

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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JAMES THE APOSTLE
25th July 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist
Noon Holy Baptism – Archie Tonks
Hymns: 823; 458; 489; 827

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open
1:45 pm Funeral – George Jay

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – 9th AFTER TRINITY

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 1st AUGUST</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST</u>
Exodus 16:2-4;9-15	Numbers 13:1-2;25-14:1;26-35
Psalms 78:23-29	Psalms 106:14-24
Ephesians 4:1-16	Matthew 15:21-28
John 6:24-35	

FROM THE VICAR

Last week, I warned that I may need to be a bit of a wet blanket with regard to 'Freedom Day'. This week, I'm able to set out the positive steps we are now taking in the direction of a more familiar pattern of worship.

As of now, there are no Covid-specific restrictions on the numbers of people who can attend worship in the church building. We are limited for fire safety reasons to about 250, but other than that anyone who wants to come along just has to show up.

We are also now permitted to sing together and I must admit I was quite moved a moment ago when I included a hymn list in this sheet for the first time in what seems like an age just now.

I have needed to make some judgements about how best to enable the maximum number of people to attend church safely and confidently, especially as infection rates continue to rise. The Church of England has given the responsibility for these judgements explicitly to Incumbents, so this has fallen on me personally, although I'm enormously grateful for the help I've received from the people I've consulted. (You know who you are!)

The full risk management documentation for this new phase of the pandemic can be downloaded from our website by following this link:

<https://www.stnicholaslincoln.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CovidAfter-19th-July-Risk-Assessment-St-Nicholas-Church-Lincoln.pdf>

A few of the important headlines are set out in the remainder of this letter.

Social distancing hasn't gone away altogether. In the main part of the nave, there are areas indicated for seating with green ticks, and areas to avoid marked with red crosses. There are chairs in the north aisle (to your left as you enter) for individual people who want to be well apart from others. There are also chairs in the south aisle (to your right as you enter) for small groups who likewise want to keep their distance.

We can't insist that people continue to wear face coverings, but we can ask, and we do ask. This is particularly important while we are singing, when the risk of airborne transmission is much higher.

We continue to offer opportunities for hand sanitising, and we encourage everyone to make use of these, especially as you enter the church building and before receiving the sacrament.

Holy Communion will continue in one kind only for the time being and the 'one-way' system for returning to your seat remains in place, mainly as this works very smoothly as a means of distribution.

Above all, please be aware that there is a wide range of feelings in our community and enormously varied levels of confidence. With that in mind, please be sensitive to the possibility that some people may not wish to shake hands or hug and do respect their preferences. Please also continue to remain in your place to share the Peace.

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

ST NICK'S TEA PARTY

SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST, 2.00PM – 5.00PM

As part of St Nick's ministry of outreach, we are planning a tea party in the church garden at the end of the summer and would like as many folk as possible to help in whatever way they can. We will need volunteers to set up and take down, serve refreshments, bake cakes and (potentially) to deliver flyers in the St George's area of the parish. It goes without saying that everyone at St Nick's will also be welcome to join us too! Please contact Sue Humphrey, Sally Hubbard or Betty Brown if you would like to help in some way. Thank you.

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. This new pattern begins this weekend.

A TIME TO CHANGE TOGETHER:

RESOURCING SUSTAINABLE CHURCH

A Time to Change Together (TTCT) sets a vision for a transformed church in the Diocese of Lincoln over the next five years. We have been asked to share two important documents connected with this programme.

The first is a pew sheet explaining the vision and the plan for the next steps. You can download this at <https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=2a57efd2-a727-476d-bb1f-5bbe7f4d8984>

The second focuses on the first of those steps, the church categorisation process. You can download this at <https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=5568b161-d744-45de-9db3-41b18564dced>

If you need help in accessing these documents, or want to request a printout of one or both, please get in touch with the Parish Office (540614).

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 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*

ONLINE MATERIALS FOR WORSHIP CONTINUE – FOR EVER!

Over the last year and a half we have learned how to make Weekly Sheets, Orders of Service and other materials available online. This has increased the number of people we can reach and reduced (hugely) our volume of paper waste, as well as helping to reduce transmission of Covid. Although Covid-specific restrictions are now being carefully dismantled, the other benefits of being an online church are still important. For this reason, we will continue to distribute Orders of Service, Weekly Sheets and other important documents online. If you need help in accessing materials in this way, or if you want to request a printout of something, please get in touch with the Parish Office (540614). Only a very limited numbers of paper copies will be available in church.

ST MARY MAGDALENE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

I will be preaching at this service in Lincoln Cathedral at 5:30 this evening. All are welcome to come along.

READINGS

Sunday 25th July

COLLECT

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

ACTS 11:27-12:2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

PSALM

PSALM 126

Refrain: Those who go out weeping will come back with shouts of joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. **R**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R**

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-15

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But 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.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 20:20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 28th July

COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

EXODUS 34:29-END

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM

PSALM 99

Refrain: Exalt the Lord our God, for he is holy.

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy. **R**

Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy. **R**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:44-46

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**