

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Said Eucharist  
3.00pm Holy Baptism – Harper May Futter  
Hymns: 315; 312; 317; 313

### 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

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open

### NEXT SUNDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Said Eucharist  
Noon Holy Baptism – Jayden and Riley Bicker

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</u>
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Psalm 34:15-end	Psalm 126
Ephesians 6:10-20	Matthew 23:27-32
John 6:56-69	

*'FROM THE VICAR' WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER*

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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### NOTICES

#### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

##### **Volunteers needed!**

We are aiming to re-launch our work with children and families in the autumn. This will include St Nick's Nippers, and some new groups as well. If you feel the Holy Spirit is prompting you to help in any way with this (i.e., helping run the groups, serving refreshments, publicity, etc), please get in touch with Alice.

This is extremely important work, much valued by the community we serve, but it cannot happen without a team of volunteers. Please do think about it! Thank you.

#### FAREWELL TO VEN. MARK STEADMAN

The Archdeacon of Stow and Lyndsey, the Venerable Mark Steadman, is soon to leave us after almost six years of distinguished service in the Diocese in order to become Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of York. If you would like to contribute to the presentation gift you can do this by making an online bank transfer to: Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance Ltd. Sort Code: 60-13-15 Account number: 00825255 Ref: Mark

#### LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE AND STRIDE

The Ride and Stride will take place again this year on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. You may remember that this is a sponsored walk, with proceeds split equally between our own Church and the Lincolnshire Historic Churches Trust. Walkers or cyclists are welcome to take part, and of course we will need sponsors. The walk will be about 5 1/2 miles, starting at 10 a.m., so we should be finished at around lunch time, depending on walking speed.

As well as sponsors, we need volunteers to provide hospitality for visitors from other churches. Thank you.

*Dave Valentine 07815 806394*

## READINGS

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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**

ISAIAH 61:10-END

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

#### **PSALM**

PSALM 45:10-END

*Refrain: Sing praises to God, sing praises.*

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;  
forget your own people and your father's house.

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;  
he is your lord, so do him honour. **R**

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;  
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king's daughter is all glorious within;  
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. **R**

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of  
needlework;  
after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought  
and enter into the palace of the king. **R**

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,  
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all  
generations;  
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and  
ever.' **R**

#### **SECOND READING**

GALATIANS 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to  
redeem those who were under the law, so that we  
might receive adoption as children. And because you  
are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our  
hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a  
slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,  
through God.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 1:46-55

Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his  
servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me  
blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their  
hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

#### **POST COMMUNION**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made  
flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our  
redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and  
overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk  
with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring  
forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**COLLECT**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

JUDGES 9:6-15

Then all the lords of Shechem and all Beth-millo came together, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.

When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and cried aloud and said to them, 'Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, so that God may listen to you.

The trees once went out

to anoint a king over themselves.

So they said to the olive tree,

"Reign over us."

The olive tree answered them,

"Shall I stop producing my rich oil  
by which gods and mortals are honoured,  
and go to sway over the trees?"

Then the trees said to the fig tree,

"You come and reign over us."

But the fig tree answered them,

"Shall I stop producing my sweetness  
and my delicious fruit,  
and go to sway over the trees?"

Then the trees said to the vine,

"You come and reign over us."

But the vine said to them,

"Shall I stop producing my wine  
that cheers gods and mortals,  
and go to sway over the trees?"

So all the trees said to the bramble,

"You come and reign over us."

And the bramble said to the trees,

"If in good faith you are anointing me king over you,  
then come and take refuge in my shade;  
but if not, let fire come out of the bramble  
and devour the cedars of Lebanon."

**PSALM**

PSALM 21:1-6

**Refrain: The king puts his trust in the Lord.**

The king shall rejoice in your strength, O Lord;  
how greatly shall he rejoice in your salvation!

You have given him his heart's desire  
and have not denied the request of his lips.

For you come to meet him with blessings of goodness  
and set a crown of pure gold upon his head. **R**

He asked of you life and you gave it him,  
length of days, for ever and ever.

His honour is great because of your salvation;  
glory and majesty have you laid upon him.

You have granted him everlasting felicity

and will make him glad with joy in your presence. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

**POST COMMUNION**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**