

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
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## TRINITY SUNDAY

15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing  
Hymns: 276; 634; 268; 272; 277

### THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
2:00 pm 'We Believe' – Study Group

#### WEDNESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
9:30 am Said Eucharist  
10:00 am Church open

#### THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
7:30 pm 'We Believe' – Study Group

#### FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open  
1:00 pm Wedding – Bethany Wright & Jed Doughty

#### SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

### NEXT SUNDAY – TRINITY 1

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 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-end  
Luke 8:26-39

#### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 105:1-9  
Matthew 7:15-20

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends,

My brother married a girl from Wales and there they have made their home. They are faithful members of the Church in Wales, and it has been my privilege to minister in it when visiting them, so I follow its affairs with interest.

Like the Diocese of Lincoln, the Welsh church has a large number of medieval churches, often in places where few people now live, and even fewer go to church. Unlike many of those Welsh non-conformist chapels, with wonderful Old Testament names, they cannot easily be re-purposed as arts or community centres, or carpet showrooms. Like us, too, the Welsh Church is facing a shortage of clergy and of money. Some time before we embarked on Time To Change Together, the Church in Wales began a programme of consolidating parishes in mission and ministry areas.

One of the most acute commentators on this process and its theological underpinning, or lack of it, is an American priest, Fr. Mark Clavier, who has also made his home in Wales and its Church. As our situation in this diocese has many similarities, much of what he says might profit us. In one of his most recent pieces, he took up an idea he had heard from the former prime minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ahearn. She spoke of another prime minister" summary of what voters want: "Someone to love, somewhere to live, somewhere to work, and something to hope for."

Canon Clavier has adapted these four points to look at what people seek in a church. He suggests:

- a place to belong;
- a way to worship;
- a truth to live by;
- a hope to carry.

Each of these "arks of the church" captures something essential about what the Church is, and what it offers. There is no space in one letter to do them all justice, so I will take one a week over the next month.

"A Place to Belong" is a spiritual home, one rooted in tradition, where people are known, welcomed and loved. Few people come to church because they are convinced by an intellectual argument or doctrine, but because they want to feel at home, not just for comfort, but to know and be known. Belonging in the Church is about something much deeper than being sociable or clubbable. The things which join us to one another are not preference or personality, but the gifts of faith and baptism. Churches are not just for "people like us." It has been said, by Archbishop Rowan, if I remember rightly, that churches are one of the few places these days where we encounter people who are not like us. A hospitality which mirrors that of Jesus himself, makes room for folk, regardless of their pasts and backgrounds, their age, race, gender or sexuality. It even seeks to make room for the difficult and challenging.

In the North of England, where I grew up, we often spoke of someone as 'elonging' the village they came from: so I still 'elonged' Ingleton long after I had left home. This sense of belonging to a place is reflected in the parish system of the Church of England, where everyone who lives in a parish 'elongs' to it; is its responsibility. We see that perhaps most clearly in those who in significant numbers still turn to us for baptisms, weddings and funerals. There has to be room and a welcome for them, too.

Clavier points out that the word "elonging" comes from an old English word meaning "to go along with." Most people look for companions who will walk the pilgrimage of life with them: spouses, partners, friends, colleagues. The Church sees the destination of that journey, the horizon to which we travel, as God and heaven; and local Christian communities as providing that companionship, that belonging, the support we all need.

That belonging together does not just happen in a church, anymore than it does in a marriage. Even those who fall in love at first sight soon learn that they will need to cultivate the habits and virtues which will sustain a relationship over a lifetime. Belonging has to be nurtured. This is about more than attending services, although that is essential. It involves forming friendships, simple things like remembering names and faces, noticing how people are and when they are not there, bearing one another's burdens, in times of sickness and sorrow, and celebrating joys together. As I visit the sick and the housebound, it is cheering to hear how often fellow-parishioners are in touch with them. We are not starting from scratch.

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.

## **WE BELIEVE**

### **EXPLORING THE NICENE CREED**

A five week study course here at St Nick's, exploring one of the most enduring statements of Christian Faith, the Nicene Creed, in its 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Do join us!

**Tuesdays 2-3 pm:**

17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Thursdays 7:30-8:30 pm:**

19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July

## **FRAN BELL**

Fran will be ordained at Newcastle Cathedral on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, before she begins her curacy in Alnwick. Do please sign the card at the back of church which sends love and prayers from all at St Nick's as she, Phil, Eleanor and Lydia move north.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup>:** Alan Barnes – the RNLI

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

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Vikki Sonnenberg – the Pennells' History

### **TALKS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:**

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>:** Jill Stubbs – The Canal & River Trust

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>:** Annette Mackenzie & Eric the Little Owl

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>:** Shirley Brook

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>:** Dan Matthews – Forensic Science, Part 2

**For further information, please contact Betty Brown**

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## **CORPUS CHRISTI**

### **THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated at Lincoln Cathedral with a festal Evensong at 5:30 pm, and festal Eucharist (with Haydn's delicious 'Little Organ Mass') at 7:30 pm.

## **LINCOLN CATHEDRAL CHOIR FESTIVAL**

### **THU 19 – SUN 22 JUN**

A celebration of choral music. Lincoln Cathedral Choir, Lincoln Cathedral Consort and Lincoln Cathedral Youth Choir are delighted to be joined by Grimsby Minster Choir, Hull Minster Choir and The Choir of Robinson College Cambridge, who will be performing an exceptional choral repertoire across services and recitals, as well as the **Midsummer Prom** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**More information at [lincolncathedral.com](http://lincolncathedral.com).**

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

#### **JULY**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Choral Evensong (BCP)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH NETTLEHAM**

### **2025 CONCERT SERIES 7 PM / £10**

The next concert of this series is on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**.

An evening of brass music from traditional marches to modern classics, with the **City of Lincoln Band**.

## **ECUMENICAL QUIET DAY**

**On the theme of Holy Place, at Stow Minster,  
with Canon Dr Ian Stockton & Fr Alex Adkins.**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 10-3.30pm**

Road side parking available. Hot drinks provided. Please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 to support the fabric of this beautiful church is suggested. Places are limited. To book, please contact David Justham on 01427 788725 or [david.justham@talk21.com](mailto:david.justham@talk21.com)

## **PEACE KITCHEN**

The Centre for Reconciliation's Peace Kitchen has several volunteer roles available, all of which will be supported by full training and DBS checks. More information is on the noticeboard, and can also be found at [www.tcf-reconciliation.org](http://www.tcf-reconciliation.org).

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Trinity Sunday***

### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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**

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God:

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.  
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

### **PSALM**

PSALM 8

***Refrain: How exalted is your name in all the world!***

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised

out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,

that you might still the enemy and the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;  
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels

and crown them with glory and honour. **R**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,

how glorious is your name in all the world! **R**

### **SECOND READING**

ROMANS 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

## GOSPEL READING

JOHN 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples,  
'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June*

## COLLECT

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**Amen**

## FIRST READING

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

## PSALM

PSALM 112

**Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments.  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land,  
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R**  
It goes well with those who are generous in lending  
and order their affairs with justice,  
For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be held in everlasting  
remembrance.  
They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. **R**  
Their heart is sustained and will not fear,  
until they see the downfall of their foes.  
They have given freely to the poor;  
their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
their head will be exalted with honour.  
The wicked shall see it and be angry;  
they shall gnash their teeth in despair;  
the desire of the wicked shall perish. **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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