

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

31st October 2021

TODAY

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 296; 683; 299; 305

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Funeral – Alison Breese

7:30 pm Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary Annual Requiem Mass

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.

2:00 pm Funeral – Wendy Kirby

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

10:30 am ARK – Craft Group

NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9:00 am Family Eucharist

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

3:30 pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-end

Hebrews 9:24-end

Mark 1:14-20

WEDS 10th NOVEMBER

Wisdom 6:1-11

Psalm 82

Luke 17:11-19

FROM THE VICAR

This time last year we were forced to close the church for a second time. For me, that was the moment that confirmed what I had already begun to fear – Covid was going to be around for a long time to come. And here we are, a year later, wondering if this autumn might see another period of sterner restrictions on our economic, social and spiritual freedoms.

It is happening at a time when our church calendar makes a sustained effort to confront us with our mortality. Some call this short period before Advent the Kingdom season; I prefer to say 'Remembrance-tide'.

It is also happening during the COP26 talks in Glasgow, talks not graced by clear signs of determination towards the kind of international co-operation that will be essential to so many of the things we need to do to address the climate crisis.

Cheerful stuff, in all!

Yet this All Saints' Day remains a day of celebration. How so? Simply because it sets our lives in their proper context, eternity. It draws our attention to the lives of the countless un-named individuals who have faithfully loved God and neighbour and have now entered into the joy of their eternal reward.

This is not a cop out (no pun intended). Setting our lives in their eternal context does not excuse us from our duties in this world. On the contrary, it reinforces the moral seriousness of our position. We are accountable not just to each other but also to God for the use we make of the time that is given to us, and that includes our treatment of God's wonderful creation.

Our Christian faith invites us to 'check in' regularly with our mortality for precisely this reason. The choices we make, moment by moment, hour by hour, look very different when viewed in the light of eternity. The cultivation of holiness, rather than wealth, becomes our priority, because that is where our true security lies.

We remember this weekend those 'unsung heroes' whose names are not recorded in our memorials and calendars but are nonetheless firmly written in the God's book of life. Their number is growing all the time as prayerful, godly people all over the world cast off the restrictions of this earthly life and join the great company of heaven.

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

ARK – CRAFT GROUP

ARK will be starting back on Saturday 6th November, from 10:30 am till 12:30 pm. Fancy being creative? You could bring a project you've started at home and can't find time to finish! Spend time getting to know each other and eating cake. All are welcome. *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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022

If you're interested in helping to prepare for next year's World Day of Prayer (the service for our area will be at Burton Road Methodist Church), there will be a day of preparation on Thursday 25th November 2021 at Moorland Park Methodist Church. More details from Sue or Jackie in the Parish Office.

READINGS

Sunday 31st October

COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

WISDOM 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

PSALM

PSALM 24:1-6

Refrain: The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'**R**

Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:1-6A

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 3rd November

COLLECT

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

ROMANS 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

PSALM

PSALM 112

Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending
and order their affairs with justice,

For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting
remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. **R**

Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes.

They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour.

The wicked shall see it and be angry;
they shall gnash their teeth in despair;
the desire of the wicked shall perish. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and

consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**