

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
22nd August 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist
Hymns: 366; 426; 595; 631

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
1.30pm Funeral – Hazel Janet Lee

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 – 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 29th AUGUST</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER</u>
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Colossians 1:1-8
Psalms 15	Psalms 34:11-18
James 1:17-end	Luke 4:38-end
Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23	

'FROM THE VICAR' WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

PARISH INFORMATION

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

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.

LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE AND STRIDE

The Ride and Stride will take place again this year on Saturday 11th 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*

THE CENTRE FOR RECONCILIATION

The Centre for Reconciliation, Lincolnshire Faith Council, Active Lincolnshire and Sport England have worked together to offer a series of cross-cultural activities in our area in the coming weeks. These include:

Cricket: Multigenerational, interfaith, intercultural cricket between 10.00am and 4pm on Sunday 19th September and Sunday 10th October at Sobraon Cricket Ground. **Please register your interest by Thursday 9th September.** Contact details below.

Sitting With Peace and Awareness Sessions

Free sessions aiming to improve mental wellbeing to be held between 11.00am and 12noon on various Tuesdays between 24th August and 16th November.

Yoga (via Zoom)

Beginners' Level yoga for the family, with sessions held between 4.30pm and 5.10pm on several Fridays from 10th September to 29th October.

To register for the cricket or for more information, please email enquiries@tcf-reconciliation.org or text 07565 015918

CALLING ALL LOCAL HISTORIANS

We have received a request for help in pinpointing several old locations in the parish and elsewhere in Lincoln, from someone researching their family tree. The locations in question are: 'Dawson's Court', 'Strains Pits' and 'Carter's Court'. If you think you might be able to help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

READINGS

Sunday 22nd August

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

PSALM

PSALM 34:15-END

Refrain: I sought the Lord and he answered me. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the
earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken. **R**

But evil shall slay the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be
condemned.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him. **R**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.
Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be

able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6:56-69

Jesus said to the crowd:

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Wednesday 25th August

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-13

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

PSALM

PSALM 126

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us.

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.

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**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 23:27-32

'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets." Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors.

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