

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
12th September 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist
Hymns: 612; 763; 747; 510
12 Noon Holy Baptism – Isabelle and George Peach

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
11:00 am Funeral – Catherine Hutchison
7:30 pm Joint PCC Meeting with St Mary Magdalene

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



9.30am-11.30am - ST. NICK'S NIPPERS
Worship & Coffee & Friendship for young children and those who have care of them.

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open
2:00 pm Wedding – Rachel Johnson and Christopher Graham

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Said Eucharist
Noon Holy Baptism – Alby Keeley-Mawer

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER</u>
Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22	Ezra 9:5-9
Psalm 54	Song of Tobit
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Luke 9:1-6
Mark 9:30-37	

FROM THE VICAR

Twenty years ago this weekend the world changed. Many, perhaps most, readers of this column will remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when they first became aware of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington DC on 11th September 2001. Doubtless we will all be sharing some of those memories in our conversations this weekend.

For me, however, the memory that has stuck even harder is that of flying into Charleston, South Carolina the following January. As the aeroplane – or is it an airplane when it's over US soil? – began its descent and the ground became visible through the cabin windows, an impromptu chorus of 'America the Beautiful' began.

This memory sticks with me, I think, because it is one of the few moments in my life when I have felt genuinely foreign. In my case, that is particularly ironic. I have lived in France and in Spain, where I only rarely felt quite so excluded by virtue of my nationality. I am also, in fact, not a foreigner but rather a US citizen, born in the state of New York and required by law to travel into and within the USA on my American passport.

That feeling of exclusion on the basis of nationality was, of course, not the intention of those two dozen or so fellow passengers who sang, passionately and with tears in their eyes, of their love for their country on that day. It would not have occurred to them that some of those sharing that space with them, knowing neither the tune nor the words, would find it uncomfortable and excluding. And there, I think, is the point I am driving at – we all too rarely do.

Nationalism is just one of the many things we reach for to give us a sense of belonging, of identity and safety. Participation in a Christian community may be another. In both cases, it is easy to forget that the things we do that reassure us of our own membership can easily convince others of the opposite.

Remembering that every human person is created and loved by God – as well as being in need of God's grace and love – is never easy, I know. But I also know that the key to reducing the frequency of events like those of 11th September 2001 lies in getting better at it.

May God bless you all,
Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

A MILESTONE

Many congratulations to Jean and David Lee on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, on 16th September – with love from all at St Nick's.

GARDEN TEA PARTY – THANK YOU!

We had a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine last Saturday, chatting with friends old and new and sharing a cuppa and some delicious cakes. Thank you to everyone who contributed: the bakers, the set up team, the servers. A special thank you to The Phoenix Group for the financial support. It was a great team effort and without all those involved, it simply would not have been possible. *Sue Humphrey*

FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE

A one-day training course will be held at St Nicholas' on Saturday, 2nd October, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 4.00pm. There will be a 30 minute break for lunch (bring your own). Drinks and biscuits will be provided during the day. If you would like to book a place or if you want more information, please contact me on 01522 520729 or joanberesford1@gmail.com.

Joan Beresford

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we continue to move back to a more familiar form of church life, we will need more people to roll up their sleeves and get involved. We will need volunteers to provide refreshments after our services, others to help look after children, more to support our worship in church, and more still to help keep the church open and offer hospitality to visitors. None of these things will happen without your help. Please get in touch with Hugh or Alice if you think you can help in any way.

LINCOLNSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE AND STRIDE

Many thanks to all those who helped to keep the church open, and refreshment flowing, during yesterday's Ride and Stride. And thanks to those who walked, rode, or indeed offered sponsorship.

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

SCRIPT IN HAND PRESENTS: WOMEN OF THE CATHEDRAL: A SEQUENCE OF VOICES BY MARGARET CROMPTON

Wednesday 22 September 1pm-2pm

Admission is included with the Cathedral entry charge. The Cathedral is full of silent women. In stained-glass windows and tombs, behind monuments and under slabs, in statues and carvings, paintings, books and dedications. As Margaret Crompton began to listen to them, she found their voices in poems, the often-overlooked women of the Cathedral. Now, through these poems, those voices can be heard in the Chapter House.

In Bethany, Martha and Mary reflect on the return of their brother Lazarus, but who are Hannah and Sarah, and what links Veronica with a tree? Mrs Tweed grieves, Anne Askew reads the Bible illegally, and Mary meets an Archangel. Here are a dancing child and a peaceful poet, a faithful dog and a companioning swan. A queen, a duchess and a countess leave their tombs in search of company, while altos sing of triumph and of hope. Do please support us! *Su Toogood*

READINGS

Sunday 12th September

COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

PSALM

PSALM 116:1-8

Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion. **R**

The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you. **R**

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING

JAMES 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 8:27-END

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Wednesday 15th September

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Amen

FIRST READING

1 TIMOTHY 3:14-END

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

He was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among Gentiles,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

PSALM

PSALM 111:1-5

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the
congregation.

The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever. **R**

He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 7:31-35

Jesus said to the crowd:

'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not weep."

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'