

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
7th November 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Family Eucharist

Hymns: 366; 505; 358; 510

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 615; 423; 258; 748

**3:30 pm Service of Remembrance and
Thanksgiving**

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer

12:30 pm Funeral – Eileen Baxter

7:30 pm PCC Meeting

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.

1:00 pm Funeral – John Owen

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

Noon Funeral – Anita Toyne

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9:00 am Family Eucharist

10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

WEDS 17th NOVEMBER

Micah 6:6-8

Psalms 40:6-8, 11, 16

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 9:51-56

FROM THE VICAR

Every year I'm struck by how many people attend our Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Along with our Christingle Service and Crib Service it is one of the three acts of worship that are most popular with those who don't regularly come to church. I wonder why that is? I have a few ideas, but I'd be interested to hear what you think.

My feeling is that there are several factors. One is that people are individually invited to this service. Another is that they hear prayers in which people they have loved are named. The power of names is evident in both. Names make both the invitation and the service personal – they say that this is *for you*.

Much of our worship probably doesn't feel that way to newcomers or those who are unfamiliar with church. In fact, I suspect that it may feel rather the opposite – something that is *for others*. And to an extent it is. An old saying is that worship is an activity of the redeemed, and certainly eucharistic worship may be more mystifying than mystical to those who are not already committed to the Christian way of life.

Nevertheless, I wonder if we can learn something from the power of names that we've already seen at play in connection with the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Why not invite someone to come along to church with you? Why not do it personally, and by name?

Another factor lying behind the popularity of this afternoon's service, I suspect, is that it connects with people's own natural prayerfulness. Surveys have shown that the number of people in Britain who believe in God and regularly pray far exceeds those who regularly attend church.

Those of us who regularly lead others in prayer need to take this to heart. My own experience is that the prayers of people who are grieving are more raw, less articulate, and more openly needy than what we offer week by week in our worship. Beautifully written prayers have an important place, but so too do barely coherent moans of longing.

All of this echoes one of my favourite paraphrases of the words of Jesus – 'Blessed are those who know their need of God'. Often, like the older brother in the parable, those who spend their lives in church are most blind to their need, enjoying a constant but domesticated reassurance that makes extravagant expressions of faith seem vulgar. Maybe they are, but Jesus is clear that God's priority will always be those on the outside. If we can make our public worship connect more powerfully with the heartfelt prayers of those who find their way here on any given Sunday, even if that isn't quite what we like or what we need, well then that's all to the good.

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 **this afternoon at 3:30 pm**. There is still time to add a name to be read aloud in this service – please do so using the sheets at the back of church by the end of the second morning service.

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.

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

Advent calendars ordered in October have now arrived, so please bring money to church on Sunday and collect from me.

Any further orders should reach me by Sunday 14th November. 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.

I now have a few Christmas Gift Guide catalogues which include Christmas cards, and which can be borrowed to browse, as well as the general autumn/winter catalogue which has many food items. *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 7th November

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

PSALM

PSALM 62:5-END

Refrain: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

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

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. **R**

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

The peoples are but a breath,
the whole human race a deceit;
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air. **R**

Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty
pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same,
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to their deeds. **R**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 9:24-END

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear

a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Wednesday 10th November

COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

WISDOM 6:1-11

Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth.

Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and boast of many nations.

For your dominion was given you from the Lord, and your sovereignty from the Most High; he will search out your works and inquire into your plans.

Because as servants of his kingdom you did not rule rightly, or keep the law, or walk according to the purpose of God, he will come upon you terribly and swiftly, because severe judgement falls on those in high places.

For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy, but the mighty will be mightily tested.

For the Lord of all will not stand in awe of anyone, or show deference to greatness; because he himself made both small and great, and he takes thought for all alike.

But a strict inquiry is in store for the mighty.

To you then, O monarchs, my words are directed, so that you may learn wisdom and not transgress.

For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness, and those who have been taught them will find a defence.

Therefore set your desire on my words; long for them, and you will be instructed.

PSALM

PSALM 82

Refrain: Arise, O God, and judge the earth.

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?

'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;

'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **R**

'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,

'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your
possession. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their

distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

POST COMMUNION

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen