

West Lindsey Churches Guide



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Pilgrim Woman,
Gainsborough



Welcome

Characterised by some of the finest landscapes and unspoilt market towns and villages, West Lindsey is home to an abundance of beautiful historic churches, showcasing the area's rich heritage and telling stories that span hundreds of years.

Spend time in the district, meander around the villages and towns, sample delicious homemade food and drink and explore some of Lincolnshire's historically important churches, chapels, minsters and meeting houses. All offering a different experience but always ready with a warm and friendly welcome.

From medieval architecture and hand stitched tapestries, to beautiful stained glass and striking memorials, West Lindsey's churches all share in a celebration of a rich architecture and heritage.



Viking Way, Walesby

For further information about places to visit, where to eat and drink, and how to plan your days out, whilst visiting West Lindsey's churches, visit:

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lovelincolnshirewolds.com

Front cover clockwise: St Peter, Middle Rasen, St John the Divine, Southrey, All Saints Gainsborough, All Saints, Greetwell



St Mary's,
Claxby

Churches Across West Lindsey



Key

- = Main Road
- = Minor Road

Beyond Lincoln

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22. SNARFORD, St Lawrence LN8 3SL
23. SNELLAND, All Saints LN3 5AA
24. SNITTERBY, St Nicholas DN21 4TP
25. SOUTHREY, St John the Divine LN3 5TA
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27. STAINFIELD, St Andrew's LN8 5JJ
28. STANTON BY LANGWORTH, St John the Baptist LN3 5BL
29. SUDBROOKE, St Edward the Confessor LN2 2QH
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Lincolnshire Wolds

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6. CUXWOLD, St. Nicholas LN7 6DA
7. GRASBY, All Saints DN38 6AU
8. HOLTON LE MOOR, St Luke's LN7 6AE
9. KEELBY, Keelby Methodist DN41 8HX
10. KINGERBY, St Peter's LN8 3PU
11. KIRKBY CUM OSGODBY, St Andrew's LN8 3TA
12. LINWOOD, St Cornelius LN8 3QQ
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15. MIDDLE RASEN, St Peter & St Paul's LN8 3TS
16. NETTLETON, St John the Baptist LN7 6NP
17. NORMANBY LE WOLD, St Peter's LN7 6SU
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19. ROTHWELL, St. Mary Magdalene LN7 6BB
20. SEARBY CUM OWMBY, St. Nicholas DN38 6BH
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Key to Church Symbols:

Features:



Stained Glass



Monuments/
Memorials



Striking
Architecture



Distinguishing
Furniture



Exhibitions



RAF
Heritage

Facilities:



Disabled
Visitors –
Full Access



Disabled
Visitors –
Partial Access



Toilets
Onsite



Toilets
Nearby



Refreshments



Shops /
Amenities
Nearby



Walkers
and Cyclists
Welcome



Dog
Friendly



On Street
Parking
at Church



Parking
Nearby

Beyond Lincoln

and surrounding villages



Lincoln Cathedral and Beyond

Just outside the boundaries of the cathedral city, discover market towns, waterways, country rambles, historic sites, and a rich aviation heritage.

With just a short journey from Lincoln, you will find a wealth of picturesque and historic villages dating back to the Ancient British, Roman and Viking eras, with fascinating stories to share.

Surrounded by countryside, this area is perfect for walking and cycling enthusiasts, with a selection of heritage trails to choose from too. Visit Saxilby village, follow the plaques of the heritage trail, enjoy local fish and chips and treat yourself to a speciality ice cream.

Enjoy days beyond Lincoln, following heritage trails, visiting heritage centres and historic churches, making sure to reward yourself with hearty, homemade pub lunches, in one of the area's many pubs and eateries!



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visitlincoln.com

Visit  Lincoln

1. APLEY, St Andrew's

Opening Times: 1st Sunday every month for service

St Andrew's built in 1871 is set in a large tranquil Churchyard. It looks like an ordinary church on the outside, but is a quaint, well-kept little gem. The Harmonium, which can be played, is a must see. Services held once a month.

Denomination: Church of England



nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-andrew-apley



LN8 5JQ

2. BARDNEY, St Lawrence

Opening Times: 8am - 6pm

A stone-built church with a brick chancel built about 1430. The church has close associations with Bardney Abbey, a Benedictine monastery founded in 697 by King Ethelred of Mercia.

Denomination: Church of England



nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-lawrence-bardney



LN3 5TZ

3. BURLINGS, St Edward the Confessor

Opening Times: All day, everyday

A Grade II listed building mentioned in the Domesday book in 1086. The older part of the building is Norman, however, there was a major rebuilding of the nave and chancel in 1876 by Charles Kirk Jr, an architect and partner in the architectural and civil engineering firm of Kirk & Parry based in Sleaford, Lincolnshire. Inside are 'commandment boards' painted directly onto the walls. Worship continues to be held on the second Sunday of every month.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN3 5DG

4. BISHOP NORTON, St Peter's

Opening Times: Contact Church directly for details

St Peter's sits in the heart of the village of Bishop Norton; it is a delightful church containing some fine treasures, a beautifully stained glass east window and three fine bells, as well as a medieval tympanum in the tower wall and an ancient sarcophagus in the vestry.

Denomination: Church of England



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5. BRATTLEBY, St Cuthbert's

Opening Times: Contact Church directly for details

St Cuthbert's is a small church with Norman features, a striking 12th century tower and arches, fascinating glass, memorials and evidence of early wall paintings. The charming, peaceful churchyard with lawns and trees, creates an atmosphere of a bygone era and has ample outdoor seating to 'sit and stare'. The churchyard also contains the shaft of a Saxon Cross of national importance, said to be one of only three in its original position and the tower contains some of the oldest bells in Lincolnshire, two cast in 1450 and the third in 1600.

Denomination: Church of England



springlineparish.co.uk/st-cuthberts-church-brattleby



6. CAMMERINGHAM, St Michael's

Opening Times: Please contact Church Wardens prior to visiting

St Michael's Church dates back to Norman times and was once part of a larger structure that no longer exists. A Premonstratensian priory was founded in 1155. The church font is a small marble bowl and is said to date from 1755, there is also a recently restored organ and a beautiful east window. This church is not open all year round but is available by contacting the church wardens prior to visiting. Visit their website for details.

Denomination: Church of England



springlineparish.co.uk/st-michael-and-all-angels-church-cammeringham/



7. CHERRY WILLINGHAM, St Peter & St Paul

Opening Times: Contact the Church for details

St Peter & St Paul is Grade I listed and a wonderful example of Georgian architecture with a beautiful reredos behind the altar. It is built of high quality Ancaster limestone with many of the stones being full of fossils. The modern octagonal lantern was designed by Louis Osman who also designed the coronet for the Prince of Wales.

Denomination: Anglican



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LN3 4AB

8. FISKERTON, St Clement of Rome

Opening Times: Contact the Church for details

North door is Norman as are all the arches between the nave and Chancel and North Aisle. Beautiful stained glass in the East and Skepper windows. Remembrance books and links with the RAF Squadrons within the Lady Chapel.

Denomination: Anglican



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LN3 4ES

9. FRIESTHORPE, St Peter

Opening Times: Please contact Church directly

The church dates back to 1285, and originally had a thatched roof -blown off in the gales of 1839. It was re-roofed & renovated in 1841. Our church honours the tragic loss of the five 'Beechey Boys' who were killed in the First World War. The family lived in Friesthorpe, where their father was the rector here. We now have a beautiful stained glass window dedicated to the memory of their loss.

Denomination: Church of England



LN3 5AL

10. GLENTHAM, St Peter's

Opening Times: 10am - 4pm each Sunday and Wednesday

St Peter's is a Grade I listed building. It is constructed of coursed limestone with a lead roof over the nave and south and north aisles. There are elements from the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st Century. It has a square, unbattered tower with an embattled parapet. A clock was installed in the tower as a war memorial in 1921. There is a complete set of 18th Century box pews in the nave. A stained glass window in the north aisle was designed by Christopher Whall and is in memory of Sir Montague Chomeley who was killed in 1914.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN8 2EW

11. GREETWELL, All Saints

Opening Times: Contact the Church for details

A Grade II listed building with architecture dating from the 11th Century, late 13th Century and late 14th Century, which was repaired/restored in 1855-6. The church consists of a west tower, nave with south porch and an apsidal chancel which is structurally Norman. The centre window depicts the resurrection. There are memorials to the Dalyson family and to members of the family of Sir Richard Lely. Worship continues to be held on the first Sunday of every month.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN3 4NG

12. HOLTON CUM BECKERING, All Saints

Opening Times: Visit website for contact details

Set in a lovely rural hamlet on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, grade I listed All Saints is a gem of a church, with a wonderful chancel and its connections with Italy.

The oldest part of the church is the lower section of the tower dating from the 13th century. It retains the original narrow tower arch and small lancet window in the west wall and was extended upwards in the 14th century. The mosaic and marble reredos was added in the late 19th century and displays Italian workmanship similar to that found in St Marks, Venice.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN8 5NG

13. LANGTON-BY-WRAGBY, St Giles

Opening Times: Visit website for contact details

Situated in the tiniest of hamlets, St Giles is the birthplace of Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1207-1228 and a central figure in the drafting and signing of Magna Carta in 1215.

Today, St Giles church is a mixture of Victorian and medieval styles. The oldest part is the impressive perpendicular tower, probably dates from the 14th century. The stained glass east window depicts the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. A second stained glass widow depicts Stephen Langton. A visit to the churchyard will see two tombs believed to be those of Crusaders.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN8 5PX

14. LANGWORTH, St Hugh

Opening Times: Worship held on the fourth Sunday of every month

Where the current church stands previously stood The Old Mission Church, dedicated to St Hugh on 13th January 1898. The building of the current church commenced in 1961 and included the roofing timbers, font, oak doors, windows, chancel floor, carved oak beams, canopy, memorial panel and organ from Walmgate Chapel, a gift to the Bishop of Lincoln from the Haggas family, who owned Walmgate Hall. Worship continues to be held on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN3 5BB

15. NETTLEHAM, All Saints

Opening Times: 9am – 6pm

All Saints is the Parish Church of the lovely village of Nettleham. It is a popular and lively church. With over 200 on our books, we welcome people to a variety of services and activities. Traditional, quiet, contemporary alternatives. Beautiful liturgy, excellent music, thoughtful preaching, prayerful approach to life, warm welcome. We are an inclusive church so anyone is welcome.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN2 2PD

16. NORTH CARLTON, St Luke's

Opening Times: All daylight hours

A small, quiet, peaceful medieval rural church renovated by the Georgians.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN1 2RR

17. RAND, St Oswald's

Opening Times: Visit website for contact details

St Oswald's possesses a wonderful array of monuments, both in brass and stone, and is well worth visiting. The broad west tower is home to 15th century gargoyles, as well as two bells, one dated 1715 and marked 'Jesu be our speed', with the larger bell believed to be from the 15th century, marked 'Ave Maria'. The chancel arch is over 500 years old and the head mould of the east window is early 14th century but the communion rail and the choir stalls, are Victorian. You can follow the St Oswald pilgrim trail to Bardney, from here.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN8 5NJ

18. REEPHAM, St Peter & St Paul

Opening Times: 9am -3.30pm

The church is grade II* listed. It originates from the 13th Century but was substantially rebuilt in the Victorian era by Michael Drury. However columns and arches of the south nave date from the early 13th century and those of the north nave from the 14th century. A major restoration in this century removed many old pews, levelled the floor and added toilets and a servery. An 1892 organ by Coussans is still played.

Denomination: Anglican



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LN3 4DQ

19. SAXBY, Helen's

Opening Times: Key available for collection, or when Brightwater Gardens is open

Commissioned as a church and family mausoleum by Richard (the 4th Earl Scarborough) in the classical style around 1775. Believed to have been designed by Lancelot 'Capability Brown' the great 18th century landscape architect. It is thought that the builder was Thomas Lumby who worked at Burghley and on the Chapter House at Lincoln.

Denomination: Church of England



LN8 2DH

20. SAXILBY, St Botolph

Opening Times: 9am – 5pm

Grade I Listed. Evidence of Saxon and Norman remains, and elements of 13th century stonework. Nave and double Chancel from the late 14th and early 15th centuries including the octagonal stone font, the 15th century Nave Roof and a very fine oak tracery Chancel screen with the original pre-reformation stone spiral rood staircase. In the North Chancel there is the Daubeney monument: a splendid tomb-chest with figures of a knight and his lady in alabaster carefully restored in 1994.

Denomination: Church of England



saxilbyparishchurch.co.uk



LN1 2HJ

21. SCAMPTON, St John the Baptist

Opening Times: 10am- 4pm

As national winners of the "Open for Visitors Award 2022", we are proud to be able to offer: 107 military and war graves and the history behind some of the personnel, two new stained glass windows dedicated to all who served at RAF Scampton and 617 Squadron and a photographic exhibition "The History of RAF Scampton 1916-2023". RAF memorabilia. East of England hub for the Commonwealth War Graves commission.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN1 2SD

22. SNARFORD, St Lawrence

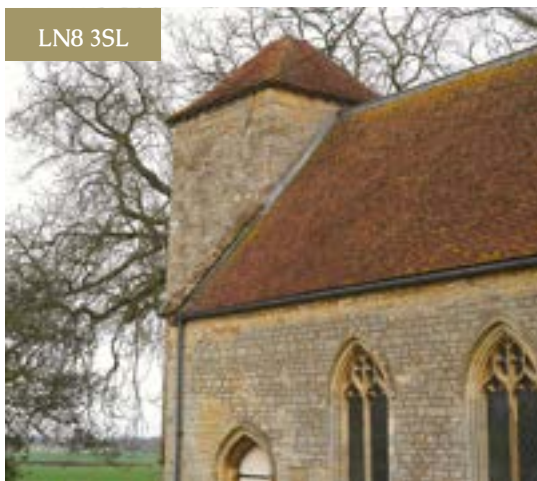
Opening Times: Open Daily 10am to 4pm

The rather unremarkable exterior of this small Medieval church conceals the breathtaking surprise of the interior of this wonderful church. 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.

Denomination: Churches Conservation Trust



visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-lawrence-snarford.html



LN8 3SL

23. SNELLAND, All Saints

Opening Times: Visit website for contact details

Visit the church and learn about Thomas Retford, who courageously gave his life for opposing the king's destruction of the monasteries. This beautiful atmospheric church dates back to the 12th century, but it was during the reign of Henry VIII that All Saints gained notoriety.

All Saints contains beautiful carved stone medieval faces and a rare 'Leper's window' that enabled succour to be passed to those with leprosy who had to stay outside the church. There is also an ancient sundial hidden in the stonework outside.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN1 2RR

24. SNITTERBY, St Nicholas

Opening Times: Daylight hours

Built in 1866 on site of original church built in 1750 which fell into dis-repair. Designed by Louth Architect James Fowler. 1893 Bell Tower added to embattled West Tower. Bell and clock installed in 1899 to mark Queen Victoria's Jubilee. This church consists of a nave, apsidal chancel and bell tower and is full of surprises. Stone exterior encloses a striking interior of warm red brick with black horizontal band, rare among Lincolnshire churches.

Denomination: Church of England



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DN21 4TP

25. SOUTHREY, St John the Divine

Opening Times: Sunrise to sunset

St John's was built in 1898 out of wood and is unique by the village carpenter, it is not subject to Diocese Faculty. Used every week it has some striking features one is a Stained Glass window installed in 2014 along with a Lincolnshire Heritage award. The churchyard is fully operational with a separate area for Cremations. Many events happen during the month where everyone is welcome. The Church supports many local Charities with its Pop-Up Tea afternoons and participation in the Mini Market at the village hall.

Denomination: Church of England



southrey.info/church.htm



26. SPRIDLINGTON, St Hilary's

Opening Times: 9am – 4pm

Influenced by the 19th century Oxford Movement, St Hilary's was built in 1875 in memory of the Rev'd Henry Frederick Hutton, who was incumbent for 32 years. The roof of the chancel is beautifully patterned and the letters IHS for Jesus and XPC for Christ can be seen in the decoration. The restored organ is regarded as one the best surviving Thomas Nicholson Organs. The fine East and West stained glass windows depict The Nativity and Christ in Majesty surrounded by saints, including St Hugh of Lincoln and St Hilary of Poitiers.

Denomination: Church of England



27. STAINFIELD, St Andrew's

Opening Times: 10am-4pm Weekends and Bank Holidays, from the end March to the end October

Visit this unique Queen Anne church erected on a Benedictine nunnery site in 18th century parkland. Come and admire the early 18th century Tyrwhitt tapestries on permanent display in the building, read about the medieval nunnery and village life, sit quietly, contemplate the tranquility of the parkland in contrast to the horrors of war experienced by eleven local men commemorated on the war memorial and in the church.

Denomination: Church of England



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28. STANTON BY LANGWORTH, St John the Baptist

Opening Times: Contact Church directly for details

A Grade II Listed grey stone church, dedicated to St John the Baptist, was designed during the Georgian era by Thomas Berry of Gainsborough between 1794-95 after the previous 14th century church fell. The church itself is situated within a working farmyard and sheep are often found grazing within the churchyard. Inside the church, a beautiful stained glass window depicting St John the Baptist overlooks the altar whilst opposite, at the other end of the church, is an elevated viewing gallery.

Denomination: Anglican



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LN3 5BL

29. SUDBROOKE, St Edward the Confessor

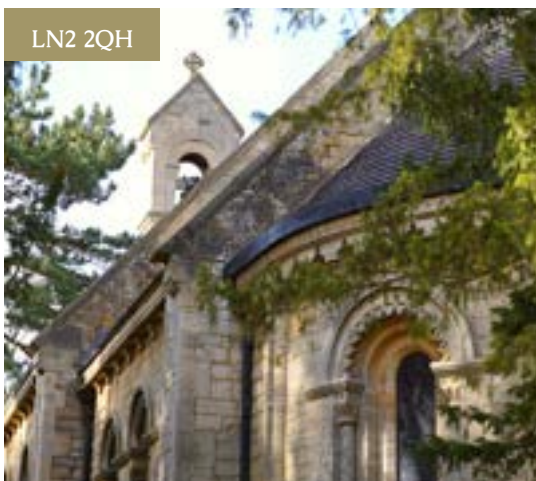
Opening Times: Contact Church directly for details

Grade II listed Built 1860-2 by John Dobson of Newcastle. Apse has unusual blue starred vaulted domed ceiling. Reminder of original church is fine Early English capital on Chancel floor.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN2 2QH

30. WICKENBY, St. Peter & St. Lawrence

Opening Times: Visit website for contact details

A lovely village church with interesting features to be discovered including early 14th century stained glass depicting three medieval family shields of the Percy, Umfraville and Beaumont families. There are various interesting monuments in the church, including a monument in the south aisle dated 1635, inscribed on a brass plate with an alabaster surround, and dedicated to Henry Millner. The ancient door of the church displays skilful ironwork dating from an early period and, by the side door, you can also see the vestiges of a medieval sundial.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN3 5AB

Discover Gainsborough

and surrounding villages



Gainsborough Riverside

Discover Gainsborough, with its wealth of heritage and things to do. The town and its surrounding area offers a great range of days out for all ages.

The town boasts a fantastic Medieval manor, Gainsborough Old Hall, which is a 'must see' for history lovers. Explore this historic market town through fascinating exhibitions at Gainsborough Heritage Centre or by following the heritage trail; a 90 minute walk that takes you to some of Gainsborough's most historical landmarks.

Surrounding Gainsborough you'll find picturesque villages set in beautiful countryside, with a number of churches full of history and heritage, waiting to be explored. Discover medieval features, Norman architecture, commemorative stained glass, a special selection of kneelers, one of the smallest churches in England, and a whole host of fascinating stories to explore.



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1. BLYTON, St Martin's

Opening Times: 9am - 5pm daily

Light refreshments available. Sale of books, jigsaws, toys, gifts, clothes and pre-loved household items.

Denomination: Church of England



nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-martin-blyton

2. COATES BY STOW, St Edith's

Opening Times: 9am to 6pm

St. Edith's at Coates is either a very early Roman or Anglo-Saxon Church. It is situated between Stow and Ingham on the Ingham Road. The medieval features include a magnificent rood screen with its rood loft and oak boarded tympanum which dominates the Church. It is the only surviving example in Lincolnshire. The central panel above the loft shows the remaining haloed head of Mary. The central panel, which would have shown Christ on the cross, was removed at the Reformation.

Denomination: Church of England



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3. GAINSBOROUGH, All Saints

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 2pm

The main body of the church was rebuilt, between 1734 and 1744, in the Georgian classical style, designed by Francis Smith of Warwick and greatly influenced by James Gibbs, the designer of St Martins in Trafalgar Square. Also of interest is the Rollett tomb stone, which once stood in the church yard, marking the grave of Captain Cook's sailmaker who was born in the town. The Organ, by Walkers of Ipswich, is a fine example of a manual instrument that takes a prominent place in church music. A Café can be found at the west end of the church, underneath the tower.

Denomination: Church of England



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DN21 3JZ



LN1 2DW



DN21 2JR

4. GLENTWORTH, St Michael's

Opening Times: Winter 9.30am - 3pm,
Summer 9am - 5pm

Dating from early Norman (Saxon in parts) this peaceful church also contains an exceptional Elizabethan tomb of Sir Christopher Wray (former Lord Chief Justice and Speaker in the House of Commons) and his family. The Church also has a Charles Eamer Kempe window featuring St Michael, in the base of the tower.

Denomination: Church of England



nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-michael-glentworth

DN21 5DG



5. GRAYINGHAM, St Radegund

Opening Times: Key can be obtained from neighbour - the bungalow next door to the Church

St Radegund's consists of a nave, chancel, 12th Century tower and western doorway ornamented with dogtooth mouldings. Three bells from 1553. The organ is by Benjamin Flight (1767-1847), one of the few remaining. There are many memorial plaques and graves commemorating previous Rectors. A reredos, stained glass window, chairs and others in memory of Rev White and family (Rector 1851-1890.) Stained glass to the Peele family, graves opposite the West door. One of only 5 churches in England dedicated to St Radegund.

Denomination: Anglican



achurchnearyou.com/church/14893/

DN21 4ET



6. KNAITH, St. Mary's

Opening Times: Please visit the website

An 12th century little gem situated in peaceful grounds overlooking the River Trent with curious stories and a fascinating history. The quaint church of St Mary once formed a part of the monastic complex of Heynings Priory. Containing a superb English Decorated Period Gothic Font, fine Jacobean pulpit, rustic medieval pew ends, and an unusual altar Baldacchino, St Mary's is well worth visiting.

Denomination: Church of England



achurchnearyou.com/church/14769/

DN21 5PE



7. MESSINGHAM, Holy Trinity

Opening Times: Tuesday - 10am - 4pm,
Friday - 10am - 4pm

A grade II* listed church which was greatly restored in the early 19th century. Restoration work included the installation of an extensive and highly regarded collection of medieval stained glass by Revd. H.V. Bayley, working in collaboration with the architect Edward Willson. Be a church explorer and use our leaflets and website to look for internal and external signs of how this church has changed over time.

Denomination: Church of England



holytrinitymessingham.co.uk

DN17 3SF



8. MORTON, St. Paul's

Opening Times: Contact the church for opening times

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. It has a font of Frosterley marble surmounted by a fine canopy and an Augustus Gern organ built in 1891. The organ case is a wonderful piece of craftsmanship. For individual or group visits contact tourism officer on 01427 810334.

Denomination: Church of England



gainsboroughteamparish.co.uk

DN21 3AA



9. PILHAM, All Saints

Opening Times: Only open for monthly services

All Saints Pilham is believed to be one of the smallest churches in England to include a vestry, font and apse. Comments from visitors often use the words "quaint", "peaceful", "stunning" and "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 view.

Denomination: Church of England



DN21 3NU



10. SCOTTER, St Peter

Opening Times: Open weekdays, except during school holidays. Closed weekends other than for services.

St. Peter's is an 11th Century church, with entry through a Norman arch. 13th century arches are in the north wall, which was heightened in the 15th century to include clerestory windows. The font is 14th century with decoration on all eight sides. There are traces of an access doorway to a pre-reformation rood gallery. There is a rare 1848 James Harrison clock in its original case and Elizabethan 'Ringers Rhymes' in the 16th Century tower.

Denomination: Church of England



11. SCOTTON, St Genewys

Opening Times: 9am - 6pm (dusk in winter)

13th century church. The unusual name thought to be derived from St Genesius, a 7th century Bishop of Clermont Ferrand in France - portrait in a 19th century stained glass chancel window. Features of interest include a 13th century effigy of a knight; a C15th effigy of a lady and tomb stone. Wall memorial to John Morley, Rector 1711-1731, a patron of John Wesley. Hatchment of Fredricks' family. There is plenty of parking in the Village Hall, by the church.

Denomination: Church of England



12. STOW, St Mary's

Opening Times: Open all year round, 8.30am to 7pm (or dusk if earlier)

The internationally renowned cruciform Anglo-Saxon Minster Church of St Mary dates to 975AD, with a Norman chancel completed c1150AD. The Victorian restoration was sensitive to the original construction. Important features include Viking graffiti from 10th/11th century, a 12th Century wall painting depicting the life and death in 1170AD of Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury, and a font from 1300AD. Enjoy the peace and quiet, reflect on the skills of our forebears.

Denomination: Church of England



stowminster.co.uk



13. UPTON CUM KEXBY, All Saints

Opening Times: 10am - 4pm Daily

All Saints Church is a Church of many periods, from Anglo Saxon to Victorian. The complex history of expansion, contraction and restoration of this Church can be traced externally, with its pre 1066 'Herring Bone' masonry and its Georgian tower for example, as well as within its bright interior. Just one of the items in the interior which is worthy of note, is the display of 90 plus Kneelers, embroidered from 1993 onwards. Please note that there is no parking in the Rose and Crown car park.

Denomination: Church of England



DN21 5NQ

14. WADDINGHAM, St Mary & St Peter

Opening Times: 24/7

One of originally two Churches in Waddingham, St Mary & St Peter's dates from the 12th century with some Saxon elements remaining. Stations of the Cross are around the nave walls and a Heathcote bell adds to the interest of this Church. Further details can be found on the website.

Denomination: Church of England



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DN21 4SU

15. WILLINGHAM BY STOW, St Helen's

Opening Times: The church is open during BST 10am to 4pm. Closed in winter months but access through the contact with the wardens

St. Helen's stands in the centre of the village and forms an integral part of the community. Whilst of Norman origin, the body of the church was almost entirely rebuilt in 1880 and the tower is thought to date back to the 14th century. It has several old stained glass windows and two modern ones. The church is used for regular Sunday worship and for special events. Six bells are rung weekly and the church has a choir of mixed voices.

Denomination: Church of England



willinghambystow.co.uk



DN21 5JY

Lincolnshire Wolds and surrounding villages



View of Normanby le Wold, from The Viking Way.

The Lincolnshire Wolds are bursting with rich heritage, charming market towns and historical churches aplenty.

Nestling on a hillside at the northern edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, Caistor is just a 40-minute drive from Lincoln. With its quaint marketplace, fringed by quirky independent shops and cafes, it is popular with walkers, with the Viking Way running through the town.

A small attractive market town on the western fringe of the Lincolnshire Wolds, Market Rasen is composed mainly of red brick buildings, with the historic centre of town being largely Georgian and Victorian. The parish church is medieval, but was much restored in the Victorian period.

The highest point in Lincolnshire is marked by a Trig Pillar, close to the village of Normanby le Wold, where you can also find St Peter's Church, in a beautiful location with great views.



For further information about places to visit, where to eat and drink, and how to plan your days out, whilst visiting churches in the Lincolnshire Wolds, visit:

lovelincolnshirewolds.com



1. BUSLINGTHORPE, St Michael's

Opening Times: Open Daily 10am to 4pm

St Michael's Church stands framed by trees surrounding the part-moated farm to the east. It is one of the few buildings remaining on the site of a deserted Medieval village. Apart from its square tower, the church was rebuilt in brick in 1835 and hides treasures within: two extraordinary fourteenth-century monuments to the local De Buslingthorpe family - one a brass effigy of a knight in armour on a tomb chest, showing the clothes worn in battle at that time.

Denomination: Churches Conservation Trust



visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-michael-buslingthorpe.html



LN3 5AT

2. CABOURNE, St Nicholas

Opening Times: Easter until October, day time

Grade II* with pre Norman tower arch building restored by Blomfield with original features retained including ancient fountains.

Denomination: Anglican



caistorparishchurch.co.uk/church-services



LN7 6HU

3. CAISTOR, St Peter & St Paul

Opening Times: Open daily from 9am - 3pm

The present church of St Peter & St Paul dates mainly from the 11th century onwards, though the lower part of the massive west tower is probably Saxon. There are many fine features worth seeing within the church. The nave with its beautiful south doorway with carved arches with nail head carving, the south door with its splendid iron hinges is from the 13th century. The clerestory and side aisles were added a century later and the chancel was rebuilt in the 19th century. Discover fine windows and a wonderful collection of kneelers.

Denomination: Church of England



caistorparishchurch.co.uk



4. CLAXBY, St Mary's

Opening Times: 7 days a week 9am- dark

On a site used from pre Roman times, there has been a church here since at least 1300. Restored in 1870 but with 14th and 15th Century features. Grand Jacobean monument. Victorian stained glass and a modern window celebrating the life of local man, William Ogg. You'll also find 5 bells, that are medieval and Victorian.

Denomination: Church of England



walesbychurches.org



LN8 3YX

5. CLIXBY, All Hallows

Opening Times: Open Daily 10am to 4pm

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 adorned on the wooden ceiling. A fine font and pews adorned have been rescued from other historic churches.

Denomination: Churches Conservation Trust



visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/all-hallows-clixby.html



LN7 6RT

6. CUXWOLD, St. Nicholas

Opening Times: Daylight Hours

The lower part of the tower was built in the 11th century and has its original Norman arch opening to the nave. The upper part of the tower is early English.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN7 6DA

7. GRASBY, All Saints

Opening Times: Open daily from 9am - 3pm

Although there are parts of the medieval church still present, the bulk of the church was restored / rebuilt in the 19th century at the expense of the then vicar, Charles Tennyson-Turner, brother of the poet laureate, Alfred, Lord Tennyson. There is a memorial to Charles and his wife Louisa (whose sister was married to Alfred). The east window is particularly attractive.

Denomination: Church of England



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DN38 6AU



8. HOLTON LE MOOR, St Luke's

Opening Times: Open for regular Services and also by request - contact details on Notice Board

Beautiful Grade II listed village country Church with two Altars. Dating from Saxon/Norman period and rebuilt in 1854. The extensive Churchyard is equally as beautiful with many mature trees and a God's Acre section.

Denomination: Anglican Church



LN7 6AE



9. KEELBY, Keelby Methodist

Opening Times: For opening time, please see website.

Mid Victorian Chapel built on a large scale for a village, with a cafe built onto the rear of the building.

Denomination: Methodist



keelbyhealingchurch.co.uk

DN41 8HX



10. KINGERBY, St Peter's

Opening Times: Open Daily 10am to 4pm

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 interior is light and airy with honey-coloured stone, a carved wooden seventeenth-century roof and interesting stained glass windows and monuments.

Denomination: Churches Conservation Trust



visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-peter-kingerby.html



LN8 3PU

11. KIRKBY CUM OSGODBY, St Andrew's

Opening Times: The nave and chancel are left unlocked but the vestry is locked.

An attractive and interesting partly medieval church. The west tower is Early English and the chancel dates from c1300. The nave was rebuilt in the late Georgian/ early Victorian period. In the chancel there are two intricately carved late c14 medieval chest tombs of members of the Wildbore family. There are three bells, two medieval and one tudor. The font is c18 and the organ is believed to have been moved from a private house.

Denomination: Church of England



LN8 3TA

12. LINWOOD, St Cornelius

Opening Times: The Church is not locked

Home of the Lynwode Family, two brasses of National Importance dedicated to the family, birthplace of William Lynwode, author of Provinciale, consolidation of chancery law used as a reference worldwide. The only Church dedicated to St Cornelius with 13 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.

Denomination: Episcopal



LN8 3QQ

13. MARKET RASEN, Holy Rood

Opening Times: Please see our website for details.

Visit this Roman Catholic Church, to view their interesting stained glass windows. For information about their schedule, their services and available times to visit, please see their website.

Denomination: Roman Catholic



Holyroodcatholicchurch.org.uk



14. MARKET RASEN, Market Rasen Methodist

Opening Times: 10.30am Sunday Service plus other advertised times

Large impressive Grade II star listed methodist chapel opened in 1863. Original piped organ, doored pews and large front pillars, with the wow factor when people enter for the first time.

Denomination: Methodist



woldsandtrentmethodist.org.uk



15. MIDDLE RASEN, St Peter & St Paul's

Opening Times: Open daily 10am until 4pm

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 zig zag, a middle band of crenellation and an outer band of beakheads. It is among the country's most impressive Norman doorways. Our church has two fonts, stained glass windows, a lady altar, a restored organ and bells.

Denomination: Church of England



16. NETTLETON, St John the Baptist

Opening Times: Open all the year round

Door always open, visitors very welcome with d.i.y. refreshments available. View our Saxon Tower, see the beautiful stained glass and note the list of Rector's dating back to 1219! Nestled at the foot of the Wolds, we are on the route of the Viking Way, which passes the highest point in Lincolnshire at 168m, within the AONB and there is interesting legacy of ironstone mining to investigate & explore in the adjacent Nettleton Valley.

Denomination: Church of England



nettleton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parish-information/churches/1



LN7 6NP

17. NORMANBY LE WOLD, St Peter's

Opening Times: Open during the daytime

Situated on the Viking Way and close to the highest point in Lincolnshire, St Peter's is in a beautiful location with great views. The church dates from the early 13th century and the 14th century but was extensively restored in 1868 by Fowler. Both the vestry and chancel are 19th-century, and the font is 14th-century on a 19th-century base. Three Victorian paintings have been beautifully restored. Be sure not to miss the corbel depicting a man with toothache!

Denomination: Church of England



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LN7 6SU

18. RIBY, St Edmund's

Opening Times: Open daily 9am-4pm

St Edmund was rebuilt in 1863 by Benjamin Ferrey with fine oak pews and choir stalls. Much of the medieval building survives, 14th century crossing and Perpendicular tower. Church register dates from 1559 and held in Lincoln Archives. A blocked-up Norman door remains in the north wall. There are monuments and stained-glass windows one of which depicts St Edmund and Bishop Humbert. A War memorial dedicated to the fallen of WWI and WWII Commonwealth War grave is in the churchyard.

Denomination: Church of England



facebook.com/StEdmundsChurchRiby



DN37 8NX

19. ROTHWELL, St. Mary Magdalene

Opening Times: Please contact Church

The square tower dates from the early 11th century and the nave from an earlier date. The church was extended and rebuilt in the 12th century and restored in 1892. A modern window in memory of Sir Joseph Nickerson depicts his interest in plant genetics and the breeding of ducks and game birds.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN7 6BB

20. SEARBY CUM OWMBY, St. Nicholas

Opening Times: Daylight Hours

The church is of white brick with a tower containing five bells, rung from a Ellacombe apparatus, and a clock. The oak benches hand-carved with emblems of the twelve apostles and the twelve tribes of Israel by the then Vicar, were added to the church in 1858. The east window reclaimed from a church at Eton was added in 1990.

Denomination: Church of England



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DN38 6BH

21. SOUTH KELSEY, St Mary & St Nicholas

Opening Times: The church is always open

The Church is dedicated to both St Mary and St Nicholas. There used to be a second church, St Nicholas, in our small village, and we still use St Nicholas' churchyard. We have two services a month and other events - concerts go especially well in our building which is surprisingly large for such a small community. It is a lovely venue for weddings and baptisms.

Denomination: Anglican



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LN7 6PW

22. STAINTON-LE-VALE, St Andrew's

Opening Times: Open every day during daylight hours

Stainton-le-Vale is steeped in history. The present church was begun shortly after the Norman Conquest, the oldest feature being the north door which is a simple Norman arch, dated probably c.1100. The western porch and tower date from c.1300. St Andrew's is popular with walkers and others who, according to the visitor's book, appreciate both its peaceful setting and the fact that it is always open during daylight hours.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN8 6HP

23. SWALLOW, Holy Trinity

Opening Times: Daylight Hours

Built over many many centuries from the 11th -19th century, The lower part of the tower dates from the late Saxon and Norman days. There is also a fine east window – but look out for the spelling mistake! Visitors can also see the remains of the south aisle which was destroyed in 1663 after the tower collapsed. Eight of the nine bells were sold to repair it.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN7 6DL

24. TEALBY, All Saints

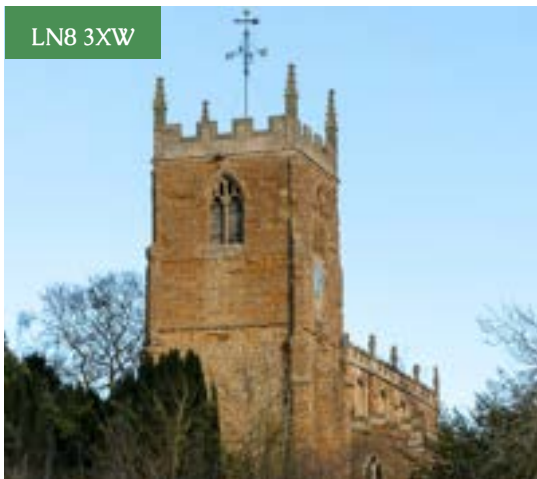
Opening Times: 9.30am - 4pm, all year round

Tealby is well known for its connection to the Tennyson family and All Saints contains many memorials to the family members. Dating back to 1086 the architecture is a mixture of Late Norman, Early English and Perpendicular styles. There are various memorials and hatchments related to the Tennyson d'Eyncourt family, five stained glass windows and a Norman font.

Denomination: Church of England



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LN8 3XW

25. THORESWAY, St. Mary's

Opening Times: Always open

St. Mary's Thoresway 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.

Denomination: Church of England



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Other Churches to visit in the area, include:

Bardney Methodist Church	Gautby, All Saints	Newton on Trent, St Peter
Bigby, All Saints	Great Limber, St Peter	Normanby by Spital, St Peter
Blyborough, St Alkmund	Hackthorn, St Michael & All Angels	North Kelsey Methodist Church
Brocklesby, All Saints	Hainton St Mary	North Kelsey, All Hallows
Brookenby, St Michael & All Angels	Harpwell, St Chad	Northorpe, St John the Baptist
Burton, St Vincent	Heapham, All Saints	Osgodby, Our lady and St Joseph
Caistor Methodist	Hemswell, All Saints	Owmbly by Spital, St Peter & St Paul
Caistor, St Thomas More	Ingham, All Saints	Reepham Methodist
Corringham, St Laurence	Keelby, St Bartholomew	Riseholme, St Mary
Croxby, All Saints	Kettlethorpe, St Peter & St Paul	Scothern, St Germain
Dunholme, St Chad's	Kirmond le Mire, St Martin	Sixhills, All Saints
East Barkwith, St Mary	Kirton in Lindsey, St Andrews	South Carlton, St John the Baptist
East Torrington, St Michael	Laughton, All Saints	Spital in the Street, St Edmund
Faldingworth, All Saints	Lea, St Helen	Springthorpe, St George & St Lawrence
Fillingham, St Andrew	Legsby, St Thomas	Thornton le Moor, All Saints
Friends of Gainsborough Cemeteries & Chapel	Lissington, St John the Baptist	Torksey, St Peter
Gainsborough Methodist	Market Rasen New Life Church Centre	Usseby, St Margarets
Gainsborough, New Life Christian Fellowship	Market Rasen, St Thomas	Walesby, All Saints
Gainsborough, Quaker Meeting House	Marton, St Margaret of Antioch	Walesby, St Mary
Gainsborough, St Stephens	Minting, St Andrew	Welton, St Mary
Gainsborough, St Thomas of Canterbury	Nettleham Methodist Church	West Barkwith, All Saints
Gainsborough, United Reformed Church	Newton by Toft, St Michael	Willoughton, St Andrew

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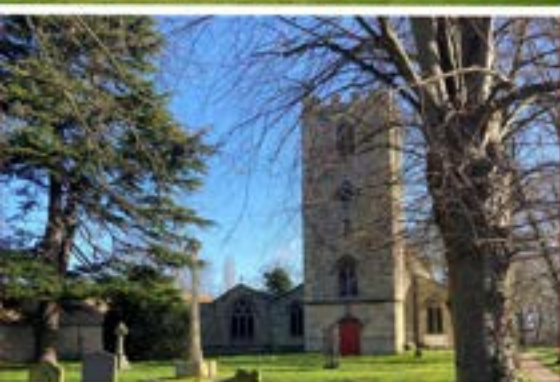
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