

East Loveden Churches And Parish News JULY/AUGUST 2025

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FROM THE RECTORY

Summer Stillness – A Time to Pause and Listen

As the summer months of July and August unfold, we often find ourselves immersed in a slower rhythm. Schools close, holidays are taken, and the world seems to exhale just a little. This change in pace offers us something rare and precious: space. Space to breathe, to reflect, to rest — and, perhaps most importantly, to listen.

In **1 Kings 19**, Elijah finds himself alone on a mountain, waiting for the Lord to pass by. He experiences a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire — but God is not in these dramatic displays. Instead, Elijah hears a **“still small voice”** (or a gentle whisper), and it is in that quietness that God speaks.

Summer gives us a unique opportunity to tune in to that same quiet voice. With fewer meetings, lighter schedules, and longer daylight hours, we can intentionally create time for stillness and solitude. Whether it's sitting in the garden, walking by the sea, or simply pausing in the early morning before the day begins, we can invite God into these moments and listen.

But this season is not only about rest — it's also a time of growth. In nature, everything is alive with colour and abundance. Flowers bloom, fruit ripens, and the sun nourishes all living things. Jesus often used the imagery of seeds, vines, and harvests to speak of our spiritual lives. This is a time to ask:

What is God growing in me right now?

What needs pruning, watering, or waiting on?

For some, summer brings joy — time with loved ones, beauty in creation, and opportunities for travel or adventure. For others, it may stir up loneliness or loss. As a church family, let's remember to keep each other in prayer. Check in on a neighbour, write a note of encouragement, or simply be present with someone who needs company.

Whether you're staying home or travelling, may these months be a time of renewed connection with God.

May you find moments of peace, refreshment for your soul, and new inspiration for the months to come.

Let us rest in God's presence, rejoice in His creation, and prepare our hearts for whatever lies ahead.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed summer.
Rev Georgie

Prayer for JULY

Risen Lord Jesus

As we celebrate, once again, the bestowing of Your Holy Spirit upon the first disciples, help us to realise that this can be a daily experience for us. Your Holy Spirit cleanses us with Your mercy, renews us with Your loving-kindness and restores us in Your service.

Lord, send Your Spirit in whispers of love, refreshing our souls, today and every day. Amen

Prayer for AUGUST

Heavenly Father

August is the month when families can enjoy leisure time together and we thank You for the simple joys of countryside walks and seaside holidays. Whether able to take a holiday or not, help each one of us to appreciate time spent with family and friends and may we also give You thanks and praise for "all good gifts around us". 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 every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.

Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a

Prayer Breakfast on:

Saturday 19th JULY at 9.00am.

Saturday 16th AUGUST 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



Help Build Something Beautiful — One Brick at a Time!

As we look ahead to the upcoming school holidays, we're excited to launch a new initiative to bring families and children together in a creative, engaging, and faith-filled way — a **LEGO Club right here in church!**

Our vision is to create a welcoming space where children and families can gather during the break to build, connect, and have fun — all while exploring themes of creativity, community, and faith. LEGO is a fantastic tool for sparking imagination, encouraging teamwork, and helping children (and adults!) feel at home in church.

To make this dream a reality, we're asking for your help.

Do you have any LEGO pieces tucked away at home that are no longer being used?

Maybe your children have outgrown them, or there's a bin of bricks gathering dust in the attic — if so, we would love to give them new life as part of this ministry

What we're looking for:

Any type of **LEGO** bricks, pieces, figures, or sets — all are welcome!

Donations can be dropped off at [**Ancaster church**] during the week or brought along on Sunday mornings.

Your generosity will help us build a space of joy, friendship, and welcome for families during the holidays. Even a small bag of bricks can make a big difference.

Let's come together and build not just towers and castles —
but also community, connection, and care.

Thank you so much for your support!

With gratitude,

Rev Georgie

Free!
FUN

POP UP LEGO PLUS!

Build with
Lego



Lego Bible Story!



Craft



Food



**AT ST MARTIN,
ANCASTER CHURCH**

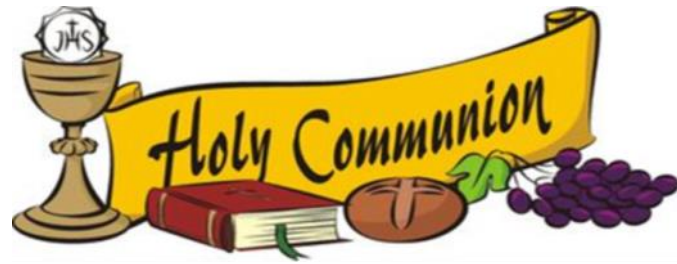
Adults to accompany children

Saturday 26th July 2025

10:00-11:30am

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EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



6TH JULY

10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER

11:00 BELTON BCP SERVICE

9TH JULY MID-WEEK HC

9:30 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

13TH JULY

9:00 SYSTON BCP SERVICE

11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

15:00 BARKSTON PET SERVICE

17:00 ANCASTER VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY PRAISE

20TH JULY

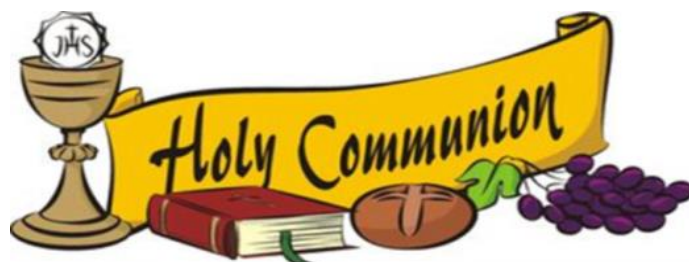
10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

27TH JULY

10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

ALL WELCOME

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17TH AUGUST

10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

17:00 WILSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY PRAISE

24TH AUGUST

10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

31ST AUGUST

10:00 WELBY PATRONAL HOLY COMMUNION

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