

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP
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20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
13th October 2024

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 358; 335; 453; 463; 810
6:00 pm *Choral Evensong 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
2:00 pm Autumn Study Group

WEDNESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Said Eucharist
10:00 am Church open
7:30 pm Autumn Study 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 – 21ST AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
3:00 pm Rededication of Standards

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER</u>	<u>WEDS. 23RD OCTOBER</u>
Isaiah 53:4-end	Ephesians 3:2-12
Psalms 91:9-end	Psalms 98
Hebrews 5:1-10	Luke 12:39-48
Mark 10:35-45	

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,

Last Sunday was a busy and encouraging one at St. Nick's. In the morning, we celebrated our Harvest Thanksgiving at the 10.30 Eucharist. It was a surprise, although not an unpleasant one, to have Bishop Stephen in the congregation and to welcome a little group of the Brownies who meet in our hall. Our thanks to all who contributed so generously to the largest display of gifts in recent memory and to those who arranged them so impressively in front of the altar, and those who decorated the church so beautifully.

It was also our Parish Giving Renewal Sunday, and we also presented the pledges that had been received at the offertory. So far, we have had 34 responses which represent an additional £9,700 per annum with Gift Aid. Our target is to bridge the gap between income and expenditure which is £2,000 per month; so we still have some way to go before we achieve this. In the meantime, thanks to those who have responded so generously; and to Joan Beresford and Sandra Grattrick who did the work. If you have not yet returned your pledge form, I encourage you to do so. It would be good to have reached this target before a new parish priest takes up their post. This Sunday's Gospel reading has Jesus speaking about our relationship with money!

In the afternoon we had the latest in our occasional series of 'Songs of Praise.' This continued the harvest theme, but also included some requests from members of the congregation. Each hymn was introduced with a commentary by me. It was a great pleasure to be joined for this service by some members of the Salvation Army. Our thanks to the choir, organist Brian Medcalf, our accompanist on the piano, Linda Hepburn-Booth, and conductor Jane Ellis; and to those who provided the splendid tea we enjoyed after the service.

Our autumn series of Bible studies is now under way on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. On Wednesday this week we also welcome the members of the Deanery Synod, which will be meeting here.

Looking forward, we have just sent out invitations to our All Souls-tide service of Commemoration of the Departed on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd November. These have gone to all those who have had family funerals here over the past year. The service is open to anyone. There will be list in church for names of departed family members and friends you would like to be included in the prayers.

Today (Wednesday) we celebrated Robert Grosseteste, theologian, philosopher, scientist, linguist and more besides, "the last man to know everything," and an energetic reforming Bishop of Lincoln in the 13th century. The university named after him is in our parish. I will place some copies of my sermon about him at the back of the church.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alan

NOTICES

PARISH GIVING REVIEW

Thank you for your positive responses to our campaign. Your Pledges are being collated and measured against our target of an additional £566 per week. If you haven't managed to return your Pledge Form yet there is still time to hand it in. We just all need to give a little bit more each month to reach our target.

Then you need to ensure that you tell PGS or your bank of your new donation amount.

Joan Beresford, Parish Giving Officer

AUTUMN STUDY GROUP

Our Autumn Study Group takes place on Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm, and repeated on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, through October and November. Groups meet in the St Nicholas' Church Centre. Led by clergy and readers from both St Nicholas and St Mary Magdalene, we are using Bishop John Pritchard's book "Living the Gospel Stories Today". Please do join us! More information from Peter Elsmore, or Fr Alan.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 3 PM

Our annual service in remembrance of deceased loved ones approaches. We invite the families of all whose funerals have been conducted in this church, or by our clergy, over the last year. It is always a moving and thoughtful occasion.

If you would like a name, or names, to be read out during the service, please add them to the list that you will find at the back of church.

FIRST AID TRAINING

The defibrillator at church is now up and working. Would you like to learn how to use it? A one day course will be held in church on Saturday, 9th November covering all aspects of First Aid including CPR and use of a defibrillator. The course starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.00pm with a 30 minute lunch break (bring your own). Drinks and biscuits will be available throughout the day. Please contact me on 01522 520729 or email to joanberesford1@gmail.com for more info and to sign up.

Joan Beresford

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:

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

November 4th: Games Afternoon

November 18th: Liquorice Park Millenium 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: bettykbbrown@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**.

OCTOBER

Sunday 13th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 27th: Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

THE CENTRE FOR RECONCILIATION

The Revd. Steve Holt (Chair of the Centre for Reconciliation), is doing a One Man Show on **2nd November at 7pm at Holy Cross Church Hall**. Nibbles will be provided; bring your own drinks. Tickets are £5. Please support this event, to raise much needed money for TCfR. For tickets, please visit <https://www.tcf-reconciliation.org/events/the-one-man-show>.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Lincoln World Day of Prayer Preparation Day will be taking place on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at the Parish Centre, Our Lady of Lincoln RC Church, Laughton Way, Ermine Estate, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. For more information, please see the notice at the back of church.

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 13th October

COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,

and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just
as you have said.

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the
gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be
gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM

PSALM 90:12-END

Refrain: **O Lord, have compassion on your servants.**

So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?

Have compassion on your servants. **R**

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,
and for the years in which we have seen adversity. **R**

Show your servants your works,

and let your glory be over their children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon
us;

prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our
hands. **R**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 4:12-END

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 16th October

COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

GALATIANS 5:18-END

If you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

PSALM

PSALM 1

Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

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.
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**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 11:42-46

Jesus said, 'Woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.' One of the lawyers answered him, 'Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.' And he said, 'Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them.'

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