

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2nd June 2024

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 2; 387; 646; 695; 748

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

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
Noon Funeral – Alice Wilson

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
6:00 pm *Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 9TH JUNE</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE</u>
Genesis 3:8-15	1 Kings 18:20-39
Psalms 130	Psalms 16:1, 6-end
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Matthew 5:17-19
Mark 3:20-end	

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends,

Someone ought to make a study of the advertisements which appear in the 'situations vacant' pages of the Church Times, as examples of creative writing. Parishes, or dioceses on their behalf, feel that they must be presented in the best possible light: as enthusiastic, friendly, welcoming, open to explore new possibilities, and so on. Those looking to apply for such jobs need to learn to read between the lines, and probably 'phone a friend', to discover the real picture. When I read them my mind goes back to one of my priestly neighbours in the Diocese of St. Andrews. Sandy had been a naval officer and a beach master guiding troops ashore on D-Day. When he was coming to the end of his curacy, he was invited to look at a country parish. One of the churchwardens commended it to him by saying: "some jolly good rough shooting here, Padre". That's not one I've spotted so far in the Church Times.

Clergy, too, now have to sell themselves, both on paper and in person. To clergy of my generation and tradition there is something quite alien and unattractive about all this. We were taught to recognize, with St. Paul in Sunday's epistle, that "we have this treasure in clay jars." Our task was not to point to ourselves but to Jesus. Humility was a Christian and priestly virtue, even if some of us found it a hard one to practice. When I said something along these lines to a diocesan director of ministry, his response was that he understood completely what I meant, but still he supported the current system. Clearly, I was past my sell-by date.

For those who idealise the early church, or their own, Paul's correspondence with the Corinthian church he had founded should provide a salutary lesson in reality. Its internal divisions, and the readiness of some to compare their founder unfavourably with more charismatic latecomers, sound all too familiar from contemporary church life. The catalogue of his sufferings for the gospel are not the kind of thing you would put on a CV when applying for a post in the Church of England. There was never and is now no perfect Christian community. Success, when measured by secular standards, can be deceptive. In reality, it may turn out to be built on sand.

This is not to say that there are not churches and clergy who boast not of themselves but look only to the God who has "shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ". Nor does Paul expect his readers to be content with the mediocre in their Christian lives and communities. They are urged to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

There are church communities which try genuinely to be welcoming to the newcomer and stranger, even the awkward and uncomfortable. They seek to be open to new possibilities for mission, even ones which might disturb the status quo which they are comfortable with. There are worshipping communities whose devotion can be sensed immediately. There are priests

who know their own frailty and fallibility, who know they are sent to serve not be served, whose lives are centred on the Christ they serve, experienced in word and sacrament, in prayer and people, in self-examination and repentance.

Last Sunday, we welcomed Mother Hannah on her first Sunday visit to St. Nick's. She will be with us again on June 23rd, when she will preach at both Eucharists. We should not expect her to be perfect, any more than she should expect us to be. What matters is that both should recognize in the other a love of our Lord and a determination, with God's grace, to serve him.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Alan

NOTICES

VERGER – PART-TIME

We have a part-time vacancy for a Verger who will work at the heart of St Nicholas's church life. Can you work as part of a team? Do you have good communication and interpersonal skills? Do you feel called to help worshippers and visitors at special times in their lives? If so, you can support Weddings and Funerals as a Verger. We need someone with strong pastoral instincts, together with a calm personality and a sense of reverence and dignity. The Verger will receive the verger's fee for each Wedding or Funeral when they support these services. Interested? Contact Christine Elsmore, Churchwarden. 01522 540614 or stnicholaslincoln@gmail.com

THANKS

We have received messages of thanks from The Centre for Reconciliation on behalf of Lincoln Hygiene Bank, and from EDAN Lincs Domestic Abuse Service, for our donations of £250.00 to each organisation, as agreed by the PCC as part of our charitable giving for the year. If you would like to find out more about their activities, please visit www.tcf-reconciliation.org, and edanlincs.org.uk.

KATE MITCHELL

Our friend Kate Mitchell – now serving her curacy in the north of the diocese – will be ordained Priest on Saturday 29th June, at Lincoln Cathedral. She will preside at Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 30th June, at St Peter ad Vincula, Bottesford. Kate would be glad of the support of any who would like to attend her Priesting or first Mass. More details are on her Ember card, copies of which are on the Welcome table.

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

PHOENIX GROUP ACTIVITIES

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

1st Mondays: Board Games and refreshments

3rd Mondays: Speakers and refreshments

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

June 3rd: Games Afternoon

June 17th: Strawberry Tea

July 1st: Games Afternoon

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

August 5th: Games Afternoon

August 19th: Su Toogood and Carolyn Jones – A Summer Medley

Sept 2nd: Games Afternoon

Sept 16th: Annette Mackenzie – “Owlin’ Mad”

October 7th: Games Afternoon

October 21st: Louth Carpet Factory – a talk by Betty Brown

November 4th: Games Afternoon

November 18th: Liquorice Park Millennium Green

December 2nd: Games Afternoon

December 16th: Dan Matthews, Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University - Forensic Science

For further information, please contact Betty Brown email address: bettybkbrown@yahoo.co.uk

ST MARY MAGDALENE

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

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

JUNE

Sunday 9th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 23rd: Sung Evening Prayer (CW)

ST MARY MAGDALENE

SUMMER CONCERT SEASON

Concerts start at 7:30 pm

Tuesday 4th June St Andrew's Uni. Madrigal Group
A Capella Choral Music

Weds 12th June Sixteen Eighty Five
Renaissance & Baroque Music

Weds 26th June 3-Piece Suite
Music for two flutes and piano

Weds 3rd July Andrew North & Robert Fields
Baritone & Piano

Weds 17th July Eira Lynn Jones
Harpist

READINGS

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

Merciful and gracious Father, you showed the fullness of your love when you gave your only Son for our salvation and sent down upon us the power of your Spirit. Complete within us the work of your love, that we who have communion in Christ may come to share fully the undying life he lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday 2nd June

COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

The Lord says this:

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. 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, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

PSALM

PSALM 81:1-10

Refrain: Sing with joy to God our strength.

Sing merrily to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Take up the song and sound the timbrel,
the tuneful lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day. **R**

For this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob,

The charge he laid on the people of Joseph,
when they came out of the land of Egypt. **R**

I heard a voice I did not know, that said:

'I eased their shoulder from the burden;
their hands were set free from bearing the load.

'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and proved you at the waters of Meribah. **R**

'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

'There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.

'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.' **R**

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 2:23-3:6

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 5th June
Boniface

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who called your servant Boniface to preach the gospel among the German people and to build up your Church in holiness: grant that we may preserve in our hearts that faith which he taught with his words and sealed with his blood, and profess it in lives dedicated to your Son Jesus Christ 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

ISAIAH 49:5-10

The Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'
Thus says the Lord:
In a time of favour I have answered you,
 on a day of salvation I have helped you;
I have kept you and given you
 as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,
 to apportion the desolate heritages;
saying to the prisoners, 'Come out',
 to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'
They shall feed along the ways,
 on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;
they shall not hunger or thirst,
 neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them
down,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
 and by springs of water will guide them.

PSALM

PSALM 115:1-3, 9-15

Refrain: I will give you as a light to the nations

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
 but to your name give the glory,
 for the sake of your loving mercy and truth. **R**
Why should the nations say,
 'Where is now their God?'
As for our God, he is in heaven;
 he does whatever he pleases. **R**

But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord;
 he is their help and their shield.
House of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
 he is their help and their shield.
You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;
 he is their help and their shield. **R**
The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us;
 may he bless the house of Israel;
 may he bless the house of Aaron;
May he bless those who fear the Lord,
 both small and great together. **R**
May the Lord increase you more and more,
 you and your children after you.
May you be blest by the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:1-11

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."'

POST COMMUNION

God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr Boniface: so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice that our lives, broken and offered with his, may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**