

# **East Loveden Churches And Parish News DECEMBER 2024/ JANUARY 2025**



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## **FROM THE RECTORY**

### **COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

As we enter December, the season of Advent invites us to pause and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent is a season of hope and expectation, a time to reflect on the promises of God fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. In the midst of the busyness of the holidays, we are called to embrace the stillness, to light the candles of Advent, and to remember the light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

December also reminds us of the joy of community and giving. Whether through acts of kindness, time spent with loved ones, or gifts exchanged as tokens of care, we are reminded that Christ's love compels us to share with one another. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" Let us marvel at the gift of Emmanuel—God with us—and extend that grace to others this season.

As the calendar turns to January, we welcome a new year with fresh beginnings. It is a time of reflection on the year past and anticipation of what lies ahead. In this season of resolutions and goal-setting, we are reminded to seek God's guidance for our lives. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

January is an opportunity to reset our priorities and renew our commitments to faith, prayer, and service. What might God be calling you to this year? Perhaps it's a deeper walk with Him, a renewed relationship, or a new way to serve others in His name.

As we move through these winter months, may we remember the constant presence of God in every season. Whether in the warmth of December celebrations or the quiet, reflective days of January, God is with us. His promises are faithful, His love is steadfast, and His plans for us are good.

May this season bring you peace, joy, and renewed hope in Christ. Let us journey together into the new year, trusting God's faithfulness to lead us forward.

Rev Georgie

## **Prayer for DECEMBER**

Heavenly Father

We pray for moments of stillness in the busy season of Advent. Time to reflect, as candles are lit, on the true Light, which gives light to everyone, coming into the world: Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

As we prepare, once again, to celebrate His birth we ask You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, to fill our hearts anew with love, joy and peace that can overflow in caring compassion to enlighten the minds and warm the hearts of those who do not yet know of Your everlasting love for them. Amen

## **PRAYER for JANUARY**

Heavenly Father

We give thanks that You have brought us to the beginning of another New Year. We pray that we may bring with us the precious memories of last year, especially of loved ones we see no more.

All our hopes and fears are known to You and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You. We pray that we may find that rest this year, casting all our cares on You, and allowing Your Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and comfort us on each new day.

"Come close to God, and He will come close to you". Thank You for that eternal blessing through Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **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:**

1st Friday AND 3rd every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

**Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a**

**Prayer Breakfast on:**

**Saturday 14th DECEMBER at 9.00am.**

**Saturday 12th January 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

If you would like to come, please leave a message on 01400 269940 or text Robert on 07491 711112



**Prayer**   
**Breakfast**

East Loveden Group of Parishes

# Community

## Praise

at The Village Hall, Ermine Street, Ancaster

Sundays at 5pm. on

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

A time of Christian worship and exploring faith.

All are welcome.

If transport is required, phone 01400 269940.

# A Night of Carols



- 15:00 DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>: HEYDOUR CAROL SERVICE  
18:30 DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>: RAUCEBY CAROL SERVICE  
19:00 DECEMBER: 12<sup>th</sup>: SYSTON CAROL SERVICE  
18:30 DECEMBER: 12<sup>th</sup>: PLOUGH INN CAROLS  
16:00 DECEMBER: 15<sup>th</sup>: WELBY CAROL SERVICE  
19:00 DECEMBER: 18<sup>th</sup>: KELBY CAROL SERVICE  
18:00 DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> : BUSTARD INN CAROLS  
18:30 DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> : RAILWAY INN CAROLS  
11:00 DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> : BARKSTON CAROL SERVICE  
15:00 DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> : ANCASTER CAROL SERVICE  
15:00 DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> : WILSFORD CRIB SERVICE  
15:00 DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> : BELTON CAROL SERVICE  
18:00 DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> : HONINGTON CAROL SERVICE  
20:00 DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> : ANCASTER CHRISTMAS EVE  
MASS  
10:00 DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> : ANCASTER CHRISTMAS DAY  
HOLY COMMUNION

# **EAST LOVEDEN GROUP**



## **1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER    11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION**

## **8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**09:00 SYSTON H/C    11:00 ANCASTER H/C  
15:00 HEYDOUR CAROL SERVICE**

## **10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**18:30 RAUCEBY CAROL SERVICE**

## **12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**19:00 SYSTON CAROL SERVICE**

## **15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION    16:00 WELBY CAROL SERVICE**

## **18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**19:00 KELBY CAROL SERVICE**

## **22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

**11:00 BARKSTON CAROL SERVICE    15:00 ANCASTER CAROL SERVICE**

## **24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**15:00 WILSFORD CRIB SERVICE    15:00 BELTON CAROL SERVICE  
18:00 HONINGTON CAROL SERVICE    20:00 ANCASTER H/C**

## **25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

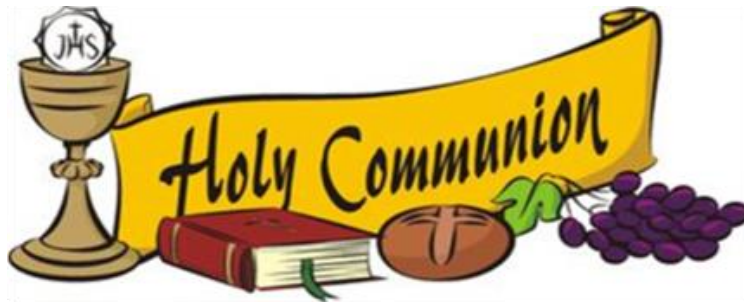
**10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

## **29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**10:00 WILSFORD MORNING PRAYER**

**ALL WELCOME**

## **EAST LOVEDEN GROUP**



### **5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER**

**11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION**

### **12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**9:00 SYSTON HOLY COMMUNION**

**11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

### **19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

### **26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION**

**ALL WELCOME**