

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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**9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist  
*Hymns: 238; 245; 451; 430; 448*  
6:00 pm *Sung Evening Prayer at St Mary Magdalene*

### 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  
Play, Worship, Coffee & Friendship for young  
children and those who have care of them.

10:00 am Church open  
1:00 pm Funeral – David Kirk

#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 am Church open

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open  
Noon Wedding – Alex Wintrip & Lauren Jugg

### NEXT SUNDAY – 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</u>
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Jeremiah 31:1-7
Psalms 78:23-29	Psalms 121
Ephesians 4:1-16	Matthew 15:21-28
John 6:24-35	

### 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,

Sunday's epistle is the writer's prayer to God the Father for its readers. That petition is for the inner strength which comes from the Holy Spirit. That spiritual strength is something we should pray for often; both for ourselves but also for our fellow-Christians. That inner fortitude may be something we require at challenging times in our lives. It is also a gift we need in the face of the climate of apathy or hostility about faith and the Christian religion in our society and culture.

The writer's prayer is for something which it says is actually impossible for us: that is to "comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge..." None of us, however intelligent or spiritual, can fully comprehend God, in this life or in eternity. Whatever understanding we do attain is to be found "with all the saints," that is with the Church; and by the power of God at work in us.

Such knowledge of God that is given to us is something much more than information. Its purpose is our transformation so that, "Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith" as we are "being rooted and grounded in love."

Those words about dwelling in our hearts through faith are taken up in the liturgy of the Eucharist: "Draw near with faith, receive the Body and Blood of Christ...and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving." So there is a link between the epistle and the Gospel of the Feeding of the Five Thousand in the Gospel.

This 'sign' which points to Jesus as the "Bread of Life," takes place at Passover time, so is linked to the Last Supper and the passion of Christ. Other elements in John's account echo the Eucharist: the seating of the people; Jesus' taking of the loaves, giving thanks, and distributing them; the gathering up of the fragments.

In celebrating the sacrament and receiving Holy Communion, we are strengthened in our inner selves, by the power that works within us and is "able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine". The same Lord who fed the multitude from the young boy's few loaves and fishes feeds us with the spiritual food of his Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the sacrament.

We will be taking a summer break from this letter during the month of August. Normal service will be resumed in September.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alan

## **NOTICES**

### **AFTERNOON TEA**

#### **SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2-4 PM**

The pleasure of your company is requested at an **Afternoon Tea** to be held here at St Nick's, in aid of **Cancer Research UK**. Sue Humphrey would also be grateful for offers of assistance, from noon on the day, – and for cake! If you can help in any way, please let Sue know. Do come along – and bring your friends!

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Our small band of church openers and church cleaners aim to open the doors from 10.00am to 11.00am each day for visitors who are looking for information, seeking a quiet space or just want a look round our beautiful church. Can you spare one or two hours each month to join us? The work is not onerous and a welcoming smile is the main requirement. Please talk to me to find out more. *Joan Beresford - 01522 520729*

### **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:**

**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**

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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**.

#### **JULY**

**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)

## **THE BISHOPS' CHRISTMAS CARD**

### **DESIGN COMPETITION**

The Bishops of Lincoln, Grimsby and Grantham invite submissions of original artwork on the theme of 'The Holly and the Ivy', to be used as the design for their Christmas card this year. Entries should be no larger than 151mm x 151mm, and should be posted to:

**The Bishops' Office, Edward King House, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU.**

Please include your name, parish, postal address and email address so that we can return your designs and contact the winner.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

#### **SUMMER ACTIVITY NOTICES**

**ENERGIZE** - holiday activities for children and young people (aged 8-18) -Activity Days: 5th, 6th, 8th August, at Monks Road Methodist Church LN2 5JZ.

Multi-sports, group games, crafts and more.

#### **Free Family Funday**

Wednesday 7th August - Lincoln Arboretum 12:30 - 4 pm, including face paints, inflatables, catering, sports, crafts and more. Bring a chair or picnic blanket

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> July*

### COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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

2 KINGS 4:42-END

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

### PSALM

PSALM 145:10-19

**Refrain: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and fill all living things with plenty.**

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you. **R**

They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your mighty power,

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. **R**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is sure in all his words  
and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **R**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand  
and fill all things living with plenty. **R**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully. **R**

### SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:14-END

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant

that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

### GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### POST COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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**

JEREMIAH 15:10, 16-END

Woe is me, my mother, that you ever bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me.

Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,

not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**PSALM**

PSALM 59:1-4, 18-END

*Refrain: You, O God, are my strong tower.*

Rescue me from my enemies, O my God;

set me high above those that rise up against me.

Save me from the evildoers

and from murderous foes deliver me.

For see how they lie in wait for my soul

and the mighty stir up trouble against me.

Not for any fault or sin of mine, O Lord;

for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for

war. **R**

Yet will I sing of your strength

and every morning praise your steadfast love;

For you have been my stronghold,

my refuge in the day of my trouble.

To you, O my strength, will I sing;

for you, O God, are my refuge,

my God of steadfast love. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 13:44-46

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

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