

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
3rd March 2024

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: Lent Prose; 382; 584; 294; 156

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
2:00 pm Games Afternoon
7:30 pm PCC Meeting

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
2:00 pm Lent Group

WEDNESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Said Eucharist
10:00 am Church open
1:30 pm Funeral – John Wenham
7:30 pm Lent Group

THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer



9.30am-11.30am - ST. NICK'S NIPPERS
Play, Worship, Coffee & Friendship for young
children and those who have care of them.

10:00 am Church open

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHERING SUNDAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist for the 4th Sunday of Lent
10:30 am Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday
6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

Exodus 2:1-10
Psalm 34:11-20
Colossians 3:12-17
John 19:25b-27

WEDS. 13TH MARCH

Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-18
John 5:17-30

NOTICES

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the 10:30am service on Sunday, 17 March. There will be vacancies for Church Wardens (Sue Humphrey is standing down this year), Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC Members. If you are interested in applying, please fill out the relevant form (these are located at the back of the church) and return to me or one of the Churchwardens. Thank you.
Joanne Osborne, PCC Secretary

JOHN WENHAM RIP

We are sad to announce the recent death of our brother, John Wenham. John was a long-standing member of our congregation and served for many years as a chorister and server. Our sincere condolences go to John's family and friends, as they mourn their loss and prepare for John's funeral, here at St Nick's on **Wednesday 6th March at 1:30pm.**

LENT STUDY COURSE 2024

MEETING GOD IN MARK

This Lent, we are working through a very brief book by the recent Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. "Meeting God in Mark" is a reading guide to St Mark's Gospel. It is beautifully clearly written and is addressed to the 'person in the pew' rather than an academic audience. Do join us.

Tuesday afternoons (2 pm to 3 pm) repeated
Wednesday evenings (7:30 pm to 8:30 pm) through Lent.

THANK YOU

Linda Foster sends her thanks to everyone at St Nick's for their love, prayers and support while she was poorly.

WATERAID LENTEN APPEAL - "JARS OF CHANGE"

This year at St Nick's we're marking Lent by supporting the **WaterAid "Jars of Change" Lenten Appeal.** If you can, please consider collecting small change – or money saved if you've given something up for Lent – in a "Jar of Change" at home. Any jar will do! On Easter Sunday, or just before, we bring our jars back to church, hopefully to be blessed at the 10:30am service; the monies donated will help to provide overseas communities with a supply of clean water on which they can rely all year round whatever the changing climate brings. There's also a big jar at the back of church. *Sue Humphrey*

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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PHOENIX GROUP ACTIVITIES

1st and 3rd Mondays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

1st Mondays: Board Games and refreshments

3rd Mondays: Speakers and refreshments

MARCH 2024

Monday 4th: Games Afternoon

March 18th: Dr Shirley Brook. Art Nouveau and other influences on Lincoln's street scene.

MORE PHOENIX GROUP TALKS IN 2024:

April 15th: Lincoln Waites

May 20th: Rev. Pauline Makin. 'Living in a world of Silence'

June 17th: Strawberry Tea

July 15th: Harriet Winspear, Natural Environmental Project Officer for Trees and Woodland Creation

For further information, please contact Betty Brown

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ST MARY MAGDALENE

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

Evening services at St Mary Magdalene are on second and fourth Sundays, starting at **6:00 pm**.

MARCH

Sunday 10th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 24th: Sung Evening Prayer (CW)

READINGS

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

Grant, we pray, Lord, that by the observance of this Lent we may grow in the knowledge of the mystery of Christ, and show forth his mind in conduct worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 3rd March

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

EXODUS 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

PSALM

PSALM 19:7-END

Refrain: You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb. **R**

By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend?

O cleanse me from my secret faults!

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins

lest they get dominion over me;

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

R

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for

your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 6th March

COLLECT

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FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 4:1, 5-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

PSALM

PSALM 147:13-END

Refrain: **Great is our Lord and mighty in power.**

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blest your children within you.
He has established peace in your borders

and satisfies you with the finest wheat. **R**
He sends forth his command to the earth
and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.
He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread;
who can endure his frost? **R**
He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.
He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and judgements to Israel.
He has not dealt so with any other nation;
they do not know his laws.
Alleluia. **R**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:17-19

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.'

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