

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
15th November 2020

TODAY

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

WEDNESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

8:00 pm Compline on Zoom

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

Weekend e-Church available from Noon

NEXT SUNDAY – CHRIST THE KING

10:00 am Church Open for Individual Prayer

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7

Ephesians 1:15-end

Matthew 25:31-end

WEDNESDAY 25th

Revelation 15:1-4

Psalms 98

Luke 21:12-19

“From the Vicar” will resume next week

NOTICES

ADVENT AT ST NICHOLAS

Advent begins on Sunday November 29th. We will be marking this with the launch of our virtual Posada on e-Church. Watch this space for details on how to sign up to receive the electronic Posada into your home.

Our Advent Course will be held on Zoom, every Wednesday @ 7 pm. Alice will be exploring the great Advent themes of Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell in the Book of Common Prayer. Advent services will continue on e-Church, and God-willing resume in the church building from Sunday 6th December, which is also our Patronal Festival.

Please contact the Parish Office to sign up to our e-Church mailing, or to receive the Zoom link.

HARVEST THANKS

Many thanks for all the donations we received at Harvest. A total of £587.50 was raised for Lincoln Community Larder.

COMPLINE AND MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called for us to keep Thursdays in lockdown as days of intentional prayer. Compline will be said on Zoom at 8pm each Thursday evening in November.

Throughout November Morning Prayer will also be said on Zoom.

Please use this link if you would like to join us:
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88000806415>

Meeting ID: 880 0080 6415

CAN YOU HELP?

We continue, lockdown notwithstanding, to aim to open church for private prayer and visitors from 10.00am to 11.00am each day, Monday to Sunday, 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

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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READINGS

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and
revive in us new hope that all creation will one day
be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-END

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM

PSALM 90:1-8

Refrain: O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say:

'Turn back, O children of earth.' **R**

For a thousand years in your sight are but as
yesterday,

which passes like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. **R**

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. When they say, 'There is peace and security',
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for
you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us
not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and
those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the
hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for
wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus said to his disciples,

'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a
journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. The one who had
received the five talents went off at once and traded
with them, and made five more talents. In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid
his master's money. After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master,
you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made
five more talents." His master said to him, "Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Wednesday 18th November

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

REVELATION 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.

Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,
'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,
'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

PSALM

PSALM 150

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**
Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Alleluia. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 19:11-28

As they were listening to this, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. So he said, 'A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, "Do business with these until I come back." But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We do not want this man to rule over us." When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, "Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds." He said to him, "Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities." Then the second came, saying, "Lord, your pound has made five pounds." He said to him, "And you, rule over five cities." Then the other came, saying, "Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow." He said to him, "I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest." He said to the bystanders, "Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds." (And they said to him, "Lord, he has ten pounds!") "I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence." '

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

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