversially, used the trenches of the First World War as the setting for its Christmas advert. It is unsurprising that this has generated much comment in the media. Despite its endorsement by the Royal British Legion, the advert is seen by some as an unashamed (and inaccurate) romanticisation of the horrors of the grim and bloody battlefields of Northern France, with one commentator describing it as a "dangerous and disrespectful masterpiece".

However, the advert does remind us of the remarkable moment when unofficial truces were spontaneously declared at Christmas in 1914. In the weeks leading up to Christmas Day, soldiers from both sides heard each other singing the same carols until, on the day itself, they laid down their weapons and climbed out of the trenches, met each other, exchanged gifts, buried their dead and, famously, played football together. Some stopped for worship together.

Those truces began with the singing of Christmas carols, songs that celebrate the birth of Jesus, the one who is the Prince of Peace. If you catch sight of that advert on television this Christmas, pause for a moment and give thanks for the birth of the Prince of Peace. The birth of Jesus is our ultimate hope and vision for a world founded on love, marked by compassion, and governed by the true and lasting peace of which the angels sang, and for which we long.

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Bishop Christopher

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On the left is St Athelheard, died 12th May 805. He was the Abbot of the Saxon Monastery in Hludde (Louth) and became Archbishop of Canterbury in 793.

On the right is Herefrith, one of the last Bishops of Lindsey. He was killed by the Danish Vikings around 873. A shrine was set up and the later church became known as St Herefrith's. The name remained until the dedication of St James in 1441.

The last date for submission of articles for the February 2015 Herald is 20th January 2015

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