

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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ALL SAINTS' DAY
1st 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
2:00 pm Afternoon of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

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 – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 11th</u>
Wisdom 6:12-16	Titus 3:1-7
Wisdom 6:17-20	Psalms 23
1 Thessalonians 4:13-end	Luke 17:11-19
Matthew 25:1-13	

FROM THE VICAR

I've never much cared for horror films. This has, over the years, dealt a bit of a blow to my aspirations to be taken seriously as a movie buff, but there it is. By the time most of you read this, Halloween will already have passed, but I'm writing this on 31st October, now an almost

entirely secular celebration of all things scary and spooky, including horror films.

Horror films play on an aspect of our psychology that allows us to see certain things as both real and unreal at one and the same time. When we watch movies, we 'suspend our disbelief' enough to enter into the story and experience some of the emotions appropriate to the story's content. But we also know, at the same time, that what we're watching *isn't* real, that it is an artfully contrived fiction devised for our entertainment. And in the case of horror films, if we didn't know that then we would not, in fact, be entertained.

That little trick of our brains, the 'real and not real at the same time' mechanism that allows us both to enter into a fictional world and to recognise it as an artifice, can't always be taken for granted. When it breaks down, our emotions in response to (for example) a spooky movie can be altogether more real than we would like.

This weekend we begin a period in the church's year when we reflect extensively on those who have died. The headline is simple – those who place their trust in Jesus Christ have nothing to fear in this life or the next. So, whatever we are doing when we remember those who have now died – the great Christians of the past both named and un-named; those whom we have personally loved; people who died in war – we are not calling that into question. We place our hope in Christ.

Hope is a word that has a special meaning for Christians. Unlike the vague aspiration of everyday language, a 'real yet unreal' thing if ever there was one, Christian hope is based on the promises of God. As such it is a confident expectation. That confidence in what God has done for us in Christ should be at the heart of all of our thinking, all of our praying, most especially when we turn our thoughts to what lies beyond the veil of bodily death.

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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NOTICES

*****TODAY*****

Afternoon of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

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. The church building will therefore be open from two o'clock this afternoon until six o'clock. If you are unable to join us in person, there is an opportunity to light a virtual candle for your loved one at www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/light-candle-remember-someone.

REVEREND BRIAN WISKEN

The Reverend Brian Wisken, who was Vicar at St Nicholas back in the 1990s and is still remembered here by many, died last Sunday lunchtime. Please pray for Margaret and all the family. For Brian, we pray with confidence that he will rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER – 10.30AM

Parish Eucharist and Act of Remembrance

If you plan to join us for this service, please register your interest by email to the parish office: stnicholaslincoln@gmail.com or phone 01522 540614. **Please do so EVEN IF you are a 'regular' at the 10:30 service.** For more information all services in November, please visit our website: www.stnicholaslincoln.org.uk

ADVENT CALENDARS – FURTHER UPDATE!

I am now able to order Fair Trade Advent Calendars. This year we have three options. The Divine Chocolate Company offers milk and dark chocolate versions, both priced at £4.99. And the Meaningful Chocolate Company offers a milk chocolate calendar with a booklet of the Christmas story, priced at £3.99. If I get enough orders we may be given a discount. It would be helpful to have orders no later than Sunday 8th 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. 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.

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 1st November – All Saints' Day

COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:9-END

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

PSALM

PSALM 34:1-10

Refrain: **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together. **R**

I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who
fear him
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him. **R**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good. **R**

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:13

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Wednesday 4th November

COLLECT

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

PSALM

PSALM 27:1-5

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began

to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**