

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN13DP
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
6th July 2025

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 663; 156; 451; 682; 477

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
2:00 pm Phoenix Group Games Afternoon

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

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – 4TH 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 13TH JULY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY</u>
Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Psalm 25:1-10	Psalm 103:1-7
Colossians 1:1-14	Matthew 11:25-27
Luke 10:25-37	

PARISH INFORMATION

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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends,

The last of Canon Mark Clavier's quartet of things people look for in a church, or as I have re-phrased it in these letters, things they should **find** in one, is 'A Hope to Carry,' that is, a hope which we carry with us, but also one which carries us.

The question of hope for the future can arise most sharply when we are coping with the death of a loved one; or facing the reality of our own mortality. To them and to us, the Church must offer a future hope which is rooted, not in sentimentality or wishful thinking, but in the resurrection of our Lord, his victory over sin and death, and his promise of eternal life.

Eternal life is not just a hope for the future, but a present reality in which we are drawn by the Holy Spirit into life with the risen Lord. We live the risen life now. It is not an endless extension of existence as it is now, which might not seem all that appealing, but the promise of life transformed and fulfilled in this world.

In a world in which there is much that can tempt us to despair of the future, and to retreat into a private haven in the hope of shutting out the storms of life, people need hope. Christian hope has often been derided as 'pie in the sky when you die:' what Karl Marx called, 'the opium of the people'; the promise of consolation in the next life, to dull the pain of this world's injustices and tribulations.

The Christian hope is of much more than individual salvation in the future. It is a vision of the kingdom of heaven breaking into the here and now. It is a hope which calls us to love, serve, and live in this present age as though another and better world is possible. Life in communion with God transforms us not simply for our own benefit, but to enable us to play our part in God's transformation of the world.

This hope is not something we can manufacture ourselves, by whipping up enthusiasm, but a gift of God "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Christ from the dead" (I Peter 1.3).

We are to receive it with thankfulness, as we do in the Eucharist week by week, and we do so praying in the Lord's Prayer that God's kingdom may come "on earth as it is in heaven." The gift and the prayer lead not to passivity, but to active engagement with the world which God has not abandoned, nor must we. This dynamic hope should make us a community which is joyful in celebration, courageous in commending the faith which generates this hope, and compassionate to the poor - both in body and spirit – the sick and dying, the sad and sorrowful. This hope should make of us a church in which people can glimpse something of what is possible if the kingdom of God becomes a reality in our lives.

Canon Clavier concludes by saying that these four marks of church: "A place to belong, a way to worship,

a truth to live by, and a hope to carry," are essential signposts to the deep reality of what the church is called to be. This is no shiny, new, hot-from-the-press, set of slogans or re-branding exercise (something of which there has been quite a lot in recent years), but pointers to the deep reality of what the Church is called to be. "The Church does not need to re-invent itself. It needs to remember what it already has. The Scriptures, the sacraments, the Spirit and the communion of saints – all these are already ours and each satisfies our deepest longings. If in our local churches, we become places where people are welcomed, fed, taught, and sent – then perhaps we won't have to search for renewal. We'll simply be living it."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alan

NOTICES

SECURITY

Can all key holders and church openers please ensure that all external doors are locked when leaving the Church or Church Centre.

In the Church both the internal glass doors and the external doors to the church must be locked. In the Church Centre both the internal doors to the Centre must be locked and the outer door must also be secured when leaving the Centre empty.

Non key holders need to tell the Church Administrators, Joanne or Jackie, that they are vacating the Church so that the Church can be locked. Alternatively please ask a Church Warden to lock up, when they are in the building. We will invalidate our insurance if we fail to lock our doors. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation and for all that you do to support the running of St Nicks.

Chris Elsmore, Roger Hansard, David Grattrick and Nick James, Church Wardens.

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:

July 7th: Games Afternoon

July 21st: Paul Scott from the Joseph Banks Centre

Aug 4th: Games Afternoon

Aug 18th: Vikki Sonnenberg – the Pennells' History

Sept 1st: Games Afternoon

Sept 15th: Jill Stubbs – The Canal & River Trust

Oct 6th: Games Afternoon

Oct 20th: Annette Mackenzie & Eric the Little Owl

Nov 3rd: Games Afternoon

Nov 17th: Shirley Brook

Dec 1st: Games Afternoon

Dec 15th: Dan Matthews – Forensic Science, Part 2

For further information, please contact Betty Brown

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WE BELIEVE

EXPLORING THE NICENE CREED

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

Tuesdays 2-3 pm: 8th & 15th July

Thursdays 7:30-8:30 pm: 10th and 17th July

AN INVITATION TO THE PEOPLE OF ST NICHOLAS

St Mary Magdalene's celebrate their Patronal Festival with Festival Evensong in the Cathedral at 6.00 pm on Sunday 20th July.

You are warmly invited to join us in St Mary's at 5.45 pm for the procession to the Cathedral. This year's preacher will be the Dean, the Very Revd Dr Simon Jones. Afterwards we will return to St Mary's for strawberry and cream scones and bubbly.

Save the date; join us for the celebration; bring your friends and neighbours.

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 13th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 27th: Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NETTLEHAM

2025 CONCERT SERIES 7 PM / £10

The next concert of this series is on **Friday 11th July**.

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

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 6th July

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

ISAIAH 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.
For thus says the Lord:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing
stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.
As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with
his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

PSALM

PSALM 66:1-8

Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Be joyful in God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise.
Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength
your enemies shall bow before you.
'All the earth shall worship you,
sing to you, sing praise to your name.' **R**
Come now and behold the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.
He turned the sea into dry land;
the river they passed through on foot;
there we rejoiced in him. **R**
In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.
Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip. **R**

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap
whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you
will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to
the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So
let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will
reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then,
whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the
good of all, and especially for those of the family of
faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my
own hand! It is those who want to make a good

showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be
circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for
the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not
themselves obey the law, but they want you to be
circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.
May I never boast of anything except the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified
to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor
uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is
everything! As for those who will follow this rule—
peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of
God.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

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."
'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever
rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects
the one who sent me.'
The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your
name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them,
'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of
lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on
snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the
enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not
rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice
that your names are written in heaven.'

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 9th July

FIRST READING

GENESIS 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-38

When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.' And since the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine became severe throughout the world. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he said. They said, 'From the land of Canaan, to buy food.' And he put them all together in prison for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.' And they agreed to do so. They said to one another, 'Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.'

Then Reuben answered them, 'Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.' They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.

They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed. When one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging-place, he saw his money at the top of the sack. He said to his brothers, 'My money has been put back; here it is in my sack!' At this they lost heart and turned trembling to one another, saying, 'What is this that God has done to us?' When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, 'The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly to us, and charged us with spying on the land. But we said to him, "We are honest men, we are not spies. We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan." Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, "By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave

one of your brothers with me, take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. Bring your youngest brother to me, and I shall know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will release your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'"

As they were emptying their sacks, there in each one's sack was his bag of money. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed. And their father Jacob said to them, 'I am the one you have bereaved of children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has happened to me!' Then Reuben said to his father, 'You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.' But he said, 'My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should come to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my grey hairs with sorrow to Sheol.'

PSALM

PSALM 33:1-4, 18-END

Refrain: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
for it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.

Sing for him a new song;
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

For the word of the Lord is true
and all his works are sure. **R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
To deliver their soul from death

and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have set our hope on you. **R**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 10:1-7

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near.'"