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St Leonard's Parish Church
Loftus-in-Cleveland
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Lewis Hunton
A Life worth
Celebrating

A Service of Thanksgiving

For the life and work of

LEWIS HUNTON

1814 - 1838



**In the Bicentennial year of his Birth
In Loftus and of his Baptism at
Saint Leonard's Church**

Sunday 14th September 2014 at 1500 hrs.

The Welcome

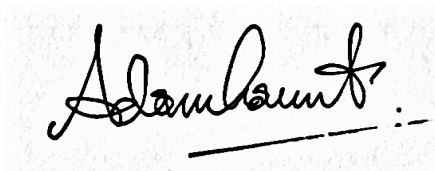
A very warm welcome to Saint Leonard's Parish Church for today's unique Service of Thanksgiving.

Today's Church Service is a partnership event between Saint Leonard's Parish Church and *The North East Yorkshire Geology Trust*.

This event contributes a spiritual dimension to the numerous events *The North East Yorkshire Geology Trust* are holding to mark the Bicentennial year of the birth and baptism of Lewis Hunton.

It is envisaged that today's Service of Thanksgiving will last no longer than an hour, after which refreshments will be served in Loftus Town Hall providing an opportunity for community fellowship and networking.

I hope you enjoy this very special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Adam Gaunt', followed by a horizontal line and a colon.

The Revd. Adam Gaunt MA
Rector Loftus, Carlin How and
Skinningrove

The Entrance

¶ *Please STAND for the Opening Hymn*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

The Greeting & Confession

¶ *The Bishop of Whitby begins the Service saying:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be with you **and also with you.**

We have come together in the presence of Almighty God to give thanks for the life and work of the Geologist Lewis Hunton. We gather in the bicentennial year of his birth here in Loftus and of his baptism in this Parish Church. We celebrate his geological endeavours and we give thanks to Almighty God for his legacy.

Scripture reminds us how, in the presence of God,

“The mountains shall be shaken to their foundations with the waters; and before your glance the rocks shall melt like wax. But to those who fear you, you show mercy.”ⁱ

As we gather together today, and confident of God's mercy, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

¶ *Silence is kept for a time.*

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his + pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Father,
as we give thanks for the life, baptism, work
and legacy of Lewis Hunton,
we ask you to bless with wisdom all those who,
in our generation, seek to enhance the nations
through scientific enquiry and endeavour.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Context

¶ *Please be SEATED.*

The Life and Work of Lewis Hunton – An Overview
An Address by Prof Hugh Torrens

¶ *Please STAND for the Second Hymn*

**Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

The Bible Reading

¶ Please be SEATED.

A Reading from the Gospel According to Saint Lukeⁱⁱ

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As Jesus rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Sermon is preached by
The Rt. Revd. Paul Ferguson The Bishop of Whitby

¶ *After the sermon a period of silence is kept.*

The Prayers

¶ *The Rector introduces the Prayers saying:*

In our prayers, let us remember before God
Lewis Hunton, and all who seek to enhance the
nations through scientific enquiry and endeavour.

¶ *At the bidding 'Lord in your mercy' please respond
'hear our prayer.'*

¶ *At the end of the prayers we will be invited to say
together the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

¶ Please *STAND* for the Third Hymn during which a collection will be taken for Saint Leonard's Parish Church

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One, in Threefold glory,
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
here to have and hold for ever
those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter in thy glory
with thy blessed ones to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

The Blessing

¶ The Bishop of Whitby gives the blessing saying:

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
+ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

¶ *The Rector dismisses the congregation saying:*

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

¶ *Please remain STANDING for the Final Hymn.*

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns,
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.ⁱⁱⁱ**

The Reception

Following the Service of Thanksgiving light refreshments will be served in Loftus Town Hall, which is adjacent to Saint Leonard's Parish Church.

In the Town Hall guests will also have the opportunity to see the Geology exhibition provided by *The North East Yorkshire Geology Trust*, meet members of the Trust and discover more about the groundbreaking work of Lewis Hunton.

Endnotes:

ⁱ Judith 16 v 15

ⁱⁱ St Luke 19 v 28 - 40

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