

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
4<sup>th</sup> July 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.***

### 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  
7:30 pm Deanery Chapter meeting

#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 am Church open for private prayer  
Noon Wedding of Laura and Darryl

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open for private prayer

### NEXT SUNDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> AFTER TRINITY

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY</u>
Amos 7:7-15	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Psalms 85:8-end	Psalms 103:1-7
Ephesians 1:3-14	Matthew 11:25-27
Mark 6:14-29	

### FROM THE VICAR

I hope to be indulged this week in mentioning a few major landmarks in my personal and family life over the last few days.

On Tuesday, Jackie and I celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We were married on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1991 in the Parish Church of St Ouen, Jersey. At the time we had no idea that we were marrying on one of the major feast days of the Church, the Festival of St Peter and St Paul. Still less did we foresee that this

would lead to some scheduling difficulties in the future, difficulties that arose because it is now customary for people to be ordained on or around this time.

My own ordination began it. I was made Deacon on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010, and ordained Priest a year later on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011, so this weekend marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my entering Priest's orders. These were, of course, joyful and life-changing moments, but they had the unfortunate consequence that I was on pre-ordination retreat on our Wedding Anniversary. In later years, other ordination services would present further clashes.

I am not complaining! There is a positive point in all this, but I'll get to it after mentioning another landmark that we passed this week when our older son, Ollie, graduated on Thursday. Although we weren't able to attend in person as a result of Covid restrictions, watching our 'little boy' take his degree was a proud moment in the best possible sense.

Anyway, I promised you a point to all this familial meandering. The point, I think, is that the structures and disciplines of church life can often seem in tension with the demands of family life. For us, that's often been the experience, but is it really what God wants? Marriage, too, is a sacrament, a means of God's grace, and we were called to be married long before I was called to ordination. Being a husband and a parent isn't, or shouldn't be, something that is in conflict with being a priest. We are called to fullness of life, in every aspect of our lives.

The mischief comes, I think, when we succumb to a culture that over-values work. Yes, I really did say that. St Benedict said that to work is to pray and to pray is to work – I agree with that. My point is not that work is bad, only that it is a means to an end, not an end in itself. And what is that end? Simply this – to share in the eternal life of God who is perfect love. Marriage and family life, in all of their rainbow varieties, are some of the most important ways in which we come to experience this. They should be celebrated without guilt, and if that means one or two emails have to wait until Monday, well then, let them wait.

May God bless you all,  
Hugh

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## **NOTICES**

### **VICAR HUGH NOW PRIEST IN CHARGE OF ST MARY MAGDALEN**

Our neighbouring Parish of St Mary Magdalen recently petitioned the Bishop to request that I be made their Priest-in-Charge. This was enacted at a short and simple ceremony on Tuesday evening. We look forward to working in closer partnership in the months and years to come.

### **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.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

As we look forward to re-starting activities and opening up more spaces, we need volunteers to keep our church clean. Can you spare an hour or two each month to join our team of cleaners? You don't have to be super-fit, just let me know what you are happy to contribute. Phone me on 01522 520729 if you can help. Thank you. *Joan Beresford*

### **ANNE ASKEW: A WOMAN OF COURAGE IN TUDOR LINCOLNSHIRE – BY MARGARET CROMPTON**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1:10pm, Cathedral Chapter House (Normal cathedral entrance charges apply.)  
Anne Askew read the Bible illegally in Lincoln Cathedral. In 1546; caught up in a conspiracy against Queen Katherine Parr, she was burnt as a heretic. In prison, she wrote accounts of her interrogations, including torture. The manuscript was smuggled out of England for publication by exiled priest Dr John Bale. The Wren Library, Lincoln Cathedral, holds a first edition. This staged reading by Script-in-Hand of this explores Anne's peaceful protest and its significance for our own understanding of freedom. In 2021, Eve is reading her own Bible in the Cathedral, to commemorate Anne Askew. Time drags, but Eve forgets her boredom when Anne speaks to her. Anne is represented by two actors. Anne (2021) introduces her father (Sir William), husband (Thomas Kyme) and Bishop Longland. Anne (1546) reads from her own writings, The Examinations of Anne Askewe, while John Bale reads his editorial comments. The Scholar interposes background information. John Bale is Master of Ceremonies. Please come and support us! *Su Toogood*

## READINGS

### *Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July*

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **FIRST READING**

EZEKIEL 2:1-5

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

#### **PSALM**

PSALM 123

*Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.  
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their  
master,  
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,  
until he have mercy upon us. **R**  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the  
arrogant,  
and of the contempt of the proud. **R**

#### **SECOND READING**

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord

about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

MARK 6:1-13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

#### **POST COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **FIRST READING**

GENESIS 41:55-END, 42:5-7, 17-END

When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.' And since the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine became severe throughout the world. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he said. They said, 'From the land of Canaan, to buy food.' And he put them all together in prison for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.' And they agreed to do so. They said to one another, 'Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.' Then Reuben answered them, 'Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.' They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.

They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed. When one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging-place, he saw his money at the top of the sack. He said to his brothers, 'My money has been put back; here it is in my sack!' At this they lost heart and turned trembling to one another, saying, 'What is this that God has done to us?' When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, 'The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly to us, and charged us with spying on the land. But we said to him, "We are honest men, we are not spies. We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan." Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, "By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. Bring your youngest brother to me, and I shall know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will release your brother to you, and you may trade in the land."'

As they were emptying their sacks, there in each one's sack was his bag of money. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed. And their father Jacob said to them, 'I am the one you have bereaved of children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is

no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has happened to me!' Then Reuben said to his father, 'You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.' But he said, 'My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should come to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my grey hairs with sorrow to Sheol.'

### **PSALM**

PSALM 33:1-4, 18-END

*Refrain: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
for it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.

Sing for him a new song;  
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

For the word of the Lord is true  
and all his works are sure. **R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord  
is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

To deliver their soul from death  
and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;  
in his holy name have we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have set our hope on you. **R**

### **GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 10:1-7

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

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**Amen**