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Lincolnshire

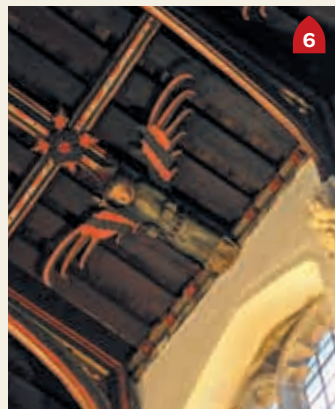
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walk under angels in Lincolnshire

High in the southern Wolds or deep in the eastern marshes, the historic churches of Lincolnshire are special.



Each has its own character and treasures – you can see fantastic Tudor effigies in a simple country church, visit a leaning tower in a marshland setting or walk under angels in Stamford. Open a door that thousands have walked through before you and sit, at peace, in a place where Lincolnshire people have worshipped for centuries.

All the churches in this leaflet have been saved by The Churches Conservation Trust. The Trust is a charity that cares for more than 340 churches in England. This is one of 18 leaflets that highlight their history and treasures.

For more information on the other guides in this series, as well as interactive maps and downloadable information, see visitchurches.org.uk



1
Goltho, St George
A Tudor chapel by a lost village

The red-brick chapel of St George stands alone amid acres of corn and oilseed rape with only a few trees for company. It is situated beside one of Lincolnshire's lost villages – an old Saxon settlement long since buried. Inside, the church has an atmosphere of calm and simplicity, with rustic wooden pews, an altar screen and a simple two-decker pulpit. The name 'Goltho' is said to be Saxon for 'where the marigolds grow'.

Goltho, Wragby, Market Rasen LN8 5JD

→ 11m E of Lincoln off A158 and 2m from Wragby
Nearest railway station: Market Rasen (7.5 miles)

🕒 *Open Jul and Aug, Sun, 2pm-4pm;
at other times keyholder nearby*



2
Haceby, St Barbara (or St Margaret)
A heavenly church with a painting of hell

Nothing remains of Haceby village save the old church of St Margaret and some grass-covered mounds. Built after the Norman Conquest, the church has been altered and added to many times over the centuries though a rare Norman arch survives inside. Above the arch, the Royal Arms of Queen Anne preside over a Medieval fresco that vividly depicts sinners being pitchforked into the flames of hell. The rest of the church, in contrast, has an air of sweetness and light, especially on sunny days.

Haceby, Grantham NG34 0EG

→ 8m E of Grantham off A52
Nearest railway station: Rauceby (5 miles)

🕒 *Open daily*



3

Haugham, All Saints

Urban elegance
in a country setting

The spire of All Saints soars above the surrounding trees in the open country of the Wolds, visible for miles around. As you reach All Saints on foot down a green lane, you might expect a rustic church – in fact, the building is an example of ecclesiastical elegance. It was built in 1840, modelled on the church of St James in nearby Louth. Inside, the church is solid and welcoming. There are handsome pews and a timber roof, and several memorials to Lincolnshire people. Outside, you can enjoy the wildlife in the quiet churchyard.

Haugham, Louth LN11 8PU

→ 4m S of Louth and W of A16

Nearest railway station: Market Rasen (15 miles)

🕒 *Open daily*



4

Saltfleetby, All Saints

The leaning tower
of Lincolnshire

The tall, square tower of this marshland church leans dramatically to the west, as if trying to stretch away from the long, low nave below. Inside, the church is striking for its light and stillness – it has an air of peace in contrast to its wild, marshy setting. All Saints is sparsely but beautifully furnished with a gorgeous 15th-century carved screen and two pulpits, one Elizabethan and rustic, the other 17th century from Oriel College, Oxford. The heavy timbered roof demonstrates the good, honest craftsmanship of Medieval builders.

Saltfleetby, Louth LN11 7TU

→ 4m S of Louth and W of A166m E of Louth off B1200

🕒 *Open daily*



5

Snarford, St Lawrence

Fantastic carved figures
from Tudor times

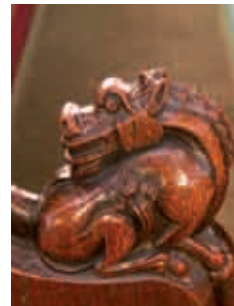
St Lawrence has some of the most spectacular memorial sculptures in Lincolnshire. The largest, from the 1580s, features life-size figures of Sir Thomas St Paul and his wife, members of a dynasty of rich lawyer-politicians. Gazing on from the wall, propped on one elbow, is his rakish relation Sir George with his wife Frances. Frances also appears with her second husband, the Earl of Warwick. All the figures are eerily life-like – look closely at the veins on Sir George's hands and Warwick's piercing blue eyes and ample, aristocratic cheeks.

Snarford, Market Rasen LN8 3SL

→ 6m SW of Market Rasen off A46

Nearest railway station: Market Rasen (5.5 miles)

🕒 *Open daily*



6

Stamford, St John the Baptist

A blessing of angels
and green men

The Medieval church of St John the Baptist sits in an unlikely setting between two commercial buildings in the centre of Stamford. Yet take the time to step inside and you'll be rewarded with the sight of painted angels on high in the roof timbers. What's more, above their outstretched wings are some little green men with grimacing, leafy faces. Stained glass scatters light across the flamboyant Victorian pews and tiled floor, adding to the beauty of this breathtaking church.

St John's Street, Stamford PE9 2DB

→ Stamford town centre

Nearest railway station: Stamford (0.5 miles)

🕒 *Open daily*

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More churches to enjoy

Each CCT church has been saved because it is special. We can't do justice to them all in one leaflet, so visit our website for more information on those only briefly described here.

Barnetby-le-Wold, St Mary

7

A lovely, quiet Domesday church, set in glorious countryside on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Highlights include a Saxon window, with a unique carving of a cat above it, and delightful early 19th-century furnishings.

Church Hill, Barnetby-Le-Wold, Barnetby DN38 6JL
→ Off M180 at Junction 5

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Burringham, St John the Baptist

8

A striking, red-brick Victorian church that has a short tower with a distinctive pyramid roof. The interior is richly decorated and includes some beautiful stained glass and, above the altar, a painting of heavenly constellations.

High Street, Burringham, Scunthorpe DN17 3LY
→ 3m W of Scunthorpe off B1450

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Burwell, St Michael

9

A brick-and-greensand church, St Michael's has great views over gently rolling countryside. Inside, a Norman chancel arch has excellent carvings. Above it, a Medieval wall painting depicts a crowned head.

Burwell, Louth LN11 8PR
→ 5m S of Louth on A16

🕒 *Open daily*

Buslingthorpe, St Michael

10

A pretty square-towered Medieval church set within trees. It contains two extraordinary 14th-century monuments to the local De Buslingthorpe family – one has an intricately carved brass, set into a stone coffin lid, showing a knight in a breastplate and chain-mail armour.

Buslingthorpe, Market Rasen LN3 5AT
→ 3m SW of Market Rasen off A46

🕒 *Open daily*

Clixby, All Hallows

11

This little roadside church is the 13th-century chancel of a larger church. Inside you can see a 14th-century stone slab commemorating a priest and Latin inscriptions in praise of the Virgin Mary on the wooden ceiling.

Clixby, Caistor LN7 6RT
→ 3m N of Caistor on A1084

🕒 *Open daily*

Great Steeping, All Saints Old Church

12

Built in 1748, this riverside church stands proudly on lush marshland. Its distinctively Georgian design is elegant yet simple – essentially just a nave topped with an attractive wooden bell turret.

Old Church Lane, Great Steeping, Spilsby PE23 5PR
→ 3m SE of Spilsby off the B1195

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Haltham-on-Bain, St Benedict

13

A lovely Norman church, with a stunning Decorated window and a beautifully simple interior. Look out for the 17th-century pulpit and the unusual Norman carving above the south doorway. The wooden-fenced churchyard is filled with wild flowers in spring.

Church Lane, Haltham-on-Bain, Horncastle LN9 6JF
→ 4m S of Horncastle on A153

🕒 *Open daily*

Kingerby, St Peter

14

A beautiful, mysterious Medieval church, located in the fields at the end of a twisting lane. Inside, St Peter's is light and airy and contains three wonderful 14th-century monuments, each with a stone carving of a knight.

Kingerby, Market Rasen LN8 3PU
→ 5m NW of Market Rasen off A631

🕒 *Open daily*

Little Cawthorpe, St Helen

15

This charming Victorian church – with its colourful red brick, vibrant stained glass and elegant spire – was built in the style of 14th-century Gothic architecture. It was lauded as a perfect example of a modest parish church.

Watery Lane, Little Cawthorpe, Louth LN11 8LZ
→ 3m SE of Louth off A157

🕒 *Open daily*



Normanby-by-Spital, St Peter

16

This small Medieval village church sits in a pretty churchyard and boasts a sturdy, handsome tower. Inside, there is an attractive 12th-century arcade with wonderful carvings.

Main Street, Normanby-by-Spital, Lincoln LN8 2HF

→ 11m N of Lincoln, 8m W of Market Rasen and E of A15

🕒 *Open daily*

Normanton, St Nicholas

17

Delightful stone church, with views across rolling countryside. The south arcade has arches that date back to the 12th century, while the 14th-century tower has a row of intriguing animal head carvings beneath the parapet.

Normanton-on-Cliffe, Grantham NG32 3BH

→ 7m N of Grantham on A607

🕒 *Open daily*

North Cockerington, St Mary

18

Unusually, the square-towered St Mary's shares a churchyard with another church, St Adelwold's. The bulk of St Mary's dates from the 13th and 14th centuries, although a blocked-up window in the chancel might be Saxon.

Church Lane, Alvingham, Louth LN11 0QD

→ 3m NE of Louth

🕒 *Open weekends; at other times keyholder nearby*

Redbourne, St Andrew

19

This substantial church, built largely in the 14th and 15th centuries, has a wonderfully tall, slender tower. The interior is an attractive mix of Georgian and Victorian. It includes a detailed, dramatic and vividly coloured stained glass window of the Day of Judgement from 1830.

Redbourne, Gainsborough DN21 4QN

→ 10m SE of Scunthorpe off A15 and 4m S of Brigg

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Skidbrooke, St Botolph

20

Set in magnificent isolation in marshland, this early Medieval church has the feel of a great hall. The bare and unadorned interior has several wonderful arcades, giving the church its special charm and character.

Church Lane, Skidbrooke, Louth LN11 7DQ

→ 7m E of Louth off B1200

🕒 *Open daily*

South Somercotes, St Peter

21

Often called the Queen of the Marsh, this 13th-century church has a tall, slender spire, which for centuries has guided sailors along the Lincolnshire coast. Its spacious interior contains a superbly carved 15th-century font.

South Somercotes, Louth LN11 7BW

→ 8m NE of Louth off A1031

🕒 *Open daily*

Theddlethorpe, All Saints

22

A 14th- and 15th-century church with Norman origins, All Saints has been called the Cathedral of the Marsh – a testament to its impressive length and spacious, light-filled interior, as well as the quality of its exterior carving.

Thacker Bank, Theddlethorpe, Louth LN12 1PE

→ 7m E of Louth off A1031

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Waithe, St Martin

23

St Martin's, with its beautiful square tower, dates back to the 11th century. It was restored exquisitely in 1861 with delightful tiled decoration and stunning stained glass.

Church Lane, Waithe, Grimsby DN36 5PR

→ 5m S of Grimsby off A16

🕒 *Open daily*

Yarburgh, St John the Baptist

24

Dating from 1405, this local landmark is famed for its prominent sandstone tower. The tower's west doorway features superbly detailed carvings of Adam, Eve and the serpent, the Lamb of God and other Biblical themes.

Main Road, Yarborough, Louth LN11 0PN

→ 5m NE of Louth

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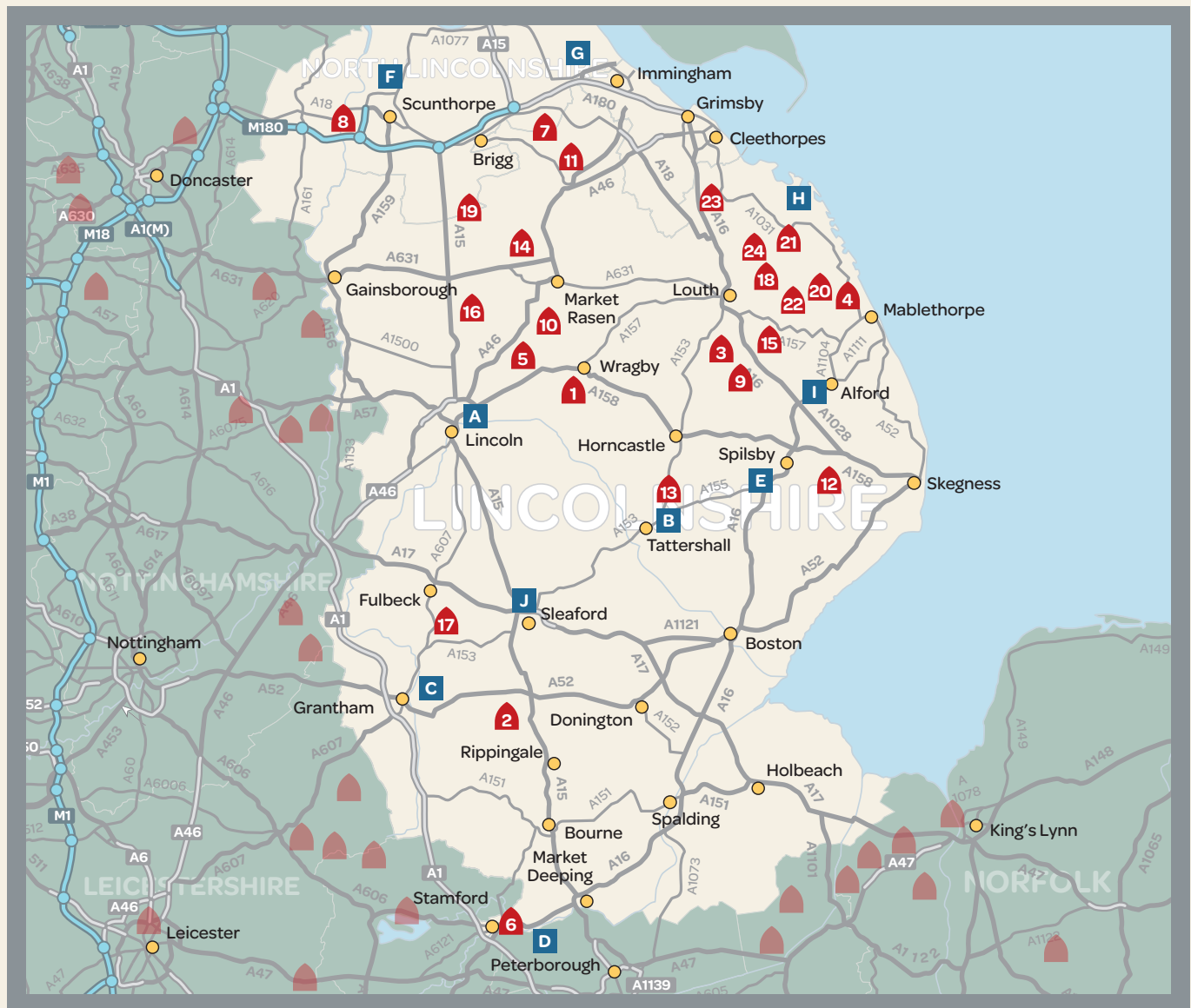
Finding our churches

The map opposite shows the location of each of our churches in Lincolnshire, together with other nearby attractions and CCT churches in adjoining counties.

Our website, visitchurches.org.uk, has much more detailed information to help you plan your trip.

	Church Name	Ordnance Survey ref
1	Goltho, St George	TF 116 775
2	Haceby, St Barbara (or St Margaret)	TF 030 361
3	Haugham, All Saints	TF 330 810
4	Saltfleetby, All Saints	TF 455 905
5	Snarford, St Lawrence	TF 051 825
6	Stamford, St John the Baptist (cover image)	TF 030 070
7	Barnetby-le-Wold, St Mary	TA 061 091
8	Burringham, St John the Baptist	SE 833 090
9	Burwell, St Michael	TF 356 797
10	Buslingthorpe, St Michael	TF 079 852
11	Clixby, All Hallows	TA 103 043
12	Great Steeping, All Saints Old Church	TF 434 639
13	Halham-on-Bain, St Benedict	TF 246 638
14	Kingerby, St Peter	TF 057 929
15	Little Cawthorpe, St Helen	TF 356 837
16	Normanby-by-Spital, St Peter	TF 002 882
17	Normanton, St Nicholas	SK 948 463
18	North Cockerington, St Mary	TF 367 914
19	Redbourne, St Andrew	SK 973 999
20	Skidbrooke, St Botolph	TF 439 932
21	South Somercotes, St Peter	TF 416 938
22	Theddlethorpe, All Saints	TF 464 882
23	Waithe, St Martin	TA 283 007
24	Yarburgh, St John the Baptist	TF 351 931


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Other local heritage attractions

- A** Lincoln Castle and Cathedral
- B** Tattershall Castle 
- C** Belton House and Gardens 
- D** Burghley House – gardens, park
- E** Bolingbroke Castle 
- F** Normanby Hall and Country Park

- G** Thornton Abbey and Gatehouse 
- H** Tetney Marshes RSPB Reserve
- I** Alford Manor House
- J** The National Centre for Craft and Design



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