

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11th 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
Noon Funeral – Anthony Copland

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open for private prayer

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open for private prayer

NEXT SUNDAY – 7th AFTER TRINITY

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

| <u>SUNDAY 18th JULY</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY 21st JULY</u> |
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| Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 |
| Psalms 23 | Psalms 78:17-31 |
| Ephesians 2:11-end | Matthew 13:1-9 |
| Mark 6:30-34, 53-end | |

FROM THE VICAR

I wonder how many different attitudes and feelings are inspired by this weekend's European Championship final?

There will be those who want England to win, of course, and you don't need to look very far around our city to find evidence of that sentiment. There will also be those who want Italy to win. Those are the obvious two groups, but there are, it seems to me, quite a few more.

There are those who just don't care, those for whom this moment when football moves from the back page of the newspaper to the front, from the end of the television news to the beginning, arouses no feeling except low-level irritation.

For other people, the irritation might be more severe. Domestic life has to be re-ordered around match schedules; curtains are drawn in the daytime to prevent glare; chants of 'it's coming home' from the neighbours' garden keep them awake until the small hours... They'll be glad when it really is all over.

There are also those who want someone to lose. There will be some, even within these islands, whose desire to see England lose is stronger than any interest in Italy winning.

And this is not an exhaustive list. I've said nothing about the role of fan behaviour, of history, or of the political flashpoints that have found a focus in and around the England football team. These will add complexity to the range of attitudes and feelings present around our city and nation and world on Sunday night.

Sporting events appeal to the very best in us and to the very worst. They allow us, on the one hand, to take delight in the achievements of others, to share in an almost mystical sense of common purpose and identity. But there is a shadow to this joy, the sense that it requires someone else to suffer disappointment and defeat.

Above all, sport is *powerful*, and wherever there is power there is potential for great harm as well as great good. There is nothing trivial about the passions it arouses – even if you do not yourself experience them, you will surely recognise them. Sport deserves to be taken seriously.

And how does a person of faith do that? Above all else, I think, by remembering to do the kind of work I began with in this letter, thinking about the wide range of different attitudes and feelings involved, looking for the light and the dark in each of them, and turning inward to ask what it is about me, within me, that is stirred by this?

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

END OF LOCKDOWN

The recent Government announcements raise our hopes, but we await more detailed guidance for places of worship. In the meantime, please note that the current worship times will remain throughout the Summer. There will be two services on Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30. The Wednesday service at 9:30 will also continue. We hope to resume Evening services after the holidays.

Please also consider that there will be a wide range of feelings and confidence levels as we relax our restrictions. Some will want to keep their distance and their face coverings for a while longer, while others will be eager to start hugging their friends again as soon as possible. Let's all try to check what others feel comfortable doing and respect their preferences.

SUMMER E-CHURCH

e-Church will continue through the summer, but in a different format. There will be no sermon and no hymn. Instead, a service of Morning Prayer for Sunday will be the template with a Collect and Bible reading for the day.

CANON BRIAN BARNES

We've had a lovely letter of thanks from the Injured Jockeys Fund for donations totalling £220 given by the people of this church in memory of Brian. Una sends her appreciation. *Jackie*

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 28th 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 Askew*, 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 11th July

COLLECT

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

AMOS 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

PSALM

PSALM 85:8-END

Refrain: Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. **R**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in

Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 6:14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples

heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 14th July

COLLECT

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-6, 9-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

PSALM

PSALM 103:1-7

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name. **R**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. **R**

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel. **R**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:25-27

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

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