

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing  
Hymns: 595; 4; 461; 152; 546

### THIS WEEK

#### **MONDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
**2:00 pm Phoenix Group Strawberry Tea**

#### **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 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist  
6:00 pm *Sung Evening Prayer at St Mary Magdalene*

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-end

#### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Matthew 7:15-20

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday I was in Gainsborough to conduct a quiet day at St. Paul's, Morton: a late 19<sup>th</sup> century church of considerable beauty; not least because of its William Morris stained glass windows. The excellence of both building and fittings was the result, I was told, of one of those rows which happen sometimes in church life when powerful characters with strong opinions clash. In this case, the local squire, a baronet of considerable wealth, fell out with the Vicar of All Saints, Gainsborough; so he built a church of his own! There, we can assume, things would be arranged to his liking.

It was the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle, so I based my talks on his life and mission, as recorded by St. Luke in Acts and by St. Paul in his letters; another story which would lead to a parting of the ways.

Luke tells us that he was a levite from Cyprus, whose given name was Joseph. Barnabas was a nickname given to him by the apostles, meaning "son of encouragement".

The first example of that encouragement we are told of is his selling a piece of property and laying the proceeds at the feet of the apostles for the relief of the poor among the church in Jerusalem. As well as this act of material generosity, we also see Barnabas demonstrating a generosity of judgement; seeing people not "from a human point of view", as Paul puts it in Sunday's epistle; and in this case, seeing Paul as a new creation in Christ. And so, he was able to vouch for the genuineness of Paul's conversion to those understandably suspicious of a zealous persecutor of the infant church.

Barnabas was clearly held in high regard by the leadership of the church in Jerusalem. When they heard of the conversion of Gentiles in the Syrian city of Antioch they sent him to investigate. Not only did he report favourably on this but he recruited Paul to assist in the instruction and formation of these new "Christians". This was the first time that followers of Jesus were given that name.

Paul and Barnabas would embark together on a missionary journey around cities in Asia Minor (now Turkey), establishing congregations there. After returning to report on what had been achieved to the church in Jerusalem, they began planning another expedition. Barnabas wished to take with them his nephew John Mark, but Paul refused, because the young man had turned back from their previous journey. Barnabas and John Mark would go instead to Cyprus, while Paul set off with others on a tour which would take him as far as Greece. Paul was someone who clearly inspired deep loyalty in his missionary companions, but we can understand how someone so single-minded and driven might not always be the easiest to work with. Perhaps Barnabas was able to see potential in John Mark and was willing to give him another chance; something many of us need.

In his Letter to the Galatians, we find Barnabas linked with Peter in Paul's condemnation of compromise over the issue of circumcision for Gentile converts. We only hear one side of the story, so perhaps one who seems to have been a natural diplomat was trying to hold together people with differing opinions on an issue divisive for early Christians. We might think of our own struggles in the Church of England over the ordination of women and the inclusion of gay people. Compromise can be uncomfortable, too uncomfortable for some, and, as I know well from years of personal experience, encouraging people of divergent and strongly-held views to live and work together, is a challenge which calls for considerable reserves of patience and sympathy. I am on duty at the cathedral this Sunday, so we welcome, to preside and preach, Mother Gloria Steadman at 9am, and at 10:30, Fr. Jeffrey Heskins; familiar faces both. On the following Sunday, Mother Hannah will be with us again and will preach at both services.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Alan

## NOTICES

### MINISTRY OF HEALING

The ministry of laying on of hands for healing will be available at the 10:30 am service this Sunday. If you would like to receive this ministry please come to the chapel of St Peter and St Paul after receiving Communion. You can come for yourself or ask for prayer for someone else. If you are unable to come to the chapel, please ask the sidesperson on duty and we will come to you in your seat.

### KATE MITCHELL

Our friend Kate Mitchell – now serving her curacy in the north of the diocese – will be ordained Priest on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, at Lincoln Cathedral. She will preside at Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**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:**

**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

**November 4<sup>th</sup>:** Games Afternoon

**November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Liquorice Park Millenium Green

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

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Dan Matthews, Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University - Forensic Science

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

## ST MARY MAGDALENE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

### SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

We are warmly invited to join the people of St Mary Magdalene for their **Patronal Festival Evensong in Lincoln Cathedral, at 6 pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. The preacher will be the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Lincoln. Please assemble at 5:45 pm at St Mary's if you'd like to join the procession – or make your way directly into the cathedral. Strawberries and wine will be served at St Mary's after the service.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

#### **JULY**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Choral Evensong (BCP)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Sung Evening Prayer (CW)

#### **AUGUST**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Sung Evensong (BCP)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>:** Sung Evening Prayer (CW)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Choral Evensong (BCP)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

## ST MARY MAGDALENE

### SUMMER CONCERT SEASON

**Concerts start at 7:30 pm**

**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*

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> June*

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

EZEKIEL 17:22-END

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

### PSALM

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-END

*Refrain: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord  
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To tell of your love early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night-time,

Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp,  
and to the melody of the lyre. **R**

For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts,  
and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Such as are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R**  
They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be vigorous and in full leaf;  
That they may show that the Lord is true;  
he is my rock,  
and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R**

### SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10, 14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### GOSPEL READING

MARK 4:26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

2 KINGS 2:1, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

### PSALM

PSALM 31:21-END

*Refrain: Into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has shown me his steadfast love  
when I was as a city besieged.

I had said in my alarm,

'I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.'  
Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer  
when I cried out to you. **R**

Love the Lord, all you his servants;

for the Lord protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full the proud.

Be strong and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait in hope for the Lord. **R**

### GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said, 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.'

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