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GROUP SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026

DATE	SWINDERBY	EAGLE	N. SCARLE	THORPE
Aug. 2 nd			Group H.C. 10.30a.m.	
Aug. 9 th	Group H.C. 10.30a.m.			
Aug. 16 th				Group H.C. 10.30a.m.
Aug. 23 rd		Group H.C. 10.30a.m.		
Aug. 30 th	Group H.C. at Eagle 10.30a.m.		Family Service at Eagle 4.00p.m.	

Please read this Service Plan in conjunction with the calendar on the back page

H.C.	Holy Communion	M.W.	Methodist Worship
E.P.	Evening Prayer	M.P.	Morning Prayer
	Sundays		No Service

Additional notes and information:

As August is the holiday month there is no Thursday Communion and all services are Group Services.

August 16th – Holy Communion at Thorpe includes the swearing in of the remaining Churchwardens.

The online service of Morning Prayer, Monday to Friday at 9.00am, will continue on the North Scarle Facebook page.



On Saturday 27th June Yola was ordained Priest in Lincoln Cathedral and celebrated her first Eucharist on Sunday 28th June in St. Michael and all Angels Church, Bassingham. The Church was filled with family, friends and a Group congregation, followed by delicious refreshments provided by the Withamside Group and the Swinderby Group of Churches. Love and best wishes Yola for your future ministry.

Yola with Bishop Nicholas

Revd. Andrew writes:

Hello

As August comes into focus many people think of summer holidays. Having spent the vast majority of my ministry as an Industrial Chaplain involved with engineering, conversation would turn at this time to “Shutdown fortnight” or “trips”. While for many holiday season has moved from the last week of July and first week of August, it is still a time of refreshment. As so many formal meetings disappear from my diary I try and look at August as a time to stop and notice life around me. Instead of dashing left, right and centre a time to see afresh the beauty of our world. That could be stopping to look at one of the many beautiful views we get in our part of the world, to noticing the vibrant colours on a butterfly or dragonfly. I suppose it is also a time to enjoy ordinary activities and treasure the memories they create.

All of this should help us see beyond our own selfish needs and seeing a bigger picture. People of faith suggest in doing this you can see God revealed, God’s in dwelling of our world is made real.

So this August, when you can take time to take stock, appreciate what is before you and allow it to change your view of life.

Obviously, in the Vaughan household excitement is building for Lincoln City’s first season for 65 years in the second tier of football. In my role as chaplain and photographer I am so privileged to see so many talented people seeking to use their God given skills to their utmost.

So while August is a time of holiday, instead of sleepwalking through it, use it as a time to appreciate the wonders we see around us.

As ever

Andrew



Suspended Ministry?

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Views From The Pews

SWINDERBY

Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop in Swinderby Church continues on Monday mornings between 10.30am. and 12 noon.

Swinderby Village Lunch – Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 12th August at 12 noon in Swinderby Village Hall. Please let Maureen Fillingham know if you will be joining us, 01522 861711 or 07594 354613. A donation £4.00 will be very welcome.

From Gill

EAGLE

Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop in Eagle Church continues on Tuesday mornings between 10.00am. and 12 noon.

Fellowship Lunch – As we don't have a lunch in August we look forward to seeing you again on Friday, 25th September, at 12 noon in Eagle Village Hall, price £4.00. Please contact Sue Stiles to book on 869296.

From Jean

NORTH SCARLE

Coffee Morning – The Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 12th August, 10.30 – 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

From Sue

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Quiet Prayers

*The little boy was saying his prayers before getting into bed in a very low voice.
"I can't hear you dear," his mother whispered.
"Wasn't talking to you," said the small boy firmly, "it's supposed to be a secret".*

THORPE

Morning and Evening Prayer

Morning prayer 9am broadcast on the NorthScarle FB page
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=north%20scarle%20church>

The Church is open for private prayer on weekdays until 5.00pm when Evening Prayer is said – all welcome.

Evening Prayer 5pm when the Church is locked. All welcome.

Taize Style Time of Reflection and Stillness

Fourth Friday of the month – 28th August at 5.30 – 6.00p.m.

Mini St. Michael's – meets every Monday 9.30 – 11.00a.m. during term time. No meetings during August.

Knit and Natter – Second Tuesday of the month at 1.30 – 3.30p.m. in the Church. No meetings during August.

Candle Lit Yoga – Every Thursday in term time at 7.30 – 8.30p.m. in the Church. No meetings during August.

Afternoon Tea – Third Wednesday 19th August, 2.30 – 4.00p.m.

Games Night – Fourth Wednesday 26th August, 7 – 9pm. Come and have a digital detox with traditional board games, dominoes and cards. Cake, snacks and hot drinks provided.

From Barbara



Prayer for Rest and Renewal

"Loving Lord, we thank you for the gift of rest and this time of holiday. As we step away from our daily routines, we pray that you will refresh our bodies, quiet our minds, and renew our spirits. Help us to notice the beauty of your creation around us and to enjoy the company of those we love. Guard our going out and our coming in, and pour your peace into our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Here is an Anna Chaplain thought

On Ageing
by Maya Angelou

When you see me sitting quietly,
Like a sack left on the shelf,
Don't think I need your chattering.
I'm listening to myself.
Hold! Stop! Don't pity me!
Hold! Stop your sympathy!
Understanding if you got it,
Otherwise I'll do without it!
When my bones are stiff and aching,
And my feet won't climb the stair,
I will only ask one favor:
Don't bring me no rocking chair.
When you see me walking, stumbling,
Don't study and get it wrong.
'Cause tired don't mean lazy
And every goodbye ain't gone.
I'm the same person I was back then,
A little less hair, a little less chin,
A lot less lungs and much less wind.
But ain't I lucky I can still breathe in.

From Barbara



Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, the command to love one's enemy is an absolute necessity for our survival. Love even for enemies is the key to the solution of the problems of our world. Jesus is not an impractical idealist: he is the practical realist.

Rev'd Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Church Calendar for August 2026

August 2 nd	Trinity 9.
August 6 th	The Transfiguration of our Lord.
August 9 th	Trinity 10.
August 15 th	The Blessed Virgin Mary.
August 16 th	Trinity 11.
August 23 rd	Trinity 12.
August 24 th	Bartholomew the Apostle.
August 30 th	Trinity 13.



From the Registers

Eagle:

Interment of Ashes: Coral Sophia Nicholson 19th July



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