

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
24th October 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Family Eucharist
Hymns: 450; 598; 587; 507
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 664; 421; 451; 812
Noon Holy Baptism – Alexander Trott
6:30 pm Choral Evensong with Annual Rededication
of Standards

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer

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 – LAST AFTER TRINITY

NO 9:00 am service today

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	WEDS 3 RD NOVEMBER
Wisdom 3:1-9	Romans 13:8-10
Psalms 24:1-6	Psalms 112
Revelation 21:1-6a	Luke 14:25-33
John 11:32-44	

FROM THE VICAR

Last week I announced that I have been appointed to the role of Warden of the College of St Hugh. This weekend I want to use the opportunity of this column to explain a little more of what that means and what I am going to be doing.

Among the most important things that the church is charged to do are teaching the faith and equipping its members for mission and ministry. The resources that we invest in 'theological education' are most obviously directed towards doing this for those who

are called to specific ministries within the church – those who are to be ordained, or licensed, to serve as Priests, Deacons or Readers for example.

Less visible (and sometimes because there isn't very much there to be seen) are the resources that we devote (or ought to devote) to doing this for others in the church – those who are new to faith; those who are looking to grow in their faith; those whose faith is hanging by a slender thread.

The vision of the College of St Hugh is to be a resource for teaching the faith to *all* the faithful people of the Diocese, whatever their age, their background, or their level of prior knowledge and experience.

It is also, however, a resource for training and equipping those same people for the work of Christian mission that we all share. The Christian church is a missionary church – we are invited to participate in God's mission to reconcile everything and everyone to Godself in Christ. This is not a task that belongs only to those who are ordained. It is the work of all the people of God, and yes, I do mean you.

Many readers will find this worrying, and I recognise that words like 'missionary' have a particular set of overtones that are troubling in today's world. But the only mission that matters is the one I've already mentioned: God's. God sent God's son into the world to save and redeem our damaged humanity. God sends God's Holy Spirit on the church to give us power to share that good news. God sends us out into the world, week by week, to love and to serve.

The College of St Hugh is being established to help every Christian in our Diocese to do their bit, whether that's helping to offer hospitality, keeping the church building clean and in good repair, telling their friends the simple truth about the difference that being a Christian has made in their life, offering practical loving support to those in need, or any other of the many different ways in which we reach out to the world around us.

Please pray for me as I make the transition into this new role.

May God bless you all,

Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

Our annual service of remembrance and thanksgiving for departed loved ones will take place on **Sunday 7th November at 3:30 pm**. If you would like a name to be read aloud in this service, please email the parish office or fill in the list at the back of the church.

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

PARKING ALERT

Please be aware that the car park at the Stag's Head is NOT church property. If cars are parked there without a permit from the landlord, they will be clamped, with a fee for their release.

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 Gratrix. If you'd like a particular date commemorated, please note this on the envelope.

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 that morning.

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 24th October

COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,

and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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. **R**

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**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 7:23-END

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the

law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:46-END

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Wednesday 27th October

COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

ROMANS 8:26-30

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

PSALM

PSALM 13

Refrain: I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication.

How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have anguish in my soul
and grief in my heart, day after day?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me? **R**

Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God;
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,'
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. **R**

But I put my trust in your steadfast love;
my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,
for he has dealt so bountifully with me. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of

God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

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