

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

### TODAY

9:00 am Family Eucharist  
*Hymns: 363; 448; 563; 499*  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist  
*Hymns: 362; 453; 787; 463*  
Noon Holy Baptism – Ethan Parkinson  
4:30 pm Deanery Confirmation Service

### THIS WEEK

#### **MONDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
5:00 pm Standing Committee

#### **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  
12:15 pm Funeral – Baby Amber

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open  
1:00 pm Wedding – Sophie Crosby and Ashlee  
Williams

### NEXT SUNDAY – 20<sup>TH</sup> AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Family Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist  
Noon Holy Baptism – Ronnie Gray

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</u>	<u>WEDS 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</u>
Isaiah 53:4-end	Romans 6:12-18
Psalms 91:9-end	Psalms 124
Hebrews 5:1-10	Luke 12:39-48
Mark 10:35-45	

### FROM THE VICAR

This Sunday we welcome Bishop David to St Nicholas Church to conduct a Confirmation service at which eight people will commit themselves publicly to the Christian way of life.

The candidates come from across the Deanery and represent five different parish churches. One is a teenager, the others all adults aged between 30 and nearly 70.

Once upon a time confirmation in the Church of England was an almost exclusively adolescent affair. It was also strongly associated with admission to Holy Communion. Things have changed on both those fronts, and those who remember the previous way of doing things may infer that the 'new' ways are more radical than they really are. In fact, the understanding and the practice of confirmation have varied quite a lot throughout history and continue to vary across the Christian world. In some churches, babies are confirmed at the same time that they are baptised, while other churches do not practise confirmation at all. Admission to Holy Communion has only been associated with confirmation in some places and during some time periods.

When I was confirmed in my early twenties it was, for me, both a return to Christian faith in general terms after some years away, and an identification with the Church of England as the context in which I wanted to continue to explore and grow in that faith. Others whom I have prepared for confirmation have had different journeys to that point. Each of the eight confirmands this afternoon has followed their own path to reach this point.

I am emphasising the variety, the plurality, of all this because I think it is both challenging and reassuring. It is challenging because we are uncomfortable with the wide range of different practices and understandings that we encounter when we look at Christianity through history and across the world. Which is right? we want to ask. But it is reassuring because it speaks of how God is able to bring people to faith by whatever route can be made open to them.

Please pray for our confirmands this afternoon, and if you haven't yet been confirmed yourself, why not give the matter some consideration?

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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## **NOTICES**

### **HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

Very warm birthday wishes to Jean Lee, with love from all at St Nicholas Church.

### **HARVEST PIES**

A big 'thank you' to everyone who suggested, baked, cut, wrapped and handed out pies on Sunday. It was a great idea and much appreciated. We had moving Harvest services on Sunday and the parting gifts were the 'icing on the cake'.

### **ARK – CRAFT GROUP**

Returning soon – Craft and Cakes – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 10 am, at St Nick's. More info to follow, or from Sally Hubbard.

### **FILM AND FELLOWSHIP**

Film and Fellowship will start again in November. We meet at the Venue at BGU for drinks and social time an hour before the film starts and then enjoy a film together. Open to all – a good opportunity to bring a friend who maybe doesn't go to church but would benefit from the social fellowship. I will post the film time and date in the weekly sheet. Please contact me if you've any questions. *Sally Hubbard.*

### **FAIR TRADE**

At the PCC meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> it was agreed we should continue to support Fair Trade. As activities resume and refreshments are once again served in church, the church will resume buying from Traidcraft. However it will no longer be possible to have a stall with a display of goods at the back of church. Our supplier can not now carry stock in anticipation of sales. Therefore it will be necessary to place orders with me. Money will not be required until the goods are received. At present I have one catalogue, but hopw to obtain more. In the meantime I can take orders for Advent calendars. Options this year are:  
Divine Milk Chocolate Advent Calendar - £4.99  
Divine Dark Chocolate Advent Calendar - £4.99  
Meaningful Chocolate Company Milk Chocolate Advent Calendar and story book - £4.50  
Plain Advent Calendar (no chocolate!) - £2.95  
If you wish to place an order, please see me at church on Sundays or telephone Lincoln 526783.

*John Simmons*

### **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.

### **REGISTER OF GIFTS**

We're attempting to make sure our Register of Gifts is up to date. If you are aware of significant gifts to the church of equipment – an example might be an altar frontal - made since 2000, do please let us know.

## **SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER and 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER –**

### **RESTRICTED ACCESS AND PARKING**

The Lincoln Grand Prix cycle race and 10K road race will take place on Sundays 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October respectively. There will be road closures and restricted parking in many parts of the parish and including the area immediately around the church. Fuller details are available at <http://www.lincolngrandprix.co.uk/site/> and <https://www.runforall.com/events/10k/city-of-lincoln-10k/>. Please do not assume you will be able to bring your car to church on either of these Sunday mornings.

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

Many thanks to all who sponsored our intrepid riders and striders, and all who supported the event. We raised a total of £313.50, half of which comes directly to St Nicholas Church.

### **PARACHUTE JUMP FOR JOSHUA**

Joshua Bilton, for whom we pray each Sunday, is a young man who lives in our parish and who was christened here at St Nick's. He has Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic condition which leads to learning disabilities and complicated health needs. His condition has deteriorated, leaving him too unwell to undertake the lung and heart transplant he needs to survive. Sally Hubbard's son, Brandon, is to make a parachute jump to raise funds to help fulfil Joshua's hope to go to Disneyland in Paris while he is still able to travel. Brandon and Sally would be grateful for your sponsorship of Brandon's jump – and Sally offers a craft gift to all who contribute, as a token of her thanks.

### **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:

#### **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.

For more information, please email [enquiries@tcf-reconciliation.org](mailto:enquiries@tcf-reconciliation.org) or text 07565 015918

## READINGS

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October*

### **COLLECT**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!  
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.  
Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### **PSALM**

PSALM 90:12-END

*Refrain: O Lord, have compassion on your servants.*

So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.  
Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?  
Have compassion on your servants.  
Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. **R**  
Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,  
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.  
Show your servants your works,  
and let your glory be over their children.  
May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon  
us;  
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our  
hands. **R**

### **SECOND READING**

HEBREWS 4:12-END

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the

thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **GOSPEL READING**

MARK 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

### **POST COMMUNION**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**COLLECT**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**FIRST READING**

ROMANS 2:1-11

Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. You say, 'We know that God's judgement on those who do such things is in accordance with truth.' Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgement of God? Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgement will be revealed. For he will repay according to each one's deeds: to those who by patiently doing good seek for glory and honour and immortality, he will give eternal life; while for those who are self-seeking and who obey not the truth but wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

**PSALM**

PSALM 62:1-8

*Refrain: Wait on God in stillness, O my soul.*

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken. **R**

How long will all of you assail me to destroy me,  
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

They plot only to thrust me down from my place of  
honour;  
lies are their chief delight;  
they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they  
curse.

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul;  
for in him is my hope. **R**

He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my strength and my glory;  
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people;  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our  
refuge. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 11:42-46

Jesus said, 'Woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised,

without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.' One of the lawyers answered him, 'Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.' And he said, 'Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them.'

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**Amen**