

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
6<sup>th</sup> September 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**

**MONDAY**

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

**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  
9:30 am St Nick's Nippers



*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 – 14<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY**

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

<u>SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup></u>
Genesis 50:15-21	1 Corinthians 12:31b-end of 13
Psalms 103:8-13	Psalms 33:1-12
Romans 14:1-12	Luke 7:31-35
Matthew 18:21-35	

**FROM THE VICAR**

The discovery that it is September again has challenged my sense of time. The year to date has been so odd that the rhythm of the weeks and months, the passing of the seasons, doesn't seem to have worked in quite the same way as I generally experience. The pandemic crisis began as winter was giving way to spring. Now, the crisis

is far from over and we are already at the threshold of autumn. Throughout this period, many of the normal markers that divide up the time of our lives have been absent. Each day has been very similar to the last and to the next.

The same has been true in our church life. We went into lockdown during Lent, and spent the entire season of Easter unable to attend public worship. Ascension and Pentecost were also spent at home, and now we're into our third month of 'Ordinary Time' with Advent not too far away.

The different ways we have of marking out the passage of time are just as important as the ways we mark out spaces, but they can be harder to maintain. Most of us put things in a diary to make sure we remember where we're supposed to be and at what times, and we'll generally keep our appointments if we'd be letting other people down by not doing so. Yet we are often much less disciplined when other people aren't involved. I can write in my diary that I need to go out for a run, or take a day's silent retreat, but if someone rings to ask me to attend a meeting at one of those times I find it difficult to say no.

Setting aside both time and space for prayer is an essential discipline of the life of faith. But it's all too easy to see this commitment, the promises we make to ourselves and to God about where we will be and when, as less binding than the appointments we make with other people. Shouldn't it be the other way around? Without being overly pious, shouldn't we be in the habit of turning down invitations that clash with our spiritual commitments, rather than giving up our prayer time to meet a friend for a drink?

Developing a habit of regular daily prayer is, if my experience is anything to go by, as challenging as it is essential. Without it, the life of faith quickly becomes dry and stale. Keeping the discipline may be hard, but it is by far the best way of marking out the time of our lives.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity*

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **FIRST READING**

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

The word of the Lord came to me:

‘So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?’

#### **PSALM**

PSALM 119:33-40

*Refrain: Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes  
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;  
I shall keep it with my whole heart. **R**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your testimonies  
and not to unjust gain. **R**

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;  
O give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which stands for all who fear you. **R**

Turn away the reproach which I dread,  
because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments;  
in your righteousness give me life. **R**

#### **SECOND READING**

ROMANS 13:8-END

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

#### **GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

#### **POST COMMUNION**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-31

Now concerning virgins, I have no command of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. I think that, in view of the impending crisis, it is well for you to remain as you are. Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But if you marry, you do not sin, and if a virgin marries, she does not sin. Yet those who marry will experience distress in this life, and I would spare you that. I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**PSALM**

PSALM 45:11-END

**Refrain: The peoples shall praise you for ever, O God.**

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;  
he is your lord, so do him honour.  
The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;  
the richest of the people shall seek your favour. **R**  
The king's daughter is all glorious within;  
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.  
She shall be brought to the king  
in raiment of needlework;  
after her the virgins that are her companions.  
With joy and gladness shall they be brought  
and enter into the palace of the king. **R**  
'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,  
whom you shall make princes over all the land.  
'I will make your name to be remembered  
through all generations;  
therefore shall the peoples praise you  
for ever and ever.' **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 6:20-26

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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