

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN13DP

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

13th July 2025

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 367; 657; 245; 604; 780
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 '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 – 5TH AFTER TRINITY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 20TH JULY

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-end

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Psalm 78:17-31
Matthew 13:1-9

PARISH INFORMATION

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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends,

Pilgrimage

Among the variety of images of the Church, drawn from Scripture and tradition, is that of the 'Pilgrim People.' The practice of pilgrimage, one we share with our Jewish forebears and people of other faiths, reminds us that we are a people on a journey: we are the people of the 'Way.'

Over the years I have made four major walking pilgrimages: three to Santiago de Compostela in North West Spain; the last of these with Theresa when she was preparing for chemotherapy. The other, nearer to home, was the 'Pilgrims' Way' from the shrine of St. Swithin in Winchester Cathedral, to Canterbury Cathedral and the shrine of St. Thomas à Becket.. Some of you may have been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to visit and pray at places associated with the life of Our Lord; something impossible, alas, at the present time because of the fighting in Gaza.

Pilgrimage provides us with an opportunity for prayer and reflection, a way of stepping back from the routines of daily life, and so it encourages us to examine and re-order our lives. The need to travel light, because we have to carry everything we need. While it provides opportunities for solitude and silence, it does not have to be a solitary business: the companionship of those who set out with us, and those we meet along the way, including those whose welcome and hospitality sustains and refreshes both body and soul for the journey.

In the Middle Ages, our own cathedral, with its shrine of St. Hugh, like Santiago and Canterbury, became a great pilgrimage centre, and it still welcomes, among its many visitors, pilgrims from far and near.

Among the latter, on Sunday August 3rd, will be members of the churches of Christianity (Lincoln) Deanery. The aim is to arrive in time for Evensong on Sunday at 3.45pm. Canon Jeff Heskins has suggested that pilgrims from St. John's and St. Giles' might make their way to St. Nicholas', pause here for refreshments, and then walk with us along Newport and the Bail to St. Mary Magdalene's, collecting friends and fellow-pilgrims from there, before the final steps to the cathedral; where, after Evensong, refreshments will be served.

If you would like to take part, please sign the list at the back of church, so we can inform the cathedral how many they will need to feed and water.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alan

NOTICES

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 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!

Tuesday 15th July 2-3 pm

Thursday 17th July 7:30-8:30 pm

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 12th September**.

Eira Lynn Jones plays magical harp music: classical, folk and a few surprises!

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 July

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

PSALM

PSALM 25:1-10

Refrain: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame,

but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth

or my transgressions,

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,

according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;

therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right

and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord,

be merciful to my sin, for it is great. **R**

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 16th July

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-6, 9-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent

you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

PSALM

PSALM 103:1-7

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;
Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. **R**
The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel. **R**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:25-27

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

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