

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist

*Hymns: 365; 777; 604; 480*

10:30 am Said Eucharist

*Hymns: 676; 445; 258; 648*

Noon Holy Baptism – Alby Keeley-Mawer

### 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

 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

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open

### **NEXT SUNDAY – 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9:00 am Said Eucharist

10:30 am Said Eucharist

Noon Holy Baptism – Rafe Hawkins

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

<u>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>WEDS 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</u>
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Genesis 28:10-17
Psalms 19:7-end	Psalms 103:19-end
James 5:13-end	Revelation 12:7-12
Mark 9:38-end	John 1:47-end

### **FROM THE VICAR**

The Jones household suffered a reminder this week that Covid is not the only viral illness! As people mingle more, and take fewer precautions, the normal sharing of coughs and colds will resume, and against a backdrop of reduced immunity due to a year and a half of anti-Covid precautions.

This is not a prelude to an encouragement to you all to continue to take care over the coming weeks and months, although I hope you will. Continued vigilance against viral transmission is, of course,

important, but for me, the deeper lesson has been a renewed awareness of the truth of General Eisenhower's famous axiom that while planning is essential, plans are useless.

We never know, in other words, what is going to happen, and we are always vulnerable to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Luck, as Hamlet would surely have agreed, will do for us all.

This is not an obviously Christian sentiment. The fatalism of 'que sera sera' does not derive from the Bible or from the teachings of Our Lord, but there are some interesting parallels. 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof' is how the Authorised Version reports some words of Jesus. Elsewhere Jesus warns against the folly of those who believe falsely that their wealth and success in this world offers a substitute for the eternal security that only God can provide.

The broader context of these teachings is that we are to trust God on a moment by moment basis. We worship a God of surprises whose plans outrank our own. Too often, we approach our faith as an exercise in enlisting God's help and support for what we want to happen, forgetting that our real business as Christians is to commit ourselves to what God wants to happen.

That doesn't mean that all planning is a waste of time, but it does mean that we should be careful not to invest more of ourselves in our plans than we do in our God. The Bible teaches us to pray continually. Not just when we're on the rota, not just on Sundays, not just when we're in church, not just when we are preparing to go to sleep, or when we are in trouble, but continually, without ceasing.


This kind of dependence on God's presence, God's guidance and God's help is the real discipline of the Christian way of life. It takes practice and most of us will spend a lifetime getting slightly less bad at it. That doesn't matter. What matters is the realisation that we are not called to make amazing things happen for God. We are called to be the people in whom God does amazing things.

May God bless you all,


Hugh

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## **NOTICES**

### **CANON ANDREW STOKES**

A memorial service for our dear friend Canon Andrew Stokes will be held at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, at 2 pm. As many of you know, Andrew was Precentor at the Cathedral before he retired and became a cherished member of the St Nicholas family and valued part of its ministry team. Andrew's family extend a warm invitation to all who would like to join them at the service, and at the drinks reception which follows.

### **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.

### **REINSTATEMENT OF FULL ALTAR PARTY**

We are trying, in earnest, to reinstate a regular altar party at the 10.30am service, as from October and, over time, at the 9.00am service too. This is a terrific way for both adults and young people to get involved in the worship of the church and training will be given beforehand, so, if you would like to volunteer to serve in this way, on a rota basis, please contact Sue Humphrey after the service or get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you.

### **RIDE AND STRIDE SPONSORED WALK**

A friendly group of seven plus one dog did the walk of 6 miles, and were welcomed by nine churches, including being given refreshments at some. Thankyou to all the walkers and also to those who kept our own Church open for visitors and provided refreshments. Could anyone still wanting to sponsor us, please see Audrey or John. *Dave Valentine 07815 806394*

### **GARDEN TEA PARTY – THANK YOU!**

We had a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine the other 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:joanberesford1@gmail.com).

*Joan Beresford*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Thank you to those who have come forward in the last week or so to offer their help. We will be in touch! 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.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Sobraon Cricket Ground. **Please register your interest by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Yoga (via Zoom)**

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

To register for the cricket or for more information, please email [enquiries@tcf-reconciliation.org](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> September*

### **COLLECT**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

WISDOM 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.  
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
'Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.  
'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our  
actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.  
We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.  
Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.  
Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'  
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

### **PSALM**

PSALM 54

*Refrain: The Lord sustains my life.*

Save me, O God, by your name  
and vindicate me by your power.  
Hear my prayer, O God;  
give heed to the words of my mouth. **R**  
For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless seek after my life;  
they have not set God before them.  
Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who upholds my life. **R**

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me;  
destroy them in your faithfulness.

An offering of a free heart will I give you  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.  
For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,  
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies. **R**

### **SECOND READING**

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

### **GOSPEL READING**

MARK 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

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**FIRST READING**

EZRA 9:5-9

At the evening sacrifice I got up from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle torn, and fell on my knees, spread out my hands to the Lord my God, and said,  
'O my God, I am too ashamed and embarrassed to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our ancestors to this day we have been deep in guilt, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been handed over to the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as is now the case. But now for a brief moment favour has been shown by the Lord our God, who has left us a remnant, and given us a stake in his holy place, in order that he may brighten our eyes and grant us a little sustenance in our slavery. For we are slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to give us new life to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judea and Jerusalem.

**CANTICLE**

A SONG OF TOBIT

*Refrain: Blessed be God for ever.*

Blessed be God who lives for ever,  
because his kingdom lasts throughout all ages.

Acknowledge him before the nations,  
O children of Israel;  
for he has scattered you among them.  
He has shown you his greatness even there.

Exalt him in the presence of every living being,  
because he is our Lord and he is our God;  
he is our Father and he is God for ever. **R**

He will afflict you for your iniquities,  
but he will again show mercy on all of you.

He will gather you from all the nations  
among whom you have been scattered. **R**

If you turn to him with all your heart  
and with all your soul,  
to do what is true before him,

then he will turn to you  
and will no longer hide his face from you. **R**

So now see what he has done for you;  
acknowledge him at the top of your voice.

Bless the Lord of righteousness,  
and exalt the King of the ages. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 9:1-6

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure

diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

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