

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### NOTES

*Please continue to let us know if you plan to attend worship in church. We still need to keep records of those who attend as well as making sure our numbers are within safe limits. Events in italics are by invitation only.*

### TODAY

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

### THIS WEEK

#### **MONDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open for private prayer

#### **TUESDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open for private prayer

#### **WEDNESDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
9:30 am Said Eucharist  
10:00 am Church open for private prayer

#### **THURSDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open for private prayer

#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 am Church open for private prayer  
11:45 am *Funeral – Mark Devanay*

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open for private prayer

### NEXT SUNDAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Said Eucharist  
*Noon Holy Baptism – Fraser and Ava Hattle*

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE</u>
Ezekiel 17:22-end	2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Psalms 92:1-4, 12-end	Psalms 112
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Mark 4:26-34	

### FROM THE VICAR

Last week I wrote here about the importance of an embodied faith. This belief, that God makes himself known to us in a direct and personal encounter, is central to the Christian tradition.

Since then, the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion, also known as Corpus Christi, has taken place. Corpus Christi means 'Body of Christ', a phrase which has three distinct yet

inseparable meanings. The Body of Christ is, first of all, the physical flesh and blood of the man Jesus. This is the life of God's own self made present in human history in a unique event, the union of the divine and the human natures in a specific person.

The second meaning of 'Body of Christ' also refers to the life of God's own self made present in human history, this time in the way that we encounter 'in the breaking of the bread'. The eternal, risen life of Christ is offered to the world in the Eucharist.

The third meaning of 'Body of Christ' refers to another way in which the life of God's own self is made present in human history – the Church. We are the Body of Christ. We are the people who are called to be the focus of personal encounter with God.

Quite obviously this is something that cannot be achieved in the way that one might set about organising a holiday or building an extension. To be the Body of Christ requires an act of God in us, and it is here that the three meanings of the phrase come together. The life of God made present in the world in the man Jesus, crucified and risen again, and offered to us in the Eucharist is what makes us the Body of Christ.

In my early days as Vicar of St Nicholas I tried a few times to keep the Festival of Corpus Christi. There was little appetite for it! This reflected, I think, the fact that it has not been a significant part of the tradition of the parish in living memory. I don't say this to scold. The liturgical expression of Corpus Christi is vital to the spirituality of some, but not all, Christian people. But it is important for every Christian person to reflect prayerfully on these deceptively simple words, the Body of Christ. We hear them when we receive Holy Communion, applied to the sacrament. We hear them at the introduction of the Peace, and in our Bible readings, applied to ourselves.

Again, to be the Body of Christ requires an act of God in us, and that act is, I believe, principally brought about by the Holy Communion. This is how we are made and remade as the Body of Christ. This is how, in turn, we are able to fulfil our calling to be people and communities where the world can encounter God's own self.

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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## **NOTICES**

### **LITTER PICK – THANKS**

Many thanks to all those who organised and took part in the St Nick's litter pick this weekend. Not only is our parish cleaner and tidier as a result, we made some new friends in the process.

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS – CASUAL VACANCIES**

Warmest congratulations to those elected to hold office in the Parish in the coming year! We ended up having a bit of a switch around, which resulted in two short-term vacancies for elected PCC representatives. If you would be interested in serving on the PCC for a one-year term, please speak to the Vicar.

### **ST NICK'S NIPPERS**

St Nick's Nippers will now resume in September. Please speak to Alice if you are able to be on the team of volunteers. Please also spread the word about this excellent opportunity for children under 5 and those who care for them to spend a happy morning in church.

## READINGS

*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June*

### **COLLECT**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

GENESIS 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.'

### **PSALM**

PSALM 130

*Refrain: With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.*

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my  
supplication.  
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you shall be feared. **R**  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning,  
more than the night watch for the morning. **R**  
O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
With him is plenteous redemption  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

### **SECOND READING**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise

us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **GOSPEL READING**

MARK 3:20-END

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

### **POST COMMUNION**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**COLLECT**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-11

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!

**PSALM**

PSALM 78:1-4

*Refrain: O Lord, how glorious are your works.*

Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will pour forth mysteries from of old,

Such as we have heard and known,  
which our forebears have told us. **R**

We will not hide from their children,  
but will recount to generations to come,  
the praises of the Lord and his power  
and the wonderful works he has done. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 5:17-19

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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