

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
14th November 2021

TODAY

9:00 am Family Eucharist

Hymns: 823; 566; 725; 475

10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

Hymns: 746; 635; 594; 217

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Church open

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

10:30 am ARK – Craft group

NEXT SUNDAY – CHRIST THE KING

9:00 am Family Eucharist

10:30 am Parish Eucharist

3:45 pm *Bishop Christopher's Leaving Service @ Lincoln Cathedral*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Daniel 7:9-10, 13, 14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

WEDS 24TH NOVEMBER

From Daniel 5:1-28

Benedicite 4-5

Luke 21:12-19

FROM THE VICAR

Remembrance Sunday is, for me, a paradox. Today we are reminded of the very best and the very worst of our human nature: the horrors of war and our human instinct for violence; and also our capacity for breathtaking acts of courage and self-sacrifice.

Many Christians are tempted to dissolve this paradox by preferring one set of observations to the other. For some, the Christian call to forgiveness and peace takes

precedence. They view war as a symptom of human sin that should never be honoured in church. For others, the Christian call to mutual love and self-sacrifice is answered by the courage of those who fought and died for their country, for our freedom, and it is this that holds the greater weight.

As Christians, we are familiar with paradox. The very nature of God is an example – three in one and one in three. These things remind us that our human capacity for understanding is no match for the reality of God.

So how are we to respond? I wonder if it might help to consider a parable.

Suppose a coach holiday to Paris were to be arranged. Fifty or so people pootled off to the French capital for a bit of a holiday. They went to many of the same places, saw many of the same sights, but they also had time to themselves and were able to follow their noses.

A good time was had by all, and it was only when they returned that the arguments began. The pictures they'd all taken on their phones were the point of contention. Which picture was 'the real Paris'? Was it this one of the Eiffel Tower, or that one of the Sacré Coeur?

Those who were already pals had very similar shots – after all, they'd tended to stick together. Now they began to form into groups to argue against each other. How dare they say that a photograph of a thoroughly English bookshop, or a MacDonalds restaurant, was Paris?

The truth, of course, is that all of these pictures were Paris, and even when you put all them together you would have only an impression of what Paris actually is.


Arguments in church, arguments about God, are very often like this. Each of us, quite naturally, has a set of experiences and perspectives that are important to us in understanding who and what God is. That's fine. What's not fine is imagining that anything even a tiny bit different from that is wrong. What's worse is making it an excuse for falling out and fighting.

The paradox of Remembrance Sunday, like other paradoxes of our faith, requires us to hold things that seem to be contradictory together, recognising the limitations of our human condition, and reaching towards the mysterious, ineffable, grace and mercy of God for help.

May God bless you all,
Hugh

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTING BISHOP

On Friday the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, announced that the Bishop of Ely, the Right Reverend Stephen Conway, has been asked to serve as Acting Bishop of Lincoln. The full text of the public announcement is available on our website at:

<https://www.stnicholaslincoln.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Public-Statement.pdf>

A letter from Archbishop Justin to the people of the Diocese is on our website at:

<https://www.stnicholaslincoln.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Archbishops-Letter.pdf>

(You may need to copy the text of these links into your browser to access these documents.) A few printed copies of both are available in church.

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 let the Cathedral know as soon as possible.

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 TODAY, 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 after church 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 14th 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

DANIEL 12:1-3

In the third year of King Cyrus, a word was revealed to Daniel.

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

PSALM

PSALM 16

Refrain: My body shall rest in hope.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

R

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by

a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

Wednesday 17th November

St Hugh

COLLECT

O God, who endowed your servant Hugh with a wise and cheerful boldness, and taught him to commend to earthly rulers the discipline of a holy life: give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel, putting our confidence in Christ alone, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

MICAH 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM

PSALM 40:6-8, 11, 16

Refrain: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart, O God?

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin
you have not required;
then said I: 'Lo, I come.
'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;
let your love and your faithfulness
always preserve me,
Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad;
let those who love your salvation say always,
'The Lord is great.'

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

As for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever

seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 9:51-56

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

POST COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people, whose servant Hugh revealed the loving service of Christ in his ministry as pastor of your people: by this eucharist in which we share awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to our Christian calling; through him who laid down his life for us, but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen**