

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN13DP  
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**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist  
*Hymns: 227; 362; 422; 462; 232*  
6:00 pm *Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene*

### THIS WEEK

#### **MONDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
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  
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 – PENTECOST

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY</u>
Acts 2:1-21	James 4:13-end
Psalms 104:26-36, 37b	Psalms 49:1-2, 5-10
Romans 8:22-27	Mark 9:38-40
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	

### FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Eastertide, the fifty day season in the Church's calendar, is drawing to a close, and we will soon begin the long series of Sundays after Trinity, now known as "ordinary time". But even then, all Sundays are celebrations of the resurrection of our Lord; each a 'little Easter'.

For much of Eastertide we have been hearing readings from St. John's Gospel, and particularly from Jesus' "Last Discourse" to the disciples at the Last Supper. John sees Jesus addressing disciples both then and in

the future. This teaches us something about what is happening whenever we gather for worship. The Spirit of Jesus draws us together so that we may hear his teaching as addressed to us and share in the sacrament of his body and blood which nourishes and sustains us in communion with him and in his continuing mission which we are called to share.

On Sunday, we will hear part of the prayer which Jesus offers at the conclusion of his teaching, what is known as his "high priestly prayer" or "prayer of consecration". So, too, in the Eucharist, we listen to Jesus speaking to us through scripture and sermon; then we share in his priestly ministry of intercession and in the sacrament of his self-dedication to the Father.

One of the scholars whose commentaries on the Sunday readings I follow on line, is Dr. Andrew McGowan, who is Dean of the Episcopal Seminary in New Haven, Connecticut. This week he refers to the work of a fellow-Australian, the biblical scholar Sister Mary Coloe, who suggests that the prayer ought to be called the "prayer of mission".

John's only other use of the language of consecration or sanctification is when he speaks of the Father's choice and commission of Jesus to do his work (10.36). By praying that they also be consecrated, Jesus is forming the disciples into a body with a divine purpose. To this end, he also sanctified or consecrated himself, linking his work with theirs – and ours.

There is a deeply personal sense of strength and relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, perhaps felt most clearly when someone ill or housebound receives the sacrament in hospital or at home. But our celebration of the Eucharist and our reception of Holy Communion are about something more than individual sustenance or salvation. They are about our part in Christ's ongoing mission through the Church. For some of us our mission will be one of explicit witness to the gospel, a sharing of faith with others. But for all of us mission concerns how our lives reflect something of Christ in our relationships, our communities, our workplaces; among family and friends, colleagues and neighbours. Even those who receive Communion in hospital or care home are making an act of witness to Christ.

Prayers in the liturgy reflect this. In one post-communion prayer, "we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory".

Or, we pray: "May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord".

And then we are blessed and dismissed: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord".

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Alan

## NOTICES

### LINCOLN CYCLE RACE – THIS SUNDAY

Please be aware that the Lincoln Grand Prix Cycle Race takes place this Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup> – with the usual restrictions of access and parking, and VERY fast bikes and cars on the race route. More detail can be seen at [www.lincolngrandprix.co.uk](http://www.lincolngrandprix.co.uk).

### PHOENIX GROUP ACTIVITIES

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mondays:** Board Games and refreshments

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays:** Speakers and refreshments

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** The Revd Pauline Makin – ‘Speaking in a World of Silence’.

Pauline was Chaplain to the Deaf from the early 1980s in the Diocese of Liverpool until her retirement. She is now Chaplain Emeritus for the Deaf.

Her talk aims to demonstrate the communication difficulties experienced by those with a hearing loss, whether complete or partial, and how this is alleviated through ‘speaking’ through sign language. She has spoken at St. Nicholas Church many years ago when those listening were captivated and entertained by her talk. Do come along and enjoy an educational, informative and light-hearted talk. She is happy to take questions and to chat afterwards.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Games Afternoon

**June 17<sup>th</sup>:** Strawberry Tea

**July 1<sup>st</sup>:** Games Afternoon

**July 15<sup>th</sup>:** Harriet Winspear, Natural Environmental Project Officer for Trees and Woodland Creation – talking about her new post

**August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Games Afternoon

**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Su Toogood and Carolyn Jones – A Summer Medley

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Games Afternoon

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>:** Annette Mackenzie – “Owlin’ Mad”

**October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Games Afternoon

**October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Louth Carpet Factory – a talk by Betty Brown

**For further information, please contact Betty Brown email address: [bettybkbbrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bettybkbbrown@yahoo.co.uk)**

### WANTED – CARDIGANS & WAISTCOATS!

Members of our family will be leading workshops for children and adults at the Greenbelt Festival this coming August. Greenbelt is a Christian Festival exploring the links between Art, Faith and Justice. The 2024 theme is DREAM ON and the workshops will re-purpose cardigans and waistcoats into amazing technicolour dreamcoats. So if you have any items, of any size, please bring them along to the designated box at the back of church. We shall be very grateful.  
*David & Diana Mowbray, 01522 546753*

## A MESSAGE FROM SUE

Thank you to my St Nick’s family for your prayers, kind words, beautiful flowers and your very generous gift, on my retirement as Parish Administrator. This is, God willing, the beginning of a new chapter rather than the beginning of the end and I am excited to see what He has planned for me. *Sue Humphrey*

### ST MARY MAGDALENE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

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

#### **MAY**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Choral Evensong (BCP)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>:** Sung Evening Prayer (CW)

### ST MARY MAGDALENE SUMMER CONCERT SEASON

**Concerts start at 7:30 pm**

- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> May** Gone to the Dogs  
*Acoustic roots music*
- Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May** The Cerulean Trio  
*Classical Guitar Trio*
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** St Andrew’s Uni. Madrigal Group  
*A Capella Choral Music*
- Weds 12<sup>th</sup> June** Sixteen Eighty Five  
*Renaissance & Baroque Music*
- Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June** 3-Piece Suite  
*Music for two flutes and piano*
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Andrew North & Robert Fields  
*Baritone & Piano*
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July** Eira Lynn Jones  
*Harpist*

### LINCOLN INTERFAITH MONTHLY TALKS

**ST. HUGH’S HALL, 1:00 FOR 1:30 PM**

The next three afternoon meetings, with a talk about different Faith traditions, will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. All three talks will be repeated via Zoom later each month, starting at 7 pm.

A yearly subscription to cover all the meetings to March 2025 costs £7 for individuals, £10 for couples, or a small donation for students.

Please contact Mary Wilford at:

[lincolninterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:lincolninterfaith@gmail.com) for further information.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Notices for next week’s sheet by Wednesday please.

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## READINGS

### PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us a place in the new Jerusalem: grant that we, who this day give thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in the City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May*

### COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### FIRST READING

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-END

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' 'So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### PSALM

PSALM 1

*Refrain: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.*

Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**  
Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not  
wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper. **R**  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the  
judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

### SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### GOSPEL READING

JOHN 17:6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed, 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

### POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

### COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### FIRST READING

ACTS 20:28-END

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

### PSALM

PSALM 68:27-28, 32-END

*Refrain: Sing to God, sing praises to his name.*

Send forth your strength, O God;

    establish, O God, what you have wrought in us.

For your temple's sake in Jerusalem

    kings shall bring their gifts to you. **R**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;

    make music in praise of the Lord;

He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens

    and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. **R**

Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel,  
    whose power is above the clouds.

How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary,

    the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to  
    his people!

Blessed be God. **R**

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JOHN 17:11-19

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