

## St Mary's Church, Manby



The Parish Church of St Mary is open during the day for quiet reflection and prayer. It is built in the late fifteenth century perpendicular style. A late Anglo-Saxon slab discovered during Victorian restoration work suggests the Church may occupy the site of an earlier building. The churchyard contains many war and service graves for British, Commonwealth and Polish airmen. They become the focal point for our Remembrance Sunday Service.

St. Mary's served as the School of Air Warfare Chapel until the Royal Air Force Base closed in 1974. The land and buildings of the former Base are currently occupied by East Lindsey District Council headquarters and small businesses. A new housing development of 56 homes is currently being constructed.

Our programme of monthly worship includes Holy Communion in St Mary's on the second Sunday, and supporting a Tea and Breakfast Church held in Grimoldby and Manby Village Hall on the first and third Sundays respectively. We share worship in St Mary's with our Methodist friends on the fourth Sunday. Evening Taizé worship is held during the summer.

The broader village community are fully involved in church life; our uniformed organisations take part in the Remembrance Day and Christmas Carol services. The village restaurant is the venue for our annual Harvest Supper, preceded by a short Service. Volunteer Befrienders visit lonely and isolated people in the community, and we collect food for the 'Community Larder' in Louth.

