

The Parish of Louth and Deanery of Louthesk

Weekly notes and information for

27th December 2020: First Sunday of Christmas



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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

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 1pm

This week: Wednesday and 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 broadcast via www.facebook.com/louthchurch

Sunday 27th	10am	EUCCHARIST at St James'*
John the Apostle and Evangelist		Psalm 117 Exodus 33.7-11a; 1 John 1; John 21.19b-end
First Sunday of Christmas	10am	Morning Service at North Thoresby
	10am	Holy Communion at South Elkington
	11 15am	Matins at Legbourne
	3pm	Evensong at Fotherby
	6pm	PLAINSONG EVENSONG at St James'*
		Psalm 97; Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 John 5.1-12
Monday 28th	--	NO Morning Prayer at St James'
Holy Innocents		Psalm 36; Baruch 4.21-27; Matthew 18. 1-10
Tuesday 29th	--	NO Morning Prayer at St James
		Psalm 19, Isaiah 57.15-end; John 1.1-18
	--	NO Holy Communion at St James'
Wednesday 30th	--	NO Morning Prayer at St James'
		Psalm 113; Isaiah 59.1-15a; John 1.19-28
	10am	St James' open for private prayer until 1pm
	--	NO Outreach Post Office at Fotherby Church
Thursday 31st	--	NO Morning Prayer at St James'
		Psalm 102; Isaiah 59.15b-end; John 1.29-34
Friday 1st	--	NO Morning Prayer and Litany at St James'
		Psalm 103; Genesis 17.1-13; Romans 2. 17-end
Saturday 2nd	--	NO Midday Prayer at St James'
	10am	St James' open for private prayer until 1pm
Sunday 3rd	9 30am	Morning Service at Great Carlton
2 nd Sunday of Christmas	9 30am	Morning Service at Covenham
	10am	SUNG EUCCHARIST at St James'*
		Psalm 147.13-end Jeremiah 31.7-14; Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.1-18
	10am	Holy Communion at North Thoresby
	10am	Morning Service at Fulstow
	10am	Morning Service at Marshchapel
	10 30am	Morning Service at Grimoldby
	11 15am	Eucharist at Legbourne
	6pm	PLAINSONG EVENSONG*
		Psalm 135; Isaiah 46.3-end; Romans 12.1-8

JOINING IN WORSHIP

All our worship is being streamed on the Parish of Louth facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to view these services – just click on ‘Not now’ when it asks you to sign up.

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 Watch Louth CofE Services as live streams (and previously recorded) on Facebook. No account needed

DETAILS OF CHURCHES OPEN

Binbrook: Please ‘phone the keyholder on 07778 316486 for access

Covenham: Please ‘phone the Churchwarden on 01507 363508 for access.

Fulstow: closed, except for scheduled services and private prayer on December 25th between 10am and 12 noon.

Fotherby: The Outreach Post Office is open on Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm except on December 23rd and 30th

Great Carlton: Please ‘phone the Churchwardens on 01507 328369 or 450527 for access

Grimoldby: Please ‘phone the churchwarden on 01507 328917

Louth, St James: Monday to Saturday, 10am to 1pm.

Ludborough: Please ‘phone the churchwarden on 01472 840505 for access.

Manby: Please ‘phone the churchwarden on 01507 327199 for access.

Marshchapel: Open 11am to 12 noon each Saturday throughout November

North Thorseby: Please ‘phone a churchwarden on 01472 840698 or 840160 for access.

Utterby: Please ‘phone the churchwarden on 07802 182756 for access

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR USE AT HOME

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

- **Parish of Louth on Facebook:**
All services are being streamed on Facebook Live (you do not need to be a registered facebook user):
<https://www.facebook.com/louthchurch>
- **Parish of Louth website:**
Downloadable resources (including this leaflet), an uploaded broadcast of Sunday Eucharist from St James, and regular video meditations:
www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk
- **Deanery of Louthesk: The Confraternity of St Herefrith**
Video and other prayer resources will be available from the confraternity’s website, including a regular meditations by members of the clergy serving the Deanery of Louthesk.
<https://herefrith.org/confraternity-resources/video/>
- **‘Praying with...’**
Online sessions, available live via Zoom (see Parish Notes for details) or as a video on the Parish of Louth facebook page.
- **St Andrew’s Stewton Church Community** welcomes everyone. Since March 2020 we have produced an email ‘Post’ every Sunday morning to sustain the life of our church community on-line. You can access these Posts via the web site www.standrewsstewton.co.uk or have your email address added to our circulation list on request to windhover22@live.co.uk

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

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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: Exodus 33.7-11a

A reading from the book of Exodus. Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: 1 John 1

A Reading from the first letter of John. We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 21.19b-end

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.** He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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 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:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through 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.

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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 page 2.

If the service forms the only, or the main, act of worship on a Sunday in a parish church, then the Minister calls on 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 page 2 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 page 2 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.**

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THIS WEEK'S PSALM AND HOMILY

Psalm: 117

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Homily

Some of us are owls and some of us are larks, metaphorically speaking. There are those who feel that the hours before 9 am are the best part of the day, and those who think that the day doesn't really start until nine in the evening!

We may change as we get older. An early night may look more appealing than going out clubbing, when we reach a certain stage of life. We may prefer to watch the sun rise on a spring morning, when we have gone out for an early walk, rather than on our way home after a good night out.

Not that there has been much chance for anyone to dance the night away in recent months. In towns and cities across the country everything has closed at 10pm. It has been tough for those whose enjoyment has been curtailed, and even tougher for those who make their living from the night-time economy.

Those who volunteer in many towns and cities for the weekend patrols by Street Pastors have mixed feelings. They are relieved that there is no need to give out flip flops to those who can't walk in their high heels, or bottles of water to those who have been sick, or to arrange taxis for those who have been left to fend for themselves by the friends they have fallen out with. They are, though, sad that they cannot demonstrate the kindness and compassion that shows God's love for everyone, and engage in conversations that allow them to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Luke told us what the shepherds did after they had seen baby in Bethlehem. 'The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.'

We can be sure that they didn't do it quietly. It was the middle of the night and those who were already asleep may not have been impressed to be woken up by a noisy group of men shouting halleluiahs.

The shepherd could not help themselves. They had seen and heard angels – creatures of awesome beauty and strength. They had seen a new-born baby, whom, they were certain, was anointed by God to lead his people. They could not keep their feelings quiet as they made their way back to the sheep they had left on the hillside.

The Psalm and the Old Testament reading for today are full of glorifying and praising God. Isaiah 61 verse 10 says, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;” Psalm 148 calls on a angels, sun, moon and stars, sea monsters, fire, hail, snow, mist and wind, mountains, hills and trees, animals, snakes and birds, and people, high and low, rich and poor, to praise the name of the Lord.

Paul, in Galatians 4 v6 adds one more note to the chorus, “because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’

The media have been saying for weeks that Christmas this year would be a lot quieter than usual, forgetting, perhaps, that not everyone wants to be out partying into the wee hours.

What we cannot be quiet about is the awesome miracle at the heart of Christmas as we celebrate it every year. God became human and was born and lived in obscurity. Jesus was loved by his mother and father. He received and returned their love. He embodied love as he grew into the man who saved the world through love. He is still healing with love, changing lives with love, bringing hope through love, establishing justice through love.

A carol says ‘Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely Divine.’ That, surely, is something we cannot keep quiet about.

Homily Reflection

1. When in the day are you at you best? What do you do in that time?
2. When do you wish that worship was livelier? When do you wish it was quieter?
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

- We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope you enjoy all that you are able to across Christmastide.
- You may have inferred from the lack of services during the weekdays that our clergy and office staff will be taking some well-earned holiday during the week. If you are in need of any emergency pastoral care please contact Father Patrick McEune on 07411761883.
- From Monday 28th December St James will reduce opening hours to a four day week. Our winter opening days are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am until 1pm. If you have not seen the community tree you are still welcome to as it shall remain in St James until the ending of Christmastide with Epiphany on January 5th.
- There comes a time when it gets too much dealing with difficult emotional problems by yourself and that's when we are here to help. A new counselling Service is available to provide a non-judgemental, approachable support service to people who are in need of emotional and psychological support during times of difficulty, confusion or hardships to improve their well-being and quality of life. For an appointment please phone the Trinity Centre on 01507 605803 or email greg.gilbert@teamparishoflouth.org.uk

In our prayers this week...

All those affected by the current pandemic

The Sick and those in need: Marguerite Baillie, Peggy Baillie, Anne-Marie Bidwell, Helen Blakey, Paul Clifford, Ed Cox, Hildegard Dettmer-Becroft, Rosemary Huke, Derwent Levick, Fr James Drayton, Christina Livesey, Roly Livesey, Mal Locking, Anna Mamwell, Mary Oxley, Alan Pounds, Sylvia Pounds, Eileen Robinson, Tracey Russell, Enid Spicer, Joyce Terrett, John Troughton, Charles Wakeley, Pauline Watson, Stuart Watson

Those who have died: Kathleen Humberstone, Reginald Stones, Marjorie Spendlow, Annie Jary, Eileen Potts, Marion Chapman, John Myers, Shirley Ward, Jean Davey, Phyllis Strickland, Barbara Cowper, Jeanne Osborne, Keith Atherton, June Malkinson, Dorothy Odlin.

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 07500 965321 or 07734 871159.

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