

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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

**TODAY**

- 8:30 am Said Eucharist  
**10:30 am Ordination to the Priesthood of the Reverend Alice Jolley**  
**5:00pm Festival Eucharist for St Michael and All Angels – Reverend Alice Jolley Presiding**

**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  
10:30 am *Licensing Service – Peter Elsmore licensed as a Reader*

*Weekend e-Church available from Noon*

**NEXT SUNDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY**

- 9:00 am Harvest Festival**  
**10:30 am Harvest Festival**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

<u>SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup></u>
Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Galatians 5:18-end
Psalm 65	Psalm 1
2 Corinthians 9:6-end	Luke 11:42-46
Luke 12:16-30	

**FROM THE VICAR**

This week, I am reproducing words from the service booklet that has been prepared for this afternoon's service, Alice's First Eucharist as Priest and President.

The first time a newly ordained priest presides at the Eucharist is a precious moment for that priest and for the Church. Traditionally known as a 'First Mass', this celebration marks both a beginning and a continuation. It is a continuation of a journey began long ago, when God created Alice and in that very act of creation called her to be a priest, a journey that carried on through the years of discernment, discovery and delight that have led her to this moment. It is also a continuation of a ministry well begun in a local parish context where Alice has served faithfully as a Deacon for the last year and more.

But a 'First Mass' is also a beginning, the start of a new phase in Alice's ministry, one in which the sacraments of the church now take centre stage. This, here and now, is what God always had in mind. This, in this place and in our midst, is what everything has so far been leading towards.

This celebration also traditionally involves the ministry of 'First Blessings'. By God's ordaining, Alice now has the authority to give God's blessing. Alice has chosen the following quotation from St John Chrysostom's homily on the sixth chapter of St John's gospel as a reflection on this remarkable day.

'Truly awe-inspiring are the mysteries of the Church; truly awesome her altar. A fountain sprang out of paradise, sending forth tangible streams; a fountain arises from this table, sending forth spiritual streams. Beside this fountain there have grown, not fruitless willows, but trees which reach heaven itself, with fruit ever in season and incorrupt... This fountain is the fountain of light, shedding abundant rays of truth. Beside it Powers from on high have taken their stand, gazing on the beauty of the streams, since they perceive more clearly than we the power of what lies before us and its unapproachable flashing rays.'

May God bless Alice richly this weekend and in her ministry in the years to come, 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**

### **LICENSING OF PETER ELSMORE AS A READER**

One of our priorities at St Nick's is 'nurturing vocations' and I'm delighted to announce that having completed two years of training Dr Peter Elsmore will be licensed as a Reader next **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30 am**. Please pray for Peter as he steps into this new ministry in God's church.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL OFFERINGS**

We will be keeping our Harvest Festival this year on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. In view of Covid safety precautions, and of the needs of our local community at this time, we ask you please NOT to bring foodstuffs into church. Instead, we are asking for donations to our local Community Larder project. Our intention is to direct our support especially to those in need in our own neighbourhood through the Food Banks operating in the churches of St John, Ermine and St Giles.

We'll be sharing further information about how to donate soon, but a reminder – please do not bring in foodstuffs this year.

### **ADVENT CALENDARS**

I am now able to order Fair Trade Advent Calendars. They will be similar in style and price to last year's and are made by the Real Chocolate Company. If I get enough orders we may be given a discount. I hope to have a catalogue with more detail soon. If interested, please phone me on Lincoln 526783, or contact the church office. *John Simmons*

### **DOROTHY MIDDLETON**

Those who knew her will be sad to hear that Dorothy Middleton recently died at the age of 93 after a short final illness. Dorothy was for many years an active member of this congregation and was much loved and respected by all. Although unable to attend church for the last several years, Dorothy remained a 'St Nick's' person through and through. We pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory. Dorothy's funeral will be at Lincoln Crematorium on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Because of Covid restrictions, only Dorothy's family will be in attendance. Please pray for Kate and all the family in their time of loss.

### **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*

### **COVID-SAFE WORSHIP**

Most St Nick's regulars will by now be familiar with the various procedures that are in place to make sure that

our public worship is as safe as it possibly can be. May I just offer a few gentle reminders?

Please do not use paper versions of either the Order of Service or the Weekly Sheet unless you absolutely have to. If you do use paper copies, please take them away with you and re-use them where appropriate. Paper handling is a known mechanism of viral transmission and we need to keep it to a minimum.

Please observe social distancing throughout your time in the church building and in the churchyard. We all enjoy our chats with friends at the West End after the service, but please don't forget to keep a reasonable distance apart, as this will minimise the risk of airborne transmission. If it's fine, we can also go outside!

Please wait to be shown to a seat or directed to an available space as you come into church.

Please make sure that your name and phone number have been logged on our attendance list. Please do this *regardless* of whether you make use of the QR code in the porch.

Please continue to listen carefully to instructions and requests from the clergy, wardens and stewards and follow these.

## READINGS

*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October - 17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity*

### **COLLECT**

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

### **PSALM**

PSALM 80:9-17

**Refrain: For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You made room around it,  
and when it had taken root, it filled the land. **R**  
The hills were covered with its shadow  
and the cedars of God by its boughs.  
It stretched out its branches to the Sea  
and its tendrils to the River. **R**

Why then have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,  
and all the insects of the field devour it. **R**  
Turn again, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven and behold;  
Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,  
and the branch that you made so strong for  
yourself.  
Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,  
perish at the rebuke of your countenance. **R**

### **SECOND READING**

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 21:33-END

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when

the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

#### **POST COMMUNION**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### ***Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October***

#### **COLLECT**

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **FIRST READING**

GALATIANS 2:1-2, 7-14

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with

the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?'

#### **PSALM**

PSALM 117

O praise the Lord, all you nations;

praise him, all you peoples.

For great is his steadfast love towards us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

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