

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
17th October 2021

TODAY

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 612; 588; 489; 702

Noon Holy Baptism – Ronnie Gray

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Requiem Mass for Matthew Ward

7:00 pm Emergency PCC on Zoom

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Church open

1:00 pm Funeral – Margaret Wilson

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 – LAST AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Family Eucharist

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

Noon Holy Baptism – Alexander Trott

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-end

Mark 10:46-end

WEDS 27TH OCTOBER

Romans 8:26-30

Psalms 13

Luke 13:22-30

FROM THE VICAR

Human life is often compared to a journey. Various large and small decisions are seen as taking a particular path or travelling down a different road. Many have found it helpful to speak of the Christian life in these terms too, as, for example, in the popular hymn 'One more step along the world I go'. If we are to think in this way, it seems to me that we need to face a couple of troubling questions: what is our destination?; and are there any genuinely *wrong* turns?

There are those who would resist those questions. The journey is an end in itself, they might say. I do understand – I used to enjoy our long drives down through France to visit my parents in the deep South West as much as the time we spent there. But I would have liked them less if we'd never arrived, and I did like them very much less when we got lost, as once we did when spending nearly five hours driving around Rouen looking for our hotel!

The destination *does* matter, and so does the identification of those paths that really will take us off course.

As Christians, we believe that our final destination is heaven, where our relationship with God will finally be made perfect. Our journey through life should be shaped by that. We live, and we pray, that we may be 'fitted for heaven'. There are paths that we can take which will help us in that goal, and others which will hinder us.

One of the most tempting paths is the one that promises power. All of us spend a lot of time feeling frustrated. Why is it so hard to get things done? If only we could get people to do what we want them to do! We believe, of course, that we will only ever use our power to achieve good things, just as we believe in our own ability to judge between what is good and what is not.

This is a path that Jesus relentlessly warns against. "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all," he says. He underlined this on the night before he died by taking the most disgusting, most menial job of all – washing his disciples feet.

What we must all understand is that the main task of our Christian lives isn't to get things done. Productivity, achievement and status are not holy categories. The main task, by contrast, is the one that the Holy Spirit accomplishes within us, if we will only allow it. We are in the business of seeing human lives transformed by divine grace, starting with our own.

May God bless you all,
Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

WENDY KIRBY

Those who knew her will be sad to learn that Wendy Kirby, long a member of this congregation, died recently, at the grand age of 96. Her funeral will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Thursday 4th November, at 2 pm.

FAREWELL SERVICE FOR BISHOP CHRISTOPHER

The Cathedral's service of Choral Evensong on the Feast of Christ the King, at 3.45pm on Sunday 21 November, will mark Bishop Christopher's farewell to the Diocese of Lincoln. The service is open to all, without tickets. If you plan to go, please tell the Parish Office by Monday 8th November, so we can give an idea of numbers from this church.

LIST OF FIRST AIDERS IN CHURCH

We'd like to bring our records up to date. Do you have a current First Aid qualification? Are you happy to help if needed? If it's yes, please contact me on 01522 520729 or joanberesford1@gmail.com
Joan Beresford

FLOWERS

It is lovely to see flower arrangements again in Church, and with your help we hope to continue this. Will you sponsor the flowers? Donations, in an envelope labelled 'Flowers', can be handed to Audrey Salisbury or Sandra Gratrack. If you'd like a particular date commemorated, please note this on the envelope.

HARVEST GIFTS

Many thanks for all the donations of food for our Harvest Festival. They've gone to the Trussell Trust Larder at St John in the Ermine. Our thanks to Chris Elsmore for taking them.

ARK – CRAFT GROUP

Returning soon – Craft and Cakes – 1st and 3rd 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 ADVENT CALENDARS

Orders can now be made 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 31ST OCTOBER – RESTRICTED ACCESS AND PARKING

The 10K road race will take place on Sunday 31st October. 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 <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 that Sunday morning.

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 – 22ND OCTOBER

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.

READINGS

Sunday 17th October

COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 53:4-END

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many
righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

PSALM

PSALM 91:9-END

Refrain: The Lord shall give his angels charge over you.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent. **R**
For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample
underfoot.

Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name. **R**
They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great

among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 20th October

COLLECT

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FIRST READING

ROMANS 6:12-18

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

PSALM

PSALM 124

Refrain: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;

If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger burned against us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

R

But blessed be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey for their
teeth.

Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 12:39-48

Jesus said: 'Know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.'

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