

East Loveden Churches And Parish News DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024



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FROM THE RECTORY

Celebrating the Season of Joy and New Beginnings

As we step into the uplifting embrace of December, our communities are filled with anticipation of the festive season. December, often regarded as a time of reflection and gratitude, is central to our faith as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Our congregation comes together to share in the joy of Christmas, participating in special services, carol singing, and nativity plays that remind us of the profound significance of this sacred occasion. The church becomes a haven of warmth and unity, embodying the spirit of love and compassion that Jesus preached.

Amidst the shimmering lights and melodious hymns, our communities engage in various charitable initiatives during this festive season. From organising Christmas parties and fayres to supporting local shelters, the charities actively participate in spreading kindness and ensuring that the less fortunate experience the joy of the holidays. These acts of generosity reinforce the teachings of Christ and foster a sense of togetherness among us all.

As we bid farewell to the old and welcome the new, January brings with it a sense of renewal and fresh beginnings. The church encourages everyone to reflect on personal growth and spiritual resolutions for the coming year. The start of the year is marked by prayer services and gatherings where we collectively seek divine guidance for the months ahead. In our new year's resolutions we are encouraged to set spiritual goals and to deepen our connection with God through prayer, study, and community involvement. In January, our church community also engages in activities that promote unity and fellowship.

In conclusion, this December and January church magazine is a celebration of faith, love, and new beginnings. It encapsulates the joy of Christmas, the spirit of giving, and the anticipation of a fresh start in the coming year.

As we navigate the seasons together, may the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ child be God's gift to us this Christmas tide and always.

Rev Georgie

Prayer for DECEMBER

May the humility of the Shepherds,
the perseverance of the Wise Men,
the joy of the Angels and the peace of the Christ Child be God's gift to us
this Christmas tide and always.
(Mervyn Stockwood)

Prayer for JANUARY

Gracious God

In the coming New Year may we, by Your grace, be guided, comforted and
strengthened through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour.

Amen

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our
planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our
diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also
available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

First Friday every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. In Ancaster Village
Hall.

Ancaster Christmas Fayre - being held on Saturday 25th November at
Ancaster Village Hall. lots of craft stalls, games,
refreshments and raffle. Everyone welcome.

	FROM NOVEMBER REGISTERS
BAPTISMS	
FUNERALS	DOROTHY MORRIS
	JEANETTE WILLIS
	PAULINE DUFFIN
	BETTY MARLENE CROWTHER
	JULIA WINIFRED PADDOCK
WEDDINGS	
	Please remember them in your prayers

**PC & PCSOs for North and South Rural and Earlesfield,
Barrowby Gate & St John's Ward**

PC Mark Barr 07973 845 128

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PCSO Stuart Bowden 07973 844 861

PCSO Courtney Denton 07973 847 061

For Culverthorpe, Kelby, Rauceby & Wilsford PCSO

Colin Ironmonger 07973 845 622

PCSO Nic Woolerton 07973 842 786

Please note that police mobiles are not manned 24 hours a day. In an emergency continue to ring 999 or to report crime and less urgent

matters dial 101 or

Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a

**Prayer Breakfast
on Saturday 16th
December at 9.00am.**

Come and share croissants and cereal, tea and coffee
followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT



Prayer
Breakfast



The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year



CAROLS AROUND THE PARISHES



16:00 DECEMBER 10th HEYDOUR CAROL SERVICE
18:00 DECEMBER 10th KELBY CAROL SERVICE
18:30 DECEMBER 12th HOUBLON ARMS CAROLS
18:00 DECEMBER 13th RAUCEBY CAROL SERVICE
19:00 DECEMBER 14th SYSTON CAROL SERVICE
18:30 DECEMBER 15th RAILWAY INN CAROLS
10:00 DECEMBER 17th BARKSTON CAROL SERVICE
14:00 DECEMBER 17th ANCASTER CAROL SERVICE
16:00 DECEMBER 17th WELBY CAROL SERVICE
18:30 DECEMBER 20th PLOUGH INN CAROLS
18:00 DECEMBER 21st BUSTARD INN CAROLS
15:00 DECEMBER 24th BELTON CAROL SERVICE
15:00 DECEMBER 24th HONINGTON CAROL SERVICE
16:00 DECEMBER 24th WILSFORD CRIB SERVICE
18:00 DECEMBER 24th ANCASTER CHRISTMAS EVE
MASS
10:00 DECEMBER 25th ANCASTER CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION

EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



3rd DECEMBER

09:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER

11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION

10th DECEMBER

09:00 SYSTON HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

16:00 HEYDOUR CAROL SERVICE

18:00 KELBY CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 18:00 RAUCEBY CAROL SERVICE

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 19:00 SYSTON CAROL SERVICE

17th DECEMBER

10:00 BARKSTON CAROL SERVICE

14:00 ANCASTER CAROL SERVICE

16:00 WELBY CAROL SERVICE

24TH DECEMBER

15:00 BELTON CAROL SERVICE

16:00 WILSFORD CRIB SERVICE

18:00 ANCASTER CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

15:00 HONINGTON CAROL SERVICE

25TH DECEMBER

10:00 ANCASTER CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

31TH DECEMBER

10:00 WILSFORD MORNING PRAYER