

A celebration of Open Churches in West Lincolnshire



West Lindsey Churches Festival

10TH - 11TH & 17TH - 18TH MAY 2025

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Welcome...

to West Lindsey's 2025 Churches Festival – a celebration of rich architecture and heritage, of beautiful tranquillity and spirituality, and a welcoming oasis of peace that all our churches offer.

This year 100 churches are participating over the two weekends and we are also pleased to include a few neighbouring churches across the border in North Lincolnshire.

The first weekend takes place in the west of the area and what a treat our churches have in store for you. Tower tours at St Andrew's, Kirton in Lindsey, a family friendly 'mouse hunt' at St Genewys, Scotton, and Viking Graffiti at the cruciform Anglo-Saxon Minster church of St Mary at Stow.

Travel across the border to Epworth, birthplace of Methodism and visit the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, built as a lasting memorial to John Wesley, considered the father of Methodism and his brother Charles, composer of over 6,500 hymns.

Highlights during week two include 'Value it, Flog it' at St Edmund's, Riby, where you can receive expert advice on your treasured items. St Peter and St Paul, Middle Rasen enjoy 'Holiday Memories', Holy Rood, Market Rasen celebrate 'angels' and St John the Baptist, Nettleton depict the 'Colours of The Rainbow' through vibrant floral decorations.



Our churches showcase our communities' histories through the ages. As well as delightful 14th-15th century pew ends, Ulceby, St Nicholas has a rood screen linked to nearby Thornton Abbey. Hainton, St Mary's, remembers the Heneage Family through its collection of nationally important monuments, spanning five centuries from brass memorials of 1435 to modern day memorials of 1954. And 11th century Glentworth, St Michael shares its links to the Mayflower Pilgrims that sailed to American from Boston.

All Saints, Tealby displays information of the village links with Victorian poet Alfred Lord Tennyson.

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Finally, Scampton, St John the Baptist proudly recognises its close association with the RAF, with windows dedicated to personnel from RAF Scampton and 617 Squadron and interactive screens exploring the lives of people buried in the miliary and war graves in the churchyard.

Some churches open for you to take time out from the busy pace of life. The small wooden St John the Divine, Southrey invites just that, whilst also serving strawberries and cream! And there are plenty of other churches offering tempting cakes and refreshments. Just look for the  symbol in the guide.

We hope you enjoy our festival and that you tell your friends about your experiences here in West Lindsey. We know many of you visit year after year and we thank you for your support in making this one of the biggest and best Churches Festivals in Europe. Not only are you supporting our church heritage, you are also supporting many of our small villages.
















- Front cover** - St Peter & St Paul, Cherry Willingham
Top left - Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Epworth
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Bottom right - St John the Divine, Southrey

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KEY TO SYMBOLS

 Bell-ringing	 Refreshments
 Church Manned	 Themed Exhibition
 Flower Display(s)	 Toilets Nearby
 Lunches	 Toilets On-site
 Organ Music	 Organ available to play by public
 Full Access for Disabled Visitors	 Quiet Church
 Partial Access for Disabled Visitors	

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Glossary of terms

AISLE

In a church the aisles are generally the areas to the north and south of the nave, separated from it by an arcade.

ALTAR

The table located in the east end of the church at which Holy Communion (the eating of bread and drinking of wine in accordance with the instructions of Jesus at the Last Supper) is celebrated.

ANGLO-SAXON

(7th century to 1066) Saxon architecture is characterised by thick walls, with very thin, rounded windows, and masonry arranged at corners in an alternating 'long-short' pattern.

ARCADE

A series of connected arches.

AUMBREY

Small cupboard in a church wall, historically used for storing items used in communion.

BOX PEW

A pew with high sides of equal height entered by a door, typical of the 18th century.

CAPITAL

The carved head of a pillar or column.

CHANCEL

The east end of the church containing the altar.

CLERESTORY

An upper storey composed only of windows.

CUPOLA

A small dome forming a roof or ceiling.

DECORATED GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE

(c1250-c1350) Decorated Gothic is the second phase of English Gothic architecture. As the name suggests it is richly and elaborately embellished with carvings and, originally,

paintwork. Characteristic features include complex curving and geometric tracery to windows, and the use of an 'ogee' arch (an arch which curves inwards and then outwards).

EARLY ENGLISH GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE

The first phase of Gothic architecture in this country is known as Early English. Buildings from throughout the period c1170-c1250 often fall within this stylistic framework. It is typified by 'lancet' windows (tall, narrow, single-opening windows which come to a single point with no internal divisions), pointed arches, stiff-leaf capitals, and ribbed vaulting.

FONT

Often in the form of a basin mounted on a pedestal; used for the baptism of children and adults.

GEORGIAN

The period 1714-1837, which includes the reign of William IV (1830-1837).

GOTHIC

Art and architecture of the mid to late medieval period (12th to 16th centuries). Gothic architecture appeared first in France in the 1140s. It is traditionally characterised by pointed arches. These arches distribute weight more efficiently, allowing taller, lighter and more spacious buildings.

GOTHIC REVIVAL

A style of architecture and design, beginning around the middle of the eighteenth century and attaining enormous popularity in the 19th century, that emulates the 'pointed' architecture of the 12th to 16th centuries.

HATCHMENT

Large, diagonal plaque with a deceased person's heraldic arms, carried at the funeral and then hung in the church.

Glossary of terms

MEDIEVAL

The period of European history between the fall of the Roman Empire and the Renaissance (5th to 16th centuries).

NAVE

The main body of the church, usually from the West door to the chancel, excluding any aisles. The nave belongs to the people and comes from the Latin term 'naves' meaning boat, reflecting the ark of Noah which protected God's people.

NEO-CLASSICAL

Art and architecture which emulates the styles of Ancient Greece and Rome, most prevalent in English churches in the 17th to 19th centuries.

NORMAN ARCHITECTURE

The Romanesque architecture which arrived in England with the Norman Conquest (1066 to the late 12th/early 13th centuries).

PASCHAL

Relating to Easter.

PERPENDICULAR GOTHIC

(c1340-16th century) During the late 14th century, English gothic architecture became more vertical and linear. The term 'Perpendicular' highlights the use of rectangular panels rather than the flowing tracery of the Decorated period. Most Perpendicular architecture can be identified by repetitive thin vertical panels used in windows, masonry, and in the striking 'fan vaulting' developed at this time.

PIETA

A picture or sculpture of the Virgin Mary holding the dead body of Christ on her lap or in her arms.

PISCINA

A basin set within the wall near to an altar, used in medieval services to wash the utensils of the mass and the hands of the priest.

POPPYHEAD

Carved ornament of leaves, often fleur-de-lys, on pew ends.

PULPIT

An enclosed platform from which sermons may be preached. These gained in popularity and significance following the Reformation.

REREDOS

A painted or sculpted screen covering the wall behind and above an altar.

ROMANESQUE

The architecture of the late 10th to late 12th centuries. Though emulating the Christian architecture of Rome it is not a 'Classical' style. Typical features include rounded arches and thick-wall construction.

ROOD SCREEN

An open-work screen separating the nave from the chancel and supporting a large cross (called a 'Rood' by the Anglo-Saxons).

SEDILIA

Seating set within the wall near to an altar for use by ministers during mass, often elaborately carved.

TRACERY

The web of stonework found in a window.

TRANSEPT

In cruciform (cross-shaped) churches, transepts are the areas that extend to the north and south immediately before the chancel.

TUDOR

From 1485-1603.

VICTORIAN

The period from 1837-1901.

Church Lunches 2025

Lunches for 10th & 11th May

Bishop Norton, St Peter

Light lunches, soup, rolls
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Corringham, St Laurence

Soups, salad and savouries, cakes and puddings
Saturday 10.30am-4pm
Sunday 11.30am-4pm

Fiskerton, St Clement of Rome

Soup and baps, bacon butties, cream teas, plum bread, sausage rolls, cakes
Saturday 11am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm

Gainsborough, All Saints

A variety of light lunches, sandwiches and snacks
Saturday 12noon-2pm

Grayingham, St Radegund

Freshly made baps filled with local produce. Cakes and scones.
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10.30am-3.30pm

Kirton in Lindsey, St Andrew

Soup, rolls
Saturday 12noon-2pm
Sunday 12.30pm-2pm

Nettleham, All Saints

Saturday: quiche and salad, Sunday: hot roast beef rolls
Saturday 12noon-2pm
Sunday 12noon-2pm

Reepham, St Peter & St Paul

Ploughmans, salads, sandwiches, cakes and scones
Saturday 11am-3.30pm
Sunday 11am-3.30pm

Waddingham, St Mary & St Peter

Bacon butties, snacks, cakes
Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm





Lunches for 17th & 18th May

Bardney, St Lawrence

Home-made soup and roll
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Brookenby, St Michael & All Angels

All Angels church café will be open serving hot and cold food
Saturday 10am-2pm
Sunday 10am-1pm

Caistor, St Peter and St Paul

Methodist Church
Christian Aid lunches available in Methodist Hall on Saturday
Saturday 11.30am-1.30pm

Great Limber, St Peter

Bacon buns, sandwiches
Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm

Market Rasen, Methodist

Selection of light lunches
Saturday 11am-1pm

Middle Rasen, St Peter & St Paul

Home made soups and rolls
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm

Stainfield, St Andrew

Light refreshments, homemade cakes and lunches/afternoon teas available at Hill House, Stainfield throughout the festival
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Thoresway, St Mary

Hot soup, quiches and cakes
Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm

Ulceby, St Nicholas

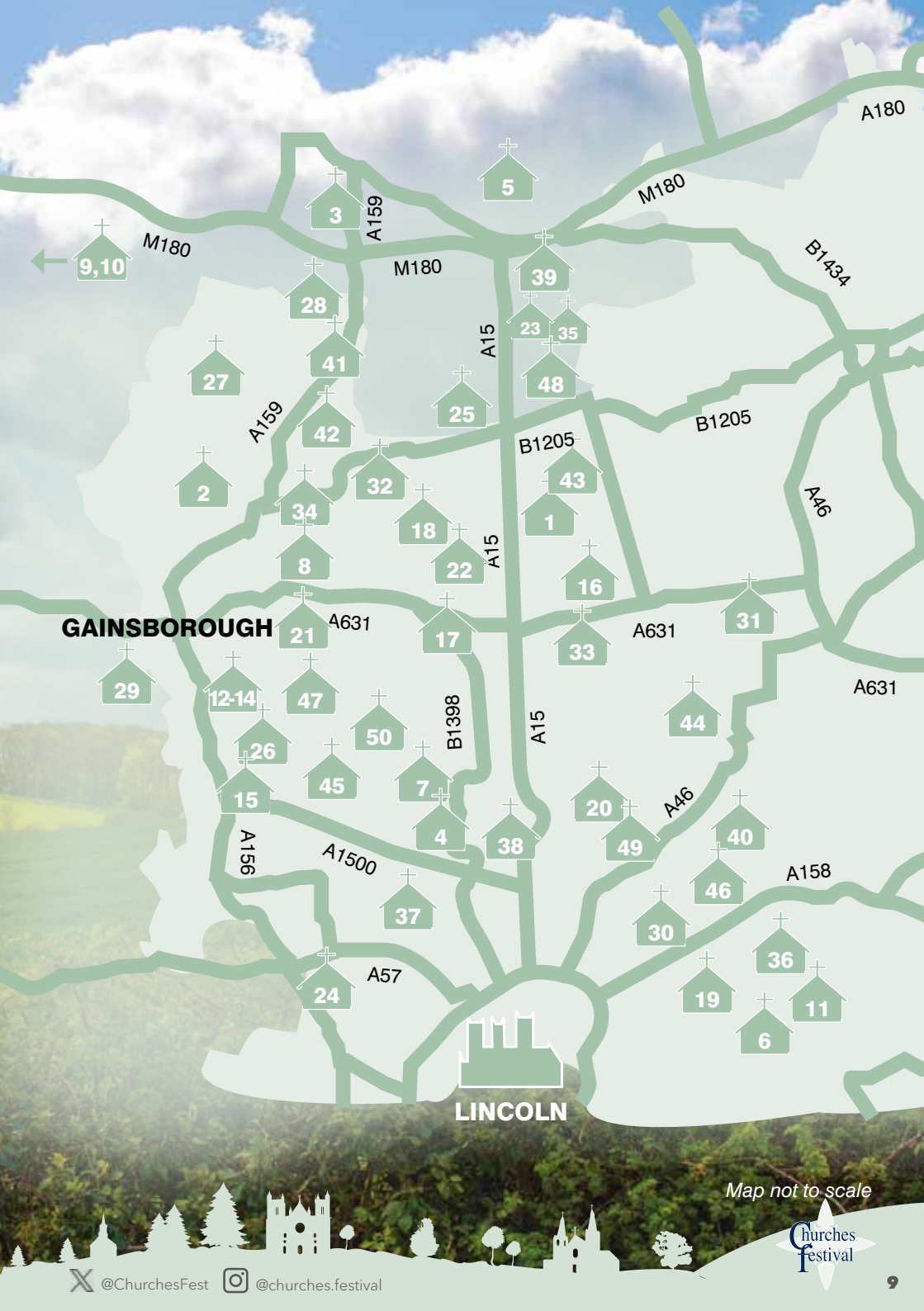
Barbeque including sausages, burgers and salad. Home made cakes
Saturday 12noon-2pm
Sunday 12noon-2pm

Wragby, Methodist

Ploughman lunches and cakes
Saturday 12noon-2pm
Sunday 12noon-2pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

Bishop Norton	1	Kirton in Lindsey	25
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GAINSBOROUGH

LINCOLN

Map not to scale

1 Bishop Norton • St Peter



CHURCH DETAILS

Grade II* listed St Peter's sits in the heart of the village. It has three bells and a delightful stained glass East Window. There is a medieval tympanum in the tower wall, an ancient sarcophagus, a Joyce of Whitchurch clock and a 150 year old Nicholson organ. The lychgate is our War Memorial. Our theme is 'Well Known Authors'.

POSTCODE LN8 2BE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

2 Blyton • St Martin



CHURCH DETAILS

Blyton church has an impressive display of the flags of the allies in WWI. They hang above arcades 6 and 7 centuries old. The chancel, although much rebuilt last century, has its original East window of about 1300, its old piscina and aumbry and a 15th century window and part of the old rood beam is still over the arch. The font, with carved panels and embattled top, is a handsome example of 15th century craftsmanship.

POSTCODE DN21 3JZ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9am - 6pm • Sunday 9am - 6pm

3 Bottesford • St Peter Ad Vincula



CHURCH DETAILS

Mentioned in the Domesday Book, the breathtaking Grade I listed Early English style building largely dates from the 13th century with a later 14th century tower which houses a ring of six bells dating from 1710 to 2002 and rung regularly. A warm welcome awaits those who come to quietly experience the incredible craftsmanship of our ancestors with some fascinating features. Enjoy light refreshments which will be available 2pm-4.30pm both days. Well behaved dogs welcome.

POSTCODE DN16 3RD

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4.30pm • Sunday 12noon - 4.30pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

4 Brattleby • St Cuthbert



CHURCH DETAILS

St Cuthbert's sits in peaceful and secluded wooded grounds on the southern edge of the village. The lower section of the tower dates to the 11th century. The bells are some of the oldest in the county, installed in 1450. The churchyard contains the base of a listed Saxon cross, pre-dating the church and the thought provoking grave of WWII pilot Clare Connor (full story in church). The Saxon inner arch and the 14th century chancel arches show evidence of wall paintings. Visitors are assured of a warm welcome, with drinks and light refreshments being served, donations accepted.

POSTCODE LN1 2SQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

5 Broughton • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

St Mary's church can safely be dated from 1066, although the tower is possibly earlier, giving evidence that there has been a centre of Christian worship in Broughton for over 900 years at least. There are many interesting features in St Mary's including architecture from various periods in its history, Lindsey type grave slabs, and monuments to the Redford and Anderson families.

POSTCODE DN20 0HY

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

6 Cherry Willingham • St Peter & St Paul



CHURCH DETAILS

St Peter & St Paul is a wonderful example of Georgian architecture with a beautiful reredos behind the altar. The modern octagonal lantern was designed by Louis Osman who also designed the coronet for the Prince of Wales. Home made cakes, delicious scones await you...

POSTCODE LN3 4AB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

7 Coates by Stow • St Edith



CHURCH DETAILS

The glory of St Edith's is its medieval woodwork. Magnificent rood screen with its loft and oak boarded tympanum dominates the church. It is the only surviving example in Lincolnshire. Please come and see our wonderful church mice.

POSTCODE LN1 2DW

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 5pm • Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

8 Corringham • St Laurence



CHURCH DETAILS

There has been a church on this site well over 1,000 years older than the British monarchy. It is 140 years since Bodley & Garner spread gold dust and beautified this Grade I church paid for by Mary Beckett. The parish registers will be made available. Come and see the stone coffin found under the altar in 1883/84. We shall have a churchyard tour weather permitting. The refreshments and lunches are Michelin star quality! A warm welcome awaits you.

POSTCODE DN21 5QY

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 10.30am - 4pm

9 Epworth • St Andrew



CHURCH DETAILS

St Andrew's is Grade I listed, parts of which date back to the 12th century. It is best known for Samuel Wesley, rector from 1695 to 1735. His sons John and Charles were born and brought up in Epworth. Epworth is therefore seen as the birthplace of Methodism. Samuel is buried in the churchyard. We will be holding an exhibition and serving refreshments. There are various architectural features in the church, the north and south aisles are the earliest surviving.

POSTCODE DN9 1ES

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

10 Epworth • Wesley Memorial Methodist



CHURCH DETAILS

Built as a lasting memorial to John and Charles Wesley - opened on 15 September 1889. Visitors can see the famous stained glass window and the communion table which once stood in St Andrew's church and was used by Samuel Wesley to celebrate communion.

POSTCODE DN9 1EP

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

11 Fiskerton • St Clement of Rome



CHURCH DETAILS

The north door is Norman, as are all the arches between the nave and chancel and the north aisle. Beautiful stained glass in the East and Skepper windows. Remembrance books and links with the RAF Squadrons within the Lady Chapel. Plants and cakes will be available for purchase.

POSTCODE LN3 4ES

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

12 Gainsborough • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

A very different Georgian-style church with medieval tower and magnificent interior, with a copy of Da Vinci's The Last Supper behind the altar. The organ is a three-manual Walker (1906). See also the beautiful stained glass, late 17th century marble font and memorial headstone of Richard Rollett, master sailmaker to Captain James Cook on HMS The Resolution, who died two hundred years ago in 1824. Guided visits into the Bell Tower.

POSTCODE DN21 2JR

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

13 Gainsborough • St Thomas of Canterbury

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Built in 1866 and situated in Cross Street, which is small and narrow, the church is set back from the road. The church is only a five-minute walk from Marshall's Yard retail centre. North Street and Roseway car parks are also nearby. The church's Indian Syro-Malabar community are lending sari dresses for a display. There is also information about the WWI memorial. Refreshments will include tea, coffee and cake.

POSTCODE DN21 2AX

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

14 Gainsborough • United Reformed Church

**CHURCH DETAILS**

The church was built in 1897 as a memorial to John Robinson, pastor of the Mayflower Pilgrims. We hold a permanent Pilgrim exhibition in our Mayflower Room. The two manual pipe organ built in 1903 by Forster and Andrews is listed by the British Institute of Organ Studies as an instrument of national heritage importance.

POSTCODE DN21 2JR

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 3pm • Sunday 1pm - 4pm

15 Gate Burton • St Helen

**CHURCH DETAILS**

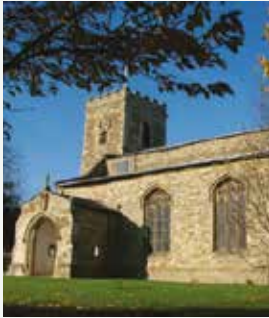
St Helen's church, Gate Burton is a beautiful estate church of 1866 by Sir G. G. Scott, with a west tower, nave and chancel. It has geometrical tracery. The font is Norman and drum shaped, and decorated with segmental arched arcading, revealing flowers or faces. Coffees and light snacks will be served in the church on the open weekend. While the road is marked private, access to the church is permitted.

POSTCODE DN21 5BA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9am - 4pm • Sunday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

16 Glentham • St Peter & Our Lady



CHURCH DETAILS

The front porch of our church is adorned with the Tournay Arms and a rare medieval 'pieta', a representation of the Virgin with the dead Christ across her knees. We have stained glass by Whale and box pews.

POSTCODE LN8 2EP

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

17 Glentworth • St Michael



CHURCH DETAILS

St Michael's church is a superb late 11th century church with a stained glass window by Charles Kempe in the Saxon tower. It has a fine marble tomb of Sir Christopher Wray, Chief Justice of England during Elizabeth I's reign, with his wife and children and is an Elizabethan gem. Three of his children played leading roles in the spread of puritan ideas between 1600 and 1620 and were associated with the Mayflower Pilgrims that sailed to America from Boston.

POSTCODE DN21 5DG

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

18 Grayingham • St Radegund



CHURCH DETAILS

Our new extension on the south side of the church is now finished – disabled toilet, servery and meeting room. Also a disabled entrance through the new extension. Display of archaeological findings and stages of building in our photographs. Play our Benjamin Flight organ. Historical records from the Lincolnshire Archives as well as many other fascinating pieces of information about our church and its people. Food all day including baps filled with local produce, home made cakes and much more.

POSTCODE DN21 4ET

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

19 Greetwell • All Saints

**CHURCH DETAILS**

The medieval settlement of Greetwell was established before the 11th century with 20-30 households. Up to the 15th century it was self sufficient in grain and had a dairy, a smithy, bakery, church and priest. Today, Greetwell flourishes with no village but a congregation from far and wide. Greetwell is one mile east of Lincoln on the road to Cherry Willingham.

POSTCODE LN3 4NG

OPENING TIMES Saturday 1pm - 4pm • Sunday 1pm - 4pm

20 Hackthorn • St Michael & All Angels

**CHURCH DETAILS**

A warm welcome awaits you at this beautiful Victorian Gothic church with fine carved woodwork situated in peaceful surrounding among trees and parkland of Hackthorn Hall, overlooking the lake. There is an outstanding 1869 Nicholson organ of historic importance, restored in 1999. A peal of six bells was installed in 2006. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits.

POSTCODE LN2 3PQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

21 Heapham • All Saints

**CHURCH DETAILS**

On entry to the church path, very visible on the original tower is a keyhole window. Set in a picturesque setting, this delightful church has the remains of a Saxon cross very close to the south facing door as well as having features of Norman arches. Another very interesting feature are the two upside down faces carved out on one of the pillars. There is graffiti dating between 11th and 13th century as well as other interesting features. Closed Saturday 12noon-1.30pm.

POSTCODE DN21 5PT

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm • Sunday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

22 Hemswell • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful church which stands proudly in the village surrounded by a well kept graveyard. Interested in local history? On display will be scrapbooks documenting village life in times gone by. Hemswell censuses and a graveyard plan will assist you in finding your ancestors. Light refreshments available both days. Can we tempt you to a slice of delicious home made cake?

POSTCODE DN21 5UQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

23 Hibaldstow • St Hybald



CHURCH DETAILS

We are one of only 3 churches in the country dedicated to St Hybald - the other two being our sister church in Scawby and Ashby-de-la-Launde. And we have the particular honour of having the bones of St Hybald himself buried under our chancel. The village name Hibaldstow means 'burial-place of St Hybald' and dates back to at least 664AD. It is thought the St Hybald, possibly a pupil of St Chad, set up a mission station or monastery in what became Hibaldstow, and was eventually buried there. Despite the long history of Christian worship, the present church dates from 1866 (chancel) and 1875 (nave), and the tower was rebuilt in the 1960s. St Hybald's occasionally plays host to pilgrimages from to see the relics of St Hybald.

POSTCODE DN20 9RA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

24 Kettlethorpe • St Peter & St Paul



CHURCH DETAILS

On this site Katherine Swynford, mistress of John of Gaunt lived and worshipped here. Come and find about their famous love affair and court scandal at the NEW Katherine exhibition. Also an extensive display of artistic hand crafted kneelers and the famous restored French pulpit. St Peter & St Paul's church holds a service most Sundays always using The Book of Common Prayer. Everyone of all ages welcome.

POSTCODE LN1 2GZ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

25 Kirton in Lindsey • St Andrew



CHURCH DETAILS

A 12th century church standing in an Anglo-Saxon town, this is an interesting visit. There will be tower tours giving access to the bells and spectacular views over Kirton. We will have flower displays, archives, church silver and activities for children. There's a sponsored bike ride and refreshments, including lunch. The overall theme is Heaven and Earth.

POSTCODE DN21 4PJ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4.30pm • Sunday 12.30pm - 4pm

26 Knaith • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

Described as 'odd, but delightful with stunning views of the River Trent', St Mary's curious appearance reflects an intriguing and calamitous history. The church dates from c1330 and has interesting features including a superb Gothic font, a fine Jacobean pulpit complete with tester, medieval pew ends, and an unusual altar Baldacchino among many other amazing artefacts. A free guided tour is available with tales of naughty nuns, civil war intrigue and fabulous fortunes won, lost and given away.

POSTCODE DN21 5PE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

27 Laughton • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

Warm and friendly old church Bodley restoration ceiling, chancel, rood screen, reredos (restored 2016). Large medieval knight for brass rubbing. War memorial book viewing. Sung Evensong, Sunday - 2:30pm.

POSTCODE DN21 3PP

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

28 Messingham • Holy Trinity



CHURCH DETAILS

A Grade II* listed church, greatly restored in the early 19th century, including the installation of an extensive collection of medieval stained glass by Revd. H.V. Bayley working in collaboration with architect Edward Willson.

Be a church explorer and enjoy our Family and Heritage Trails and related activities. Short musical performances will take place throughout the weekend. Please see their website/Facebook for further details, www.holytrinitymessingham.co.uk.

POSTCODE DN17 3SF

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

29 Morton • St Paul



CHURCH DETAILS

St Paul's welcomes visitors to view its collection of ten windows designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones, who worked on them with William Morris. The carpet in front of the altar is also of a William Morris design. Font of Frosterley marble surmounted by a fine canopy. The Augustus Gern organ was built in 1891 and the organ case is a wonderful piece of craftsmanship. A warm welcome and delicious refreshments.

POSTCODE DN21 3AD

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

30 Nettleham • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

Dating from Saxon times we have many beautiful stained glass windows, including the Hayward East Window. Wall paintings and Bodley and Garner ceilings can be seen. Beside the beck, we are a living, thriving church with many and varied activities, central to village life and a place for quiet contemplation and prayer. Heritage and school input. Sat 11am-11.45am - Lincoln Society of Recorder Players. 14pm-3pm - Quarter peel rung on the church bells. Sun 14.30-15.30 - Songs of Praise - come and join our choir and sing your choice of favourite hymns.

POSTCODE LN2 2PD

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4.30pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

31 Normanby by Spital • St Peter

**CHURCH DETAILS**

St Peter's stands in a pretty churchyard surrounded by the village houses. Close to Ermine Street, a vital artery in Roman Britain, this small medieval village church has an attractive twelfth century arcade with wonderful carvings and a sturdy and handsome tower. Foundations of a former apse are visible and further research may show that the church is of earlier date than the twelfth century. Eighteenth century additions include interesting Benefaction Boards.

POSTCODE LN8 2HF

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

32 Northorpe • St John the Baptist

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Standing on a mound in the centre of the village our church is an unknown gem. The capitals of the sturdy pillars are decorated with scallops, all different. There are intriguing masons marks on one of them, a 1498 incised slab, a 1595 brass and a medieval altar stone.

POSTCODE DN21 4AA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

33 Owmbly by Spital • St Peter & St Paul

**CHURCH DETAILS**

A beautiful Norman church, entrance at the base of the partly medieval tower with belfry windows. This has three bells dating from 1687, one of which is in use. 12th century arcade separates nave from aisle, its pointed arches rest on large based pillars, some with ancient graffiti. Entrance archway and font are Saxon. The capitals are decorated with bold leaf carvings. Chancel and stained glass window behind the altar are later editions. Themed exhibitions 'History of the villages and the churches with items on loan from Lincoln Archives.

POSTCODE LN8 2HN

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

34 Pilham • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

Believed to be one of the smallest churches in England to include a vestry and apse. Comments from visitors often use the words 'quaint', 'peaceful', 'charming', 'stunning', 'small but perfect'. We keep displays compact to let the building speak for itself but there will be flowers and some church records available for visitors to look through.

POSTCODE DN21 3NU

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

35 Redbourne • St Andrew



CHURCH DETAILS

This substantial church, built largely in the 14th and 15th centuries, has a wonderfully tall, slender tower. The interior is an attractive mix of Decorated and Perpendicular with Georgian and Victorian.

It includes a very beautiful, detailed, dramatic and vividly coloured stained glass window of the Day of Judgement from 1830. There are also some excellent 18th and 19th century monuments, some ducal hatchments of the St Albans family who lived at the Hall and a notable incised slab to Sir Gerald Sothill (1410). St Andrew's is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

POSTCODE DN21 4QN

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

36 Reepham • St Peter & St Paul



CHURCH DETAILS

Reepham church dates back to the 12th century but it was substantially remodelled in the Victorian period. In the last twenty years it has been reordered with new seating, a servery and a toilet. This year our themed exhibition is 'Were you there when?' It will be an opportunity to celebrate, remember and commemorate special moments from the past and present, local and national.

POSTCODE LN3 4DQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 10.30am - 3.30pm

37 Saxilby • St Botolph

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Predominantly 14th/15th century, the building has fine examples of other architectural styles over a period of 900 years, including a late 10th/early 11th century grave cover fragment and a small Norman doorway. Other things to discover include 14th century tomb chest supporting alabaster knight & lady figures, a fine Victorian William Hill organ, imposing 1935 Ninian Comper stained glass window and the pre-reformation 'Saxilby (music) fragment'.

POSTCODE LN1 2PE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 12noon - 5pm

38 Scampton • St John the Baptist

**CHURCH DETAILS**

At Scampton we are proud to recognise our close association with the RAF including two windows dedicated to personnel from RAF Scampton and 617 Squadron. By using our interactive screens explore the history of the people who are buried in the 107 military and war graves in our churchyard. There will also be an exhibition of art by Ingham Art Group with the opportunity to make a purchase if you wish.

POSTCODE LN1 2SE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

39 Scawby • St Hybald

**CHURCH DETAILS**

St Hybald, a little known Saxon saint of the 7th century was probably the Abbot of Hibaldstow. Only 3 other local churches are dedicated to him: those in Ashby de la Launde, near Sleaford; Manton (although this is now a private dwelling) and our neighbouring village of Hibaldstow where he is believed to have been buried. The earliest recorded church in Scawby now only survives in the lower part of the 14th century tower. After a 'fire' in 1839 the rest of the church was rebuilt and extended. St Hybald's contains many funeral monuments to the Nelthorpe family, who lived in the adjacent Scawby Hall.

POSTCODE DN20 9AE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

40 Scothern • St Germain



CHURCH DETAILS

Mentioned in Domesday Book, rebuilt over the years on land owned by Bardney Abbey between 1154 and 1536, who had the right to appoint the priest. Medieval tower with six bells, clock and font presented by the Ellison family. Three double stained glass windows and a medieval grave slab. Fine needlework examples include altar cloths, wall hanging and kneelers. War memorial. Themed exhibition - Village Hobbies and Pastimes, including displays and practical demonstrations.

POSTCODE LN2 2HA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

41 Scotter • St Peter



CHURCH DETAILS

Our beautiful church has parts dating back to the 11th century, and unique 17th century 'Ringers Rhymes'. Bell ringers will be in attendance and giving demonstrations throughout the weekend. The able bodied can climb the tower to view the bells and our 1848 James Harrison clock in its original case with notation and graffiti (small fee). Please ring 07971026272 on the day for times of tower visits. A display of Scotter churches past and present will be provided by Scotter Heritage Group.

POSTCODE DN21 3RZ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 11.30am - 4pm

42 Scotton • St Genewys



CHURCH DETAILS

Theme: 'Church Mice'. Displays, flower arrangements, activities and a family-friendly 'church mouse hunt'. Grade I listed St Genewys is a mainly 13th century church with the top of the tower in the later Perpendicular style.

Wall memorial to John Morley, Rector 1711-1731, a patron of John Wesley. Hatchment of Fredricks' family; sometime Lord of the Manor, patron and Baronet of Burood.

POSTCODE DN21 3RB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

43 Snitterby • St Nicholas

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Our church is a little gem because it has several unique features. It has a stone exterior and a warm brick interior typical of James Fowler (rebuilt in 1866). The tower was rebuilt in 1894. Recent tower restoration work in 2022. Visit us and enjoy a warm welcome and light refreshments in our lovely church. Cake stall and book stall.

POSTCODE DN21 4TY

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

44 Spridlington • St Hilary

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Enclosed by tall horse chestnut trees, St Hilary's is an unusual late Victorian church designed by James Fowler of Louth in 1873. Look for the high tower with saddleback roof, the stained glass windows (particularly the Nativity scenes in the West window) and the Victorian woodwork in the chancel. The beautiful restored Thomas Nicholson organ is a point of interest.

POSTCODE LN8 2DE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

45 Stow • St Mary

**CHURCH DETAILS**

The internationally renowned cruciform Anglo-Saxon Minster church of St Mary dates to 975AD, with a Norman chancel completed c1150AD. Important features include Viking graffiti from 10th/11th century and a Viking grave marker. This year our theme explores the role of Vikings within our area of West Lindsey, their local encampments, trading and farming activities, and their relationship with the church. Enjoy the peace and quiet. Visit stowminster.co.uk for more details and information.

POSTCODE LN1 2DE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 8.30am - 7pm • Sunday 8.30am - 7pm

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

46 Sudbrooke • St Edward the Confessor



CHURCH DETAILS

View this Grade II listed building by John Dobson of Newcastle with its unusual blue starred ceiling in the apse. The church was modelled on the Norman church of All Saints, Steetley in Derbyshire.

POSTCODE LN2 2QH

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

47 Upton cum Kexby • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

A jigsaw church of many periods from Anglo-Saxon to Victorian. There will be a display of kneelers. Please note car parking will not be available in the Rose and Crown car park but available in cemetery car park in Church Road.

POSTCODE DN21 5NQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

48 Waddingham • St Mary & St Peter



CHURCH DETAILS

Situation is east of main village on a high mound; a very peaceful location. Originally two churches stood here but now only this one remains. Stations of the Cross are mounted on the walls around the church. (History of the church leaflets available and graveyard plans also available). Plant stall selling a variety of locally grown items.

POSTCODE DN21 4SU

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

49 Welton • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

Lovely church with fine features including: Christ Hospital Window, Memorial Window (planes of WWI and submarines), two standards from Old Scampton RAF camp, stencilling on ceiling above chancel, (Orford monument), and alleged gravestone of Lincolnshire poacher in the churchyard.

POSTCODE LN2 3HZ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 5pm • Sunday 12.30pm - 5pm

50 Willingham by Stow • St Helen



CHURCH DETAILS

There will be information celebrating the role of St Helen's Church within the local community and also a celebration of VE Day 80 years. On Saturday 10th May there will be a sing-a-long and afternoon tea from 4pm to 6pm again celebrating VE Day. There will be a themed display in the church and a concert on the Saturday evening.

POSTCODE DN21 5JY

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

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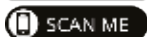


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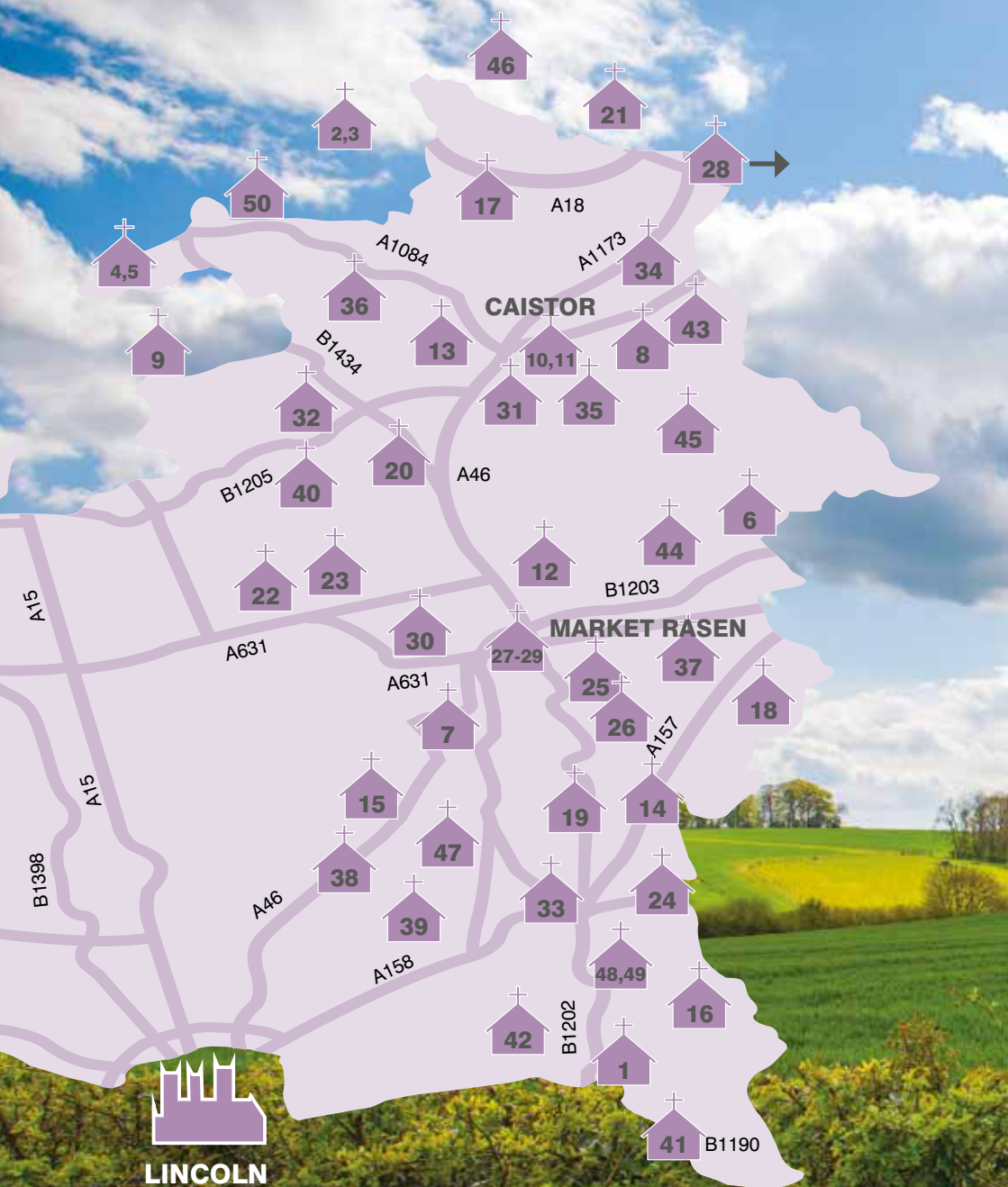
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Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

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1 Bardney • St Lawrence



CHURCH DETAILS

Come along and see our new stained glass window dedicated to RAF IX(b) Squadron. Harpist Eira Lynn Jones and singer Kate Witney present a varied programme of music from 11am-12noon both days. Organist Paul Savage 2pm-3pm both days. Exhibition of stones from Bardney Abbey, plant, stall, tombola and craft stalls. New servery and toilets opened 2024.

POSTCODE DN3 5TZ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

2 Barnetby le Wold • St Barnabas



CHURCH DETAILS

The church was built in 1926/27 to replace the existing wooden church and be more central than the 11th century St Mary's which is sited on the edge of the village. It was unfinished as money ran out! Beautiful coloured ceiling painted in railway colours. Refreshments served over the weekend. Exhibition on "History of Barnetby" during the weekend.

POSTCODE DN38 6JE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

3 Barnetby le Wold • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

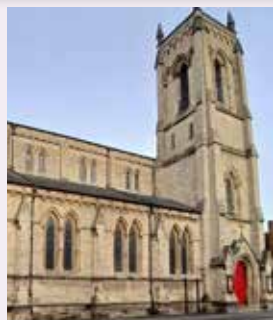
St Mary's dates back to the 11th century and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was extended in the 14th century with a tower with three bells that were made locally in Grasby. Outside on the south wall is a stone carving of a cat above one of the windows. The church is no longer used for worship and now looked after by The Churches Conservation Trust. It is on the edge of the village within the church graveyard. Exhibition of its history during the weekend.

POSTCODE DN38 6JL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 12noon - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

4 Brigg • St John the Evangelist



CHURCH DETAILS

A Victorian Grade II listed church, built on the site of the Chapel of Ease from 1699, completed and opened in 1843. Standing in the heart of the town with entrances off both Bigby Street on the south side and Wrawby Street pedestrian precinct on the north side. Hanging in the church is a History of the parish of Glandford Bridge written in 1902. Incorporated into the stain glass windows over the altar are three well known Brigg landmarks.

POSTCODE DN20 8EJ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9.30am - 12noon • Sunday 9.30am - 3pm

5 Brigg • Methodist Church



CHURCH DETAILS

Brigg Methodist Church has a silver award within the La Rocha Eco-Church scheme. There is opportunity to hear about how this achievement was gained as part of the church's missional response. And how the development of an eco/community garden is a springboard for engaging with young people and the wider community. A range of resources relating to Climate Change/Action/Justice is available and on the Saturday you may be directed to Oikos if you are interested in eco products, including refills.

POSTCODE DN20 8TR

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

6 Brookenby • St Michael & All Angels



CHURCH DETAILS

A display of community crafting works will be displayed in the church to represent what the community workshops and church crafting workshops create. The Angels fully refurbished kitchen and café will be open along with the charity shop in the same building as the church.

POSTCODE LN8 6EW

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 3pm • Sunday 10am - 1pm

7 Buslingthorpe • St Michael

**CHURCH DETAILS**

St Michael's church stands framed by large trees surrounding a part-moated farm, it is one of the few remaining buildings of the site of a deserted medieval village. Apart from its square tower, the church was rebuilt in brick in 1835. Unassuming outside, it hides treasures within; two 14th century monuments to the local De Buslingthorpe family - one a brass effigy of a knight in armour on a tomb chest showing clearly the clothes worn in battle at that time.

POSTCODE LN3 5AT

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

8 Cabourne • St Nicholas

**CHURCH DETAILS**

St Nicholas stands on a bend on the A46 and is easily missed, but if you stop you will find a surprisingly beautiful church. A Saxon tower with an impressive arch. Saxon grave markers, a Norman font, and other ancient features. Recently a new oak tower door with refurbished box lock and ironwork matching the south door.

POSTCODE LN7 6HU

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 6pm • Sunday 10am - 6pm

9 Cadney • All Saints

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Grade I All Saints church is a hidden treasure. Built from Claxby Ironstone, parts date back to the 12th century. It is a beautiful, peaceful calm place to visit. Exhibition on former vicar of Cadney Revd E A Woodruff Peacock. He spent 29 years living in Cadney, and was a renowned botanist, while walking around Cadney and nearby Howsham, he would always carry a special notebook for collecting plant specimens and recording all the details, where he collected the specimen from, what the soil was like, what time of year it was etc. He had a collection of over 8,000 plant specimens. Much of his collection is now in the Natural History Museum.

POSTCODE DN20 9HS

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

10 Caistor • St Peter & St Paul



CHURCH DETAILS

The church has a fine collection of kneelers worked by members of the congregation. Magnificent window by Kempe and Burlinson and Grylls. On Sunday Outdoor service 2pm - pets welcome!

POSTCODE LN7 6UG

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 1pm - 4pm

11 Caistor • Methodist Church



CHURCH DETAILS

A warm welcome awaits all who visit. Our theme for the weekend will be Climate & Creation – view exhibits and participate in activities, as you choose.

Built in 1842, many of the original features remain in this Grade II listed church, including box pews to the upper gallery and ornate plasterwork. On the lower ground floor is the former Methodist school and playground. The garden approach provides space to sit outside and reflect, hopefully in the sun!

POSTCODE LN7 6UF

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 11.30am - 5pm

12 Claxby • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

You will get a warm welcome at this 14th century church, much altered in the 1870s. We have good Victorian-stained glass, a founder's tomb and an elaborate 16th century memorial as well as two corbel ends showing faces with tongues sticking out.

There will be a display of christening gowns and wedding dresses covering various decades.

POSTCODE LN8 3YX

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

13 Clixby • All Hallows



CHURCH DETAILS

This little roadside church is the thirteenth century chancel of a larger church which was a ruin until 1889, when the chancel was gently restored and a west porch added. Inside you can see a fourteenth century stone slab with an incised cross and chalice commemorating a priest, and Latin inscriptions in praise of the Virgin Mary adorn the wooden ceiling. A fine font and pews have been rescued from other historic churches.

POSTCODE LN7 6RT

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

14 East Barkwith • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

Come and celebrate what we have done! Enjoy coffee and cake in our new seating area. The church tower has been enhanced to contain a servery and a new disabled access WC has been added sympathetically to the church. But the beauty of the 14th century restored church remains set in an oasis of peace. The font is decorated with instruments of The Passion, the pulpit is metal in the Arts & Crafts style, made by Christopher Turner. Fragments of early glass and a 20th century window by Edward Payne.

POSTCODE LN7 6RT

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

15 Faldingworth • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

The community of Faldingworth have been very active in the last year and have held working parties to clean and brighten the church and reinstate and care for the grounds.

POSTCODE LN8 3SE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

16 Gautby • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

Wonderful peaceful church in an ideal setting. Full of local history relating to the Vyner family. Fabulous stained glass window by William Morris. A 'must visit' church.

POSTCODE LN8 5JP

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 5pm

17 Great Limber • St Peter



CHURCH DETAILS

St Peter's is a Grade I listed building situated within the conservation area of Great Limber village. Attractive pond and village hall are close by. The church was built in the 12th century with 13th, 14th, 16th and 19th additions. The lych gate was built in 1912. The tower has three bells dating from 1595. The chancel arch is crossed by a rood loft of recent construction. Interior restoration is by William Butterfield in 1854-64.

POSTCODE DN37 8JR

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

18 Hainton • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

A church of Anglo-Saxon origins rebuilt in the 13th and 14th centuries and sympathetically restored in the 19th century. The spire was suggested by Capability Brown when he redesigned the park. Inside, there is a 'nationally important' series of absolutely stunning monuments to the Heneage Family. From brass of 1435 to modern memorials of 1954, in varying styles all relating to a time span of one family. Light refreshments available throughout the day.

POSTCODE LN8 6LS

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10.30am - 4pm

19 Holton cum Beckering • All Saints

**CHURCH DETAILS**

The church dates to the 13th century. It has exquisite stained glass, a very rare and beautiful mosaic and marble reredos, a carved rood screen and painted chancel ceiling. In 1259 its former vicar became Bishop of London.

POSTCODE LN8 5NG

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

20 Holton le moor • St Luke

**CHURCH DETAILS**

A warm welcome to our outstanding village church with 13th century features set within a beautiful churchyard. 80 years since the end of WWII so our theme is 'The Stanley Perry Exhibition'. Captain Perry was the last surviving Tank Commanding Officer of the Sherwood Ranger Yeomanry. Many fascinating memorabilia items of his life and war time career are featured. Stanley was afforded a military funeral at St Luke's in 2021. Light refreshments and free books too.

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POSTCODE LN7 6AG

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 10.30am - 4pm

21 Keelby • St Bartholomew

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Our Grade I listed, 12th century church will be open and decorated. A selection of archive records will be on display with photographs. The hand written roll of honour was of interest to many in the past festivals. There is a memorial to Pte Arthur Jackson who was killed in France in 1917. The churchyard holds Commonwealth War Graves. Refreshments will be served. An opportunity to chime the 3 bells. Art exhibition over the weekend.

POSTCODE DN41 8EB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

22 Kingerby • St Peter



CHURCH DETAILS

Surrounded by trees, St Peter's is a peaceful and unspoilt church with an appealing simplicity. The solid rustic tower is from the twelfth century or even earlier, and the rest of the church dates mainly from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The windows in the south aisle contain rare and pretty fourteenth century stained glass showing St Catherine with her wheel (looking strongly like a dart board) and Saint Cecilia playing a handheld organ.

POSTCODE LN8 3PU

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

23 Kirkby cum Osgodby • St Andrew



CHURCH DETAILS

St Andrew's church serves both Kirkby and the adjoining village of Osgodby which has never had an Anglican church of its own. It was built by 1160 and the tower and chancel are both 13th century. The nave was rebuilt in the 19th and 20th century. An interesting feature is the East window which is crooked on one side. No-one knows why.

POSTCODE LN8 3PE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

24 Langton by Wragby • St Giles



CHURCH DETAILS

Langton by Wragby is famous as the birthplace of Stephen Langton who was Archbishop of Canterbury and the principal architect of Magna Carta. There is a stained glass window dedicated to him in the church. There will be displays in the church on Stephen Langton, Magna Carta and local history.

POSTCODE LN8 5PX

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

25 Linwood • St Cornelius



CHURCH DETAILS

Home of the Lynwode Family, two brasses of National Importance dedicated to the family, birthplace of William Lynwood, author of Provinciale, consolidation of chancery law used as a reference worldwide. The only church dedicated to St Cornelius with stained glass windows, a medieval moat exists around part of the church. A royal deer park was situated near the church. Grade one listed with grade two cross. One of the few spired church towers in the county.

POSTCODE LN8 3QQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 10.30am - 4pm

26 Lissington • St John the Baptist



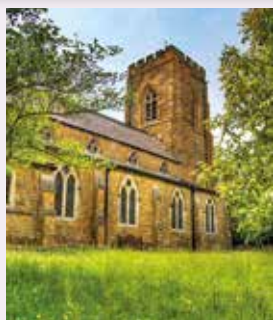
CHURCH DETAILS

A small quiet, peaceful church built in 1796 and restored in 1895. Constructed of squared ironstone and limestone rubble with brick dressing. Commandments Boards 19th century. Stained glass of Last Supper 1922. Diocletian Window on north wall.

POSTCODE LN3 5AE

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9am - 6pm • Sunday 9am - 6pm

27 Market Rasen • St Thomas the Apostle



CHURCH DETAILS

Several stained glass windows are of great interest. Booklets of our beautiful church are available and stewards will be available to help should you need it. Children's activity corner, musical entertainment at planned times, floral displays, craft displays and bell ringing. Light refreshments will be available in the church room. Enjoy your visit.

POSTCODE LN8 3HL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

28 Market Rasen • Holy Rood



CHURCH DETAILS

This year we want you to enjoy our exciting display of angels which will vary from floral compositions to various mixed media creations. There's a plant stall too. We have our usual display of vestments including the centuries old Sixhills cope, texts, and silverware. Our organist will play at various times. Light refreshments are available throughout both days. On arrival you can have one of our guides give you a tour or feel free to wander round with your friends.

POSTCODE LN8 3BB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 5pm • Sunday 12.30pm - 5pm

29 Market Rasen • Methodist Church



CHURCH DETAILS

Large impressive Grade II* listed Methodist Church opened in 1863. Original piped organ. Doored pews. Balcony and large front pillars. The building is kept in good condition which still gives it the 'wow' factor to those who enter the church for the first time. Spring Fayre; Saturday morning 10am - 1pm with light lunches available between 11am and 1pm.

POSTCODE LN8 3AG

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

30 Middle Rasen • St Peter & St Paul



CHURCH DETAILS

A warm welcome awaits everyone at St Peter & St Paul's. Through the south entrance door, a splendid example of Norman work with three bands of mouldings of continuous motif, an inner zigzag, a middle band of crenellation and an outer band of beakheads. It is among the country's most impressive Norman doorways. Displays this year will focus on 'Holiday Memories'. Various hot homemade soups, bread rolls, tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes and biscuits will be served both days.

POSTCODE LN8 3TS

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

31 Nettleton • St John the Baptist



CHURCH DETAILS

Visitors will receive a warm welcome, light refreshments and a chance to browse amongst the many plants and books for sale. 'Colours of the Rainbow' will be our theme for our floral decorations. Our church, nestled in a valley at the foot of the Wolds on the Viking Way retains its Saxon origins and has a notable tower. Come and visit.

POSTCODE LN7 6NP

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 11.30am - 3pm

32 North Kelsey • All Hallows



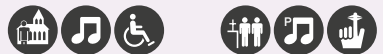
CHURCH DETAILS

Our peaceful church retains a late Norman ironstone tower, the rest was extensively rebuilt in 1784 and 1869. Interesting 12th and 13th century features can be found incorporated in the rebuilt exterior walls. Inside a fine 13th century carved coffin lid, 19th century iron rood screen and table tomb of William Frederick Chambers, physician in ordinary to Queen Victoria. Come and discover our history, enjoy a light lunch, cakes and refreshments. All welcome, wheelchair accessible.

POSTCODE LN7 6EH

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

33 Rand • St Oswald



CHURCH DETAILS

St Oswald's is surrounded by a deserted medieval village site. Inside is a surprising number of notable monuments, both in brass and stone, dating from the 14th - 16th century. Outstanding is a rare coped stone coffin lid, believed to date from between the 10th and 12th centuries. Information on church history, brass rubbing, cake stall.

POSTCODE LN8 5NJ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

34 Riby • St Edmund



CHURCH DETAILS

St Edmunds Church is open both days from 11am-4pm. On Saturday we will be hosting 'Value It! Flog It?' Bring an item for expert advice. On Sunday join our Riby Ramble 6 mile walk. Details www.facebook.com/StEdmundsChurchRiby. See an outdoor exhibit of classic vehicles, climb the tower see the clock and bells, enjoy plant & produce stalls, play our organ.

POSTCODE DN37 8NX

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

35 Rothwell • St Mary Magdalene



CHURCH DETAILS

Major parts of the church date from the Norman period and the Anglican parish register dates from 1562. There are nine rich Norman arches in the nave. The tower was originally Saxon. The church was repaired and enlarged in 1849. Display of flowers.

POSTCODE LN7 6BB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

36 Searby cum Owmbly • St Nicholas



CHURCH DETAILS

Situated on The Viking Way, the 1830s' St Nicholas is brick built, light and peaceful, with stained glass windows, east window was reclaimed from a church in Eton. Late 1800s' hand carved oak rood screen and oak pews each end having carved emblems depicting the apostles and tribes of Israel. Belfry open to view the static bells rung from an 'Ellacombe Apparatus' and 1860s' clock made and installed by Benson's of London. WWI memorial plaque. Organ dating 1895. Some Parish records.

POSTCODE DN38 6BL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

37 Sixhills • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

All Saints church is a Grade II listed building standing in a picturesque location on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, with a wonderful view. The village has associations with Gilbert of Semperingham through the Gilbertine Priory. The church was rebuilt in the late 1860s-1875 by James Fowler of Louth. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

POSTCODE LN8 3RL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

38 Snarford • St Lawrence



CHURCH DETAILS

Nothing about the rather unremarkable exterior of this small medieval church prepares you for the breathtaking surprise of the interior. St Lawrence has some of the most spectacular memorial sculptures in Lincolnshire. The largest, from the 1580s, features lifesize figures of Sir Thomas St Paul and his wife, members of a dynasty of rich lawyer politicians, Sir Thomas reclines, dressed in armour with a gold chain round his neck, his wife lies beside him elegantly dressed with a ruff and headdress.

POSTCODE LN8 3SL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 4pm • Sunday 11am - 4pm

39 Snelland • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

This beautiful atmospheric church dates back to the 12th century. It contains beautiful carved stone medieval faces and a rare 'Lepers' window' that enabled succour to be passed to those with leprosy who had to stay outside the church. Ancient sundial on south elevation. Thomas Retford, vicar, courageously gave his life in the Lincolnshire Rising.

POSTCODE LN3 5AA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

40 South Kelsey • St Mary & St Nicholas



CHURCH DETAILS

St Mary's church was originally built around 1228 and rebuilt in 1795 leaving the original tower in place. There are brass effigies of Sir Richard Hansard and his wife Joan from the 19th century. Exhibitions of local history.

POSTCODE LN7 6PQ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 5pm • Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

41 Southrey • St John the Divine



CHURCH DETAILS

Small peaceful, a little gem tucked away down a one-way road! Many features and history to this temporary building that has now stood for 126 years. A church that gives you a hug - take time out to sit and reflect or pray in the quiet surroundings while you enjoy tea, cake, strawberries and cream. Meet the people who upkeep and run this little rural treasure.

POSTCODE LN3 5TA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10.30am - 4pm • Sunday 9am - 4pm

42 Stainfield • St Andrew



CHURCH DETAILS

'Simply Stainfield St Andrews' celebrates the rich heritage of this beautiful Queen Anne church set amidst picturesque parkland, on the site of a Benedictine nunnery. The Viking Way passes by the church, reputed to be designed by Christopher Wren. View the magnificent 18th century Tyrwhitt Tapestries, wonder at the local Wild Man legend, and contemplate the nunnery, church and village history in this tranquil setting. Open gardens, homemade cakes, lunches and afternoon teas available at Hill House all weekend.

POSTCODE LN8 5JJ

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

43 Swallow • Holy Trinity

**CHURCH DETAILS**

Holy Trinity church was started in the Norman period, but after numerous extensions and improvements over the next five centuries went into something of a decline until it was restored by the Victorians, by which time the village also had two Methodist Chapels (both now demolished). The font and the base of the tower are of the earliest period, while piscina is somewhat later, but most of what you can see belongs to the nineteenth century restoration including some rather nice stained glass in the west and south windows and a couple of memorial plaques. The War Memorial is in the churchyard and commemorates three villagers who lost their lives during WWI.

POSTCODE LN7 6DL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 9.30am - 5.30pm • Sunday 9.30am - 5.30pm

44 Tealby • All Saints

**CHURCH DETAILS**

All Saints church is a beautiful Grade I listed building in a picturesque location in the Lincolnshire Wolds. It has wonderful views over the surrounding countryside.

The village has many connections with Alfred Lord Tennyson and the Tennyson family. You can see information in the church, as well as many memorials in stone and stained glass.

We also have an interesting collection of needlepoint kneelers and a book about who made them and their connections with the village.

POSTCODE LN8 3XW

OPENING TIMES Saturday 12noon - 3.30pm • Sunday 12noon - 3.30pm

45 Thoresway • St Mary

**CHURCH DETAILS**

St Mary's nestles in a sleepy village among fields of sheep. It has a Romanesque arch from an original tower, 13th century arcades in the nave and seven floor stones dating from an earlier period. There is an exhibition on the history and origins of the village together with stories of local residents and their lives. A warm welcome awaits those who come to sample our homemade cakes and savouries, including our popular gluten free and vegetarian offerings.

POSTCODE LN8 3UY

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 3pm • Sunday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

46 Ulceby • St Nicholas



CHURCH DETAILS

St Nicholas church is a unique Grade I listed building on a site where there has been a church since the Saxon period. The building is of national architectural significance with a rood screen linked to Thornton Abbey. Other highlights include 15th century pew ends, a stained glass window dedicated to vicar Henry Flowers (who himself appears in the window), and a memorial to someone killed in one of the very first railway accidents. BBQ lunches and book sale.

POSTCODE DN39 6TB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

47 Wickenby • St Peter & St Lawrence



CHURCH DETAILS

The church contains wonderful medieval artefacts: rare 14th century stained glass, a scratch sundial, an imposing 14th century church door with ancient ironwork, fascinating carved stone heads. There will be a themed exhibition of local history information.

POSTCODE LN3 5AB

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

48 Wragby • All Saints



CHURCH DETAILS

This fine Victorian church has a gallery, a rare organ, a medieval stoup and a fascinating bell tower including 15th century bells. Fine stained glass windows depict 'Faith, Hope and Charity.'

POSTCODE LN8 5RA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm

49 Wragby • Methodist Church



CHURCH DETAILS

A small 19th century Methodist Chapel. Inside we have an organ dedicated to the men and one woman who died during WWI and WWII. We are a warm and welcoming chapel, altered to suit our needs in the 21st century.

POSTCODE LN8 5RA

OPENING TIMES Saturday 10am - 4pm • Sunday 12noon - 4pm

50 Wrawby • St Mary



CHURCH DETAILS

A church has existed in Wrawby since the year 627 and is mentioned in the Domesday survey of 1068, being the oldest surviving building in Wrawby. St Mary's shows traces of various periods in history with the tower dating from the 13th century and the font from the 14th. Much was rebuilt in the 1800s. The north porch was built in 1887. The church stands in peaceful grounds and is now also used for worship by Wrawby Methodist Church.

POSTCODE DN20 8SL

OPENING TIMES Saturday 11am - 3pm • Sunday 12noon - 3pm

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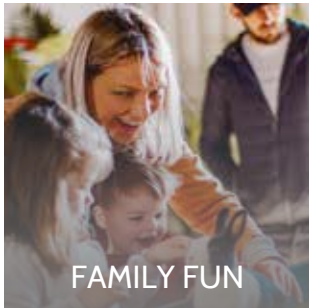


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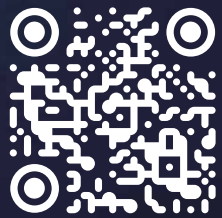
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