

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
30th August 2020

Please read the Notices below carefully with regard to all services and events.

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist
5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

THIS WEEK

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

No Services or Events in Church Today

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

WEDNESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:30 am Said Eucharist
10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer



*Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page,
or speak to Alice,
for information about St Nick's Nippers*

FRIDAY

8:45am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Church Open for Individual Prayer

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer
Weekend e-Church available from Noon

NEXT SUNDAY – 13th AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist
5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 6th

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-end
Matthew 18:15-20

WEDNESDAY 9th

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-end
Luke 6:20-26

FROM THE VICAR

I used to enjoy this time of year. Like the blank sheets of paper in the brand new notebooks bought for the return to school, it seemed full of possibility, a chance to start afresh.

This year, like many of us I imagine, my feelings are altogether heavier. It is hard to know what to look forward to: a new school year, yes, but under

the shadow both of Covid-19 and of arguments about the best way to respond to it; the ordination of a Curate to the Priesthood (see below), emphatically so, but with a tinge of sadness about the impact of the pandemic on the journey to this point and on the form this celebration now has to take.

All in all, I suspect that it will be hard to remember the academic year 2019-20 without some lingering regret. And while we ought to restrain ourselves from wallowing in what John Bunyan memorably called 'the slough of despond', we ought also to tell the truth, to ourselves and to each other, about what has happened and how we feel about it. That is the only way in which we can begin to lay the past to rest and move on.

In our lives of Christian faith, this drama occupies a larger stage. Coming to a recognition of what has gone wrong in the past, including our own complicity and culpability in it, is part of what is meant by the word 'repentance'. In fact, it's the more important part of what is meant by that word. Feeling sorry and ashamed may well result, but that won't do us any good unless we really face up to the truth.

This much might be perfectly commonplace on any therapist's couch. But then comes the uniquely Christian bit, the realisation that God in Christ takes away the old notebooks, full of mistakes and scribbles out, disappointing grades and embarrassing marginal notes, and hands us a brand new one with clean pages and an invitation to start afresh.

My hope, and my prayer, is that this coming season of mist and mellow fruitfulness will be one of healing and refreshment for us all.

May God make it so, and may God bless you all,

Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

ORDINATION OF REVD ALICE JOLLEY AS PRIEST

Alice's ordination to the priesthood will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 4th October at St Nick's.

Numbers will be limited, and more so than usual under the current restrictions, but there are a good number of spaces for members of the congregation which will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis'. Alice would very much like as many St Nick's people there as possible.

Alice's first Eucharist as President will take place on the same day at 5:00 pm. We are glad to say that there will be even more spaces for members of our regular congregation to attend this service, a very special event in the life of an ordained person. If you would like to attend this service, please let us know as soon as possible. Places will have to be offered on a 'first come, first served basis'.

Please also pray for Alice as she prepares for these landmark moments under very unusual circumstances.

CAN YOU HELP?

We aim to open church for private prayer and visitors from 10.00am to 11.00am each day, Monday to Saturday, but we need volunteers to help us achieve this. The work is not onerous and involves just one or two hours each month. Extending a friendly welcome is the main task. If you can help or if you'd just like more information, please contact me on 01522 520729 or email to joanberesford1@gmail.com. Thank you.

Joan Beresford

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Face Coverings

It is now a legal requirement for those attending public worship to wear face masks. It is also a legal requirement for those conducting public worship to wear face masks at those points in the ceremony where physical distance cannot be maintained, most particularly during the distribution of communion. As currently phrased the Government's definition of a 'face covering' requires at least two, preferably three, layers of cloth which fit securely against both sides of the face. We are asked to make clear that face coverings should not be seen as a substitute for social distancing and careful hygiene.

Morning Prayer

The morning office is taking place in the Sanctuary. If you want to come along you will need a device with the Common Worship Daily Prayer App installed. Please get in touch with me, Alice or Peter Elsmore if you need help with this. If attending, please sit only in the seats provided, and do not move the chairs.

Private Prayer

The building continues to open daily for private, individual prayer. Please follow the instructions on

the various signs around the church, and of the stewards on duty.

Eucharists

It remains essential that you contact the Parish Office in advance of a Eucharist if you wish to attend. If possible, please do so **by email**. The Administrators will be keeping a list, and stewards will give priority to those who have registered. Services will offer communion in one kind only, and various social distancing measures will be in operation. Please follow the instructions given in church by the Priest and stewards. The order of service for the eucharist is available on the parish website and the link has been published by email circulation. **We encourage as many people as possible to download the service at home and bring it with them, either as a print out or on a phone or tablet.** There will be a very limited number of freshly printed service booklets in church for each service. If you need to use one of these, please do not hand it back in. Take it away with you, and be prepared to use it again.

e-Church

e-Church continues, but there is now only one video each week. This video will appear on a Saturday. Anyone who can access the internet can see these videos. If you need help with this, please do get in touch.

DAILY OFFICE ONLINE

With the resumption of Morning Prayer in church, our online daily office will now change. Evening Prayer will happen on Zoom on Sundays at 5.00pm. Please contact the Vicar if you would like to join in with this act of worship.

CHURCH FINANCES – THANK YOU

We are so grateful for the continued generosity of our many regular supporters during the lockdown period. Members of congregation have continued with their monthly standing orders and direct debits, and without their support we would not be able to meet our monthly commitments. Sandra says, 'I am very grateful to them all for helping me keep the books balanced and me sane.'

Now that we are back in the church building, we ask those who use the weekly or monthly envelopes to bring their donations with them – many already have, for which heartfelt thanks. Every penny is needed to keep this wonderful church going. Thank you!

READINGS

Sunday 30th August – 12th after Trinity

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM

PSALM 26:1-8

Refrain: Your love is before my eyes.

Give judgement for me, O Lord,

for I have walked with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind. **R**

For your love is before my eyes;

I have walked in your truth.

I have not joined the company of the false,

nor consorted with the deceitful.

I hate the gathering of evildoers

and I will not sit down with the wicked. **R**

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

that I may go about your altar,

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving

and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house of your habitation

and the place where your glory abides. **R**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:9-END

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be

ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-END

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Wednesday 2nd September

COLLECT

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FIRST READING

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

PSALM

PSALM 62

Refrain: Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul.

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

How long will all of you assail me to destroy me,
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

They plot only to thrust me down
from my place of honour;
lies are their chief delight;
they bless with their mouth,
but in their heart they curse.

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul;
for in him is my hope.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. **R**

In God is my strength and my glory;
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people;
pour out your hearts before him,
for God is our refuge.

The peoples are but a breath,
the whole human race a deceit;
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

Put no trust in oppression;
in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same,
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to their deeds. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 4:38-END

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

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