

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**FEAST OF ST LUKE**  
18<sup>th</sup> October 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

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary  
10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer  
7:30 pm PCC on Zoom

**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  
1:00 pm Funeral – Lucy Hobson

**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 – LAST AFTER TRINITY**

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Said Eucharist

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

<u>SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup></u>
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Isaiah 28:14-16
Psalm 1	Psalm 119:89-96
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Ephesians 2:19-end
Matthew 22:34-end	John 15:17-end

**FROM THE VICAR**

When I lived in London I helped to run the music at St Luke's church in West Holloway. That church was also home to the year round offices and operations of the Greenbelt festival. St Luke is the patron saint of artists, and the arts were important in that church's sense of identity through that connection with Greenbelt. It was a

good combination, although St Luke is also the patron saint of doctors, students and butchers and not the patron saint of musicians. (St Cecilia is.)

That idea of patron saints is one that has some connections with the pre-Christian pagan pantheon in which there were individual gods for different areas of life. It's an enchanting idea, isn't it, the thought that there are supernatural beings watching over specific aspects of our existence? St Anthony can help you find something you've lost; St Christopher will take care of you when you're travelling...

Yet, as I've spent time with Luke this week I find that he, like a great artist, is elusive. He, himself, is not the point. He isn't afraid of being seen or heard. It's not a matter of being shy and retiring, under-confident or overly-deferent. It's just that what he really wants to do is draw our attention to something else.

Or rather, someone else.

Like so many other aspects of our Christian lives, the veneration of saints risks becoming an end in itself. Yet, at its best, it is something that points us further, that draws our eyes in and through the object of our gaze to the truth that lies behind it. In Luke's case, and indeed in the case of every real saint, that truth is Jesus Christ.

Celebrating the lives and witness of the most remarkable Christians who have ever lived is a good thing. But we do them and ourselves a disservice if we don't allow them to point us further. Neither Luke, nor Cecilia, nor our own patron Nicholas would encourage us to become disciples of themselves. They would, rather, tell us to look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of their faith and ours.

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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## **NOTICES**

### **BRIAN AND MARGARET WISKEN**

We have been asked to remember Brian and Margaret Wisken in our prayers. Many members of our congregation remember Brian and Margaret and their family from Brian's time as Vicar at St Nicholas back in the 1990s. Brian is now very poorly. We will be praying for him and all the family publicly and encourage others to keep them in their private prayers also.

### **REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING – SUNDAY** **1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Current restrictions prevent us from holding our usual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving this year. However, it is still important that we have an opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost. We will be announcing full details of how this will take place very soon. In the meantime, if you would like to a loved one to be included in our Remembrance on 1<sup>st</sup> November please email their name to the office - [stnicholaslincoln@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholaslincoln@gmail.com) – and we will add them to the list.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL OFFERINGS**

We are collecting money this year for Lincoln Community Larder, with the intention that this should be directed to the alleviation of hunger in our own neighbourhood. There are three ways to give:

#### *Online*

Go to the Lincoln Community Larder website <http://lincolnlarder.co.uk/> and click on the links to 'Local Giving' or 'Just Giving'.

#### *Cheque*

Make your cheque payable to 'Lincoln Community Larder' and put it in the bucket at church.

#### *Cash*

Put your donations in the bucket at church.

We will be keeping our collection open until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

### **ADVENT CALENDARS - UPDATE**

I am now able to order Fair Trade Advent Calendars. This year they are made by the Divine Chocolate Company (not the Real Chocolate Company, as previously advertised!). There are milk and dark chocolate versions, both priced at £4.99. If I get enough orders we may be given a discount. It would be helpful to have orders no later than Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, to the church office, or to me on Lincoln 526783.

*John Simmons*

### **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*

### **ELECTRONIC ORDERS OF SERVICE**

Thank you to everyone who is downloading the Orders of Service to help us minimise the number of paper copies that are printed and handled. It's a good idea to save either the file itself or the link to the file on your device. If you lose either the file or the link, please email the parish office, who will be able to re-supply it.

### **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.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – CALL TO ACTION.**

Dear friends, this year the Christian community of Vanuatu, which lies between Australia and the Fiji Islands, have put together the WDP liturgy based on the theme of "building a strong foundation". The planning meeting is due to take place on 12th Nov at 10am over Zoom. Due to work commitments, Kate Mitchell is unable to attend but the WDP organisers would love to have a representative for St Nick's join them to put together Lincoln's response to this wonderful act of worship and global Christian fellowship.

If you would be willing to support Kate in this and attend the meeting on behalf of St Nick's, please could you let Kate know by Monday 19th October 7pm: [kimitchell882@gmail.com](mailto:kimitchell882@gmail.com) or 07708 286972.

Many thanks in advance, Kate.

## READINGS

### *Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Feast of St Luke*

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **FIRST READING**

ACTS 16:6-12A

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

#### **PSALM**

PSALM 147:1-7

*Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.*

Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up all their wounds. **R**

He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

The Lord lifts up the poor,  
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the lyre. **R**

#### **SECOND READING**

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved

for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

#### **GOSPEL**

LUKE 10:1-9

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

#### **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**COLLECT**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING**

EPHESIANS 3:2-12

Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**PSALM**

PSALM 98

**Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvellous things.

His own right hand and his holy arm

have won for him the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;

his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness

towards the house of Israel,

and all the ends of the earth have seen the

salvation of our God. **R**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;

break into singing and make music.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the voice of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

sound praises before the Lord, the King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,

the world and all that dwell upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands

and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 12:39-48

Jesus said: 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.'

**POST COMMUNION**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**