

The Parish of Louth and Deanery of Louthesk

Weekly notes and information for

18th October 2020: 19th Sunday after Trinity www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk



In all we do, we seek to live out Jesus' command to draw close to the love of God in worship, and to share this by loving our neighbour



Collect Prayer at Daily Prayer during the week

O GOD, forasmuch as
without thee we are not
able to please thee;
Mercifully grant, that thy
Holy Spirit may in all
things direct and rule our
hearts; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our churches: opening as places for prayer and reflection in our communities

The Parish Church of Louth St James will be open for private prayer between
10am and 4pm every day from Monday to Saturday

*Please see pages 2 and 3 for details of other churches that are open for private prayer across
the Deanery of Louthesk*

DIARY OF PRAYER & WORSHIP THIS WEEK...

Services marked * are streamed via www.facebook.com/louthchurch

Sunday 18th	9 30am	Holy Communion at Great Carlton
19th Sunday	10am	SUNG EUCHARIST at St James' (Nave)*
<i>Trinity</i>		Psalm 147.1-7 Missa simplex <i>Plainsong</i>
<i>Luke the Evangelist</i>		Isaiah 35.3-6; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9 Teach Me, O Lord <i>Attwood</i>
	10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby
	10am	Harvest Festival at Fulstow
	10am	Morning Service at Marshchapel
	10am	Harvest Service at Grainthorpe
	10 30am	Morning Service at Grimoldby
	11am	Parish Mass at Ludford
	11 15am	Eucharist at Legbourne
	3pm	Evensong at Grainsby
	6pm	FESTAL EVENSONG at St James' (Nave)*
		<i>Plainsong Resp. Ps. 103</i> Canticles with fauxbourdons <i>Morley</i> (Set II) Ecclesiasticus 38.1-14; Colossians 4.7-end The Souls of the Righteous <i>Marchant</i>
Monday 19th	9 15am	MATINS at St James' (Nave)
		Psalm 98; 2 Kings 17.24-end; Philippians 1.1-11
	10am	St James' open for private prayer until 4pm
	1pm	Funeral at Alford Crematorium
Tuesday 20th	9 15am	MORNING PRAYER at St James' (Nave)*
		Psalm 106; 2 Kings 18.1-12; Philippians 1.12-end
	10am	St James' open for private prayer until 4pm
	11am	HOLY COMMUNION at St James' (Nave)*
	11 45am	Praying with the Bible (Lectio Divina)
		Go to: www.zoom.us/join or 'phone 0203 481 5240, and enter the Meeting ID: 847 0617 4009 and Password: 562604.
	7pm	Centering Prayer Group at St James'
Wednesday 21st	9 15am	MATINS at St James' (Nave)*
		Psalm 111; 2 Kings 18. 13-end; Philippians 2.1-13
	10am	St James' open for private prayer until 4pm
	10am	Shine drop-in at Trinity Centre
	12 noon	Friendship Walk leaving from Trinity Centre
	12 30pm	Outreach Post Office at Fotherby open for private prayer 'til 2 30pm
	1pm	Grimoldby open for private prayer until 3pm
	1pm	Legbourne open for private prayer until 2 30pm

4 15pm Boys Chorister Training at St James'
 5 30pm Girls Chorister Training at St James'
 6 30pm Choir Rehearsal at St James'
 7 30pm **COMPLINE** at St James' (Nave)*

Thursday 22nd

9 15am **MATINS** at St James' (Nave)*
 Psalm 115; 2 Kings 19.1-19; Philippians 2.14-end
 10am St James' open for private prayer until 4pm
 10am Nth S'cotes open for private prayer until 12noon
 11am **Mass** at St Michael's
 11am **Funeral** at Alford Crematorium

Friday 23rd

9 15am **MATINS** at St James' (Nave)*
 Psalm 139; 2 Kings 19.20-36; Philippians 3.1-4.1
 10am St James' open for private prayer until 4pm
 10am Cards for Good Causes opens in St James' 'til 4pm

Saturday 24th

10am St James' open for private prayer until 4pm
 10am Cards for Good Causes opens in St James' 'til 4pm
 12 30pm **MIDDAY PRAYER** at St James'

Sunday 25th

20th Sunday

Trinity

8 45am **Matins** at Great Carlton
 9 30am **Holy Communion** at Ludborough
 10am **EUCCHARIST** at St James' (Nave)*
 Psalm 90.1-6, 13-end Missa simplex *Plainsong*
 Deuteronomy 34. 1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matt. 22.34-end
 10am **Morning Service** at North Thoresby
 10am **Morning Service** at South Elkington
 10 30am **Holy Communion** at Grimoldby
 10 30am **Parish Mass** at Binbrook
 10 30am **Morning Service** at Manby
 11am **Morning Service** at North Somercotes
 11 15am **Matins** at Legbourne
 3pm **Holy Communion** at Fotherby
 6pm **PLAINSONG EVENSONG** at St James' (Nave)*
 Ps. 119.89-104; Ecclesiastes 11,12; Timothy 2.1-7

An Order of Service for the Eucharist this Sunday

- *We open our hearts to God, that we might be transformed by his love*
- *We listen to God's Word, and seek to find out how we may grow to understand God's will for us more fully*
- *We gather around the table to share a symbolic meal, a meal that joins us with our brothers and sisters throughout the world; the saints who have lived in all times and places*
- *We pray that we go out as lights that shine with God's love wherever we might go*

The Gathering

The GREETING and PREPARATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Together we pray...

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the Ministers enter, organ music may be played or a psalm sung.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A Minister introduces the Prayers of Penitence.

[My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins:]

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

The Priest pronounces Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We say the GLORIA, a Song of Praise written by the early Christians

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The COLLECT prayer

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35.3-6

A reading from the book of Isaiah. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 4.5-17

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 10.1-9

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

There will be a HOMILY and period for reflection, after which the service continues with the NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS, which may include the following bidding and response:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And may end with:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

A CHANT may be sung, as gifts are brought up and the altar is prepared.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The prayer at this point may include the following response:

Blessed be God for ever.

The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts, ending with:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

The president recalls the Last Supper, after which the following acclamation may be used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

Amen.

We sit or kneel for the LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

The PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION.

The priest leads the congregation in prayer:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Following this prayer, all join in:

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.

Amen.

The Dismissal

We stand, and the priest proclaims God's BLESSING and we are sent into His world...

[Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts;]

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

We stand as the Ministers leave.

Matins and Evensong: An Order of Service

*If used in the context of a family or household the words in **bold** are said by all. If said alone, all words are spoken by the individual praying.*

Along with this order of service you will need a Bible for the psalm and readings. Details of which psalm and readings to use are found on pages 2 and 3.

If the service forms the only, or the main, act of worship on a Sunday in a parish church, then the Minister everyone to reflect on those things that distance us from God and, after a pause for reflection, we join in the Prayer of Confession, which is followed by a prayer of absolution or forgiveness:

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, that confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

At other time the service may be begin with the opening responses:

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

The Word of God

*Say or recite the **Venite, Exultemus Domino** (Psalm 95, at Matins) and the appointed **Psalm(s)**.*

The Psalm(s) end with the 'Gloria patri':

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*A Reading from **The Old Testament**. (See pages 2 and 3 for details)*

*Say or sing the **Canticle**; either the **Benedictus** (at Matins) or **Magnificat** (at Evening Prayer):*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets: which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.-

*A Reading from **The New Testament**. (See pages 2 and 3 for details)*

*At Evening Prayer, we also say the **Nunc Dimittis**:*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Creed

You may wish to stand to say the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Prayers:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

These Prayers end with one or more Collects for the Day (see the front over) and the following morning or evening Collects:

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A time for Reflection

After any further prayers, there may be a time for reflection including the singing of an anthem. If using this material at home, you may find this a good time to play a piece of recorded music or listen to one of the podcasts/video meditations.

The Conclusion

*The service ends with either a **Blessing**, or by praying the **Grace**:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Before the ending of the day

Latin hymn translated by J. M. Neale

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou Wouldst be our guard and keeper no

**From all ill dreams defend our eyes from nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe, That no pollution we may know.**

O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S PSALM AND HOMILY

Psalm: 147. 1-7

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

6 The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Homily

It is after the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when Jesus is teaching in the temple, that the chief priests and elders question his authority. Jesus refuses to answer them but tells three parables, which we've heard over the last few weeks in our Gospel readings. The parables of the two sons, the parable of the tenants and the parable of the wedding banquet - each tells a story about those who reject God's message. When the chief priests and pharisees hear these parables, they know that Jesus is particularly referring to them and so they plot against him and decide to entrap him with his own words. They send their disciples and the Herodians to him with a question that they think has the potential to trip Jesus up. They begin by trying to flatter him and put him off his guard, saying that they know that Jesus is sincere, truthful and impartial. And then they ask, "is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor?"

They thought they had him, as either answer would put him in trouble. If Jesus were to say that it is unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar that would put him in an extremely dangerous position with the Romans, it would point him out as a rebel against their authority. To say that it is lawful to pay taxes to the Romans would cause animosity from many Jews. These weren't arguments that Jesus wanted to be entangled in. His mission was to point people towards the kingdom of God, but there were many who, seeing their own authority questioned, would try to side-track him. Jesus - 'aware of their malice' - tells them to fetch a coin that is used to pay taxes and asks them whose head is on the coin. They reply, naturally and straightforwardly, "The emperor's." I picture them puzzled, wondering why. Is he playing for time perhaps? What they don't expect is his answer - "then pay to the emperor that which belongs to him and to God that which belongs to God"

Hoist by their own Petard as we say! They were amazed by this and leave with their tails between their legs. Perhaps we believe that the whole world and everything in it belongs ultimately to God, so why does Jesus differentiate between that which is Caesar's and that which is God's? The coin is a physical item, fabricated by the Romans and extracted from a people who reluctantly paid their oppressors. Caesar's jurisdiction was limited only to those items and areas that had been forcefully taken by his armies. But what are the things that belong to God? What are the offerings that we pay to Him? They aren't taxes demanded by threats, what God wants from us, but never demands, is ourselves. How much simpler it would be to be able to pick up a coin and pay God in that way. How do we make an offering of ourselves?

God firstly wants our attention; he wants a two-way relationship. Psalm 96 tells us that he wants to hear our song of praise, he wants us to tell of his salvation and declare his glory. He wants us to worship and tremble before him. Not in fear, but in awe of his majesty. A major part of our offering to God is also in giving ourselves to others. And that isn't always easy, sometimes it's extremely hard. People aren't always what we would want them to be and we aren't always what they would want us to be either! We struggle with some of the things God requires of us – repentance, forgiveness, loving our neighbour, being less so that others might be more, holding on to faith and showing the love of Jesus in dark times like the ones we are living through now, when the world is in turmoil. But God promises, as in today's reading from Isaiah, to go before us, to call us by name. He knows us, he knows our needs. He promises treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places. These aren't the treasures of this world, like coins and gold, stored in a bank or unevenly distributed among the people. What God offers us are the treasures of his kingdom. They may have been buried in a field and not easy to find among the distractions and difficulties of this world, but they are available for all who want to look for them.

Of course, we do need to pay our taxes to society in order to sustain our communities, but I wonder how much the Jews benefitted from the taxes they paid to Caesar. Any true offering, we make to God comes back to us a hundred-fold and more. In the offering of Christ to us and the offering of ourselves to Him, we receive salvation, eternal life and the Holy spirit to be our companion and guide.

Homily Reflection

1. Has there ever been a time when you were talking about your faith and others have tried to entrap you in your words?
2. What were some of the ways in which you gave yourself to God during the past week?
3. Is there anything else from the passage not already discussed that speaks to you? What is it?
4. What will you do this week in your Monday-to-Saturday ministry in response to what you have heard today? #everydayfaith

NOTES AND NOTICES

Responding to the changing situation regarding COVID-19

As you will know the present situation is quite fluid. Whilst we hope that people will continue to be able to gather sensibly to worship, we need to be prepared for any local changes that are necessary.

A range of spiritual resources remain available across the deanery as follows:

- **'Worship at home' resources**, available from:
<https://www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Worshipresources.pdf>
- **Weekly Parish and Deanery Notes**, available from:
<https://www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/newsletter.pdf>
Containing details of bible readings for the week, orders of service you might use and resources for reflection, including a weekly Homily reflection provided by the diocese.
- **Daily Prayer** (including Sunday and Festival services) at Louth St James, and streamed via the Parish of Louth facebook page
- **'Praying with...'** online sessions, available live via Zoom (see Parish Notes for details) or as a video on the Parish of Louth facebook page.
- **Midweek Homily**, available as a video on the Parish of Louth facebook page.

In the event that activities have to be restricted, then we will aim to maintain acts of worship available to the public in a limited number of locations – and if we cannot maintain worship in all communities, then the daily worship at St James will remain as a spiritual heartbeat for communities across the deanery available online as well as in the building. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Parish and Deanery Notes and the various parish websites and facebook pages where information of any changes will be shared as early as possible.

- A new baby bank 'Bundles of Joy' will open in church house later in November on a Wednesday and Friday morning 10am-12noon. Church House shall be open on November 4th and 6th and 11th and 13th to welcome donations of clothes and accessories (up to age 18months) as well as feeding and bathing equipment. There is limited space for larger items such as cots, pushchairs etc. No toys or car seats thank you. If you would like to be involved in volunteering for this new initiative, please contact the Trinity Centre using the contacts provided.
- Cards for Good Causes, the pop-up charity Christmas card shop, returns to St James' on Friday 23rd October. Please be aware that a new one-way system shall be in place to help maintain social distance.

Remembrance Sunday 2020

As we are encouraged not to meet in large groups, Remembrance Sunday will look different this year. The following arrangements have been made in Louth, and normal services that are taking place in some villages will also mark Remembrance Sunday.

Saturday 7th November 2020: Laying of wreaths

Laying of wreaths will take place in the Parish Church of St James between 10 30am and 12 30pm on Saturday 7th November.

Wreaths will be moved from the church to the War Memorial before Armistice Day (11th November 2020)

Sunday 8th November 2020:

9am MORNING SERVICE: Holy Communion

10 55am A SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Admission to this service will be by ticket only, and it will be streamed on the Parish of Louth facebook page so that people can join in at home.

Anyone wishing to request a ticket is asked to send a stamped, addressed envelope to The Deanery Office, 6 Uppate, Louth LN11 9ET. In the likely event that there are more applications than available seats, then tickets will be allocated by lot on Monday 2nd November 2020. We appreciate that this is unusual, but is the only way that it is practical to hold this service in the present situation – and hope that you will understand how difficult a decision it has been.

6pm EVENING SERVICE: Choral Evensong

Any changes to arrangements will be announced by a notice posted in the porch of the Parish Church of St James.

In our prayers this week...

All those affected by the current pandemic

The Sick and those in need: *Peggy Baillie, Anne-Marie Bidwell, Helen Blakey, Paul Clifford, Ed Cox, Hildegard Dettmer-Beecroft, Rosemary Huke, Derwent Levick, Margaret Grey, Christina Livesey, Roly Livesey, Mal Locking, Anna Mamwell, Alan Pounds, Sylvia Pounds, Eileen Robinson, Marjorie Spendlow, Enid Spicer, Joyce Terrett, John Troughton, Charles Wakeley, Pauline Watson, Stuart Watson*

Those who have died: *Janet Bradley, Barbara Gill, James Glover, Gillian Walkinshaw, Norah Stenner, Ivy Carter, Dennis Joy, John Walsh, Mary Farrow, Margaret Williams*

PARISH AND DEANERY CONTACTS

At this time, if you are aware of anyone in urgent pastoral need please e-mail louthparishpastoral@gmail.com or 'phone 07901 852198, 07500 965321 or 07734 871159.

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For information about how to respond to safeguarding concerns, or for sources of support, please see Safeguarding Notices in church porches

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