

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN13DP
Registered Charity Number: 1133977
www.stnicholaslincoln.org.uk

HOLY CROSS DAY
14th September 2025

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 156; 180; 763; 157; 682
6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
Noon Funeral – Jennifer Storr
2:00 pm Phoenix Group

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
1:15 Service in Church

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

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – MATTHEW, APOSTLE

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>WEDS 24TH SEPTEMBER</u>
Proverbs 3:13-18	Ezra 9:5-9
Psalms 119:65-72	Psalms 103:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Luke 9:1-6
Matthew 9:9-13	

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

☎ 01522 540614; stnicholaslincoln@gmail.com

Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

Online & Social Media

🐦 @StNicksLincoln 📘 @stnicholaslincoln
www.stnicholaslincoln.org.uk

NOTICES

JEAN KEAL

Those who remember her will be sad to learn that Jean Keal died on 23rd August, aged 95. Her funeral will be at Lincoln Crematorium, at 10 am on Tuesday 16th September.

"ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG"

Saturday September 27th at 4:30pm at St. Nicholas
(please note change of date)

Our 'in-house-hymn-writer' David Mowbray's second collection of "Hymns for Worship and Reflection," is recently published. We are marking this event with a book launch "Songs of Praise" at which David will introduce, and we will sing, a selection from this wide-ranging collection.

Copies, signed by the author, will be on sale afterwards, for £10, with £5 going to Christian Aid.

Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

"RAISING THE SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE."

Saturday 4th October, 2pm to 4pm.

An afternoon on Bishop Stephen's letters to the diocese on deepening the spirituality of our parishioners and congregations as we move forward from "Time to Change Together."

Now that the Bishop Stephen's diary for that day has become clearer and we know that he will not be available until the afternoon, it seems wise to delay the start of this event until 2pm, so that he can be with us to introduce the theme. This will also allow the flower-arranging team a free morning to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival the following day.

In the meantime, the parish office will produce copies of the Bishop's letters on the subject, which will be available in church from next Sunday.

Please make this event a priority and sign the list in church if you are able to be with us.

Fr. Alan

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:

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 – 'Moonshine & the Rural Dream - Homes fit for Heroes in Lincolnshire'.

Dec 1st: Games Afternoon

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

For further information, please contact Betty Brown
email address: bettybkbrown@yahoo.co.uk

THE BISHOPS' CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Bishops Stephen and Nicholas invite submissions of designs on the theme 'Let there be light', inspired by **John 1:4-5: 'What has come in to being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.'**

Entries must be received by Friday 17th October – and more details can be found in the letter at the back of church.

ST MARY MAGDALENE **SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES**

Evening services at St Mary Magdalene are on second and fourth Sundays, starting at **6:00 pm**.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 14th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 28th: Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH **NOTICE OF CLOSURE**

Trinity United Reformed Church has resolved that it should close, at a service planned for Saturday 31st January 2026. Church members have spent the past 20 months reflecting and praying and have come to this point of decision with great honesty, maturity, and resolve.

The church values the fellowship of Churches Together in Lincoln and District and has been proud to play its part in ecumenical affairs. Please pray for the congregation as it handles 'endings'.

FACING THE STORM 2 **LIVING IN A DIFFERENT FUTURE**

Saturday 27 September, 10am, Alive Church, Newland

This is the second part of a conference programme looking at how faith groups can survive in an age of 'polycrisis' where the future we face will be very different from the one we have previously experienced. The Keynote speaker is Dr Ruth Valerio, Environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author. She is currently Programmes, Partnerships and Advocacy Director for Embrace the Middle East. Her previous roles were Global Advocacy & Influencing Director at Tearfund and Churches and Theology Director for A Rocha UK, an organisation that works for the protection and restoration of the natural world. Tickets: [FacingtheStorm2.eventbrite.com](https://facingthestorm2.eventbrite.com)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NETTLEHAM **2025 CONCERT SERIES 7 PM / £10**

The next concert of this series is on **Friday 10th October**.

Music on period instruments, from **Sixteen Eighty-Five** and **City of Lincoln Waites** – and a costumed C15th mayor's 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 14th September

COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM

PSALM 22:23-28

Refrain: You are the Holy One, O God.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his face from them;

but when they cried to him he heard them. **R**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows

in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their hearts shall live for ever. **R**

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's

and he rules over the nations. **R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Amen

Wednesday 17th September

COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

1 TIMOTHY 3:14-END

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

He was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among Gentiles,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

PSALM

PSALM 111:1-5

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the
congregation.

The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them. **R**

His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant. **R**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 7:31-35

Jesus said to the crowd,
‘To what then will I compare the people of this
generation, and what are they like? They are like
children sitting in the market-place and calling to one
another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not weep.”

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and
drinking no wine, and you say, “He has a demon”; the
Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say,
“Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-
collectors and sinners!” Nevertheless, wisdom is
vindicated by all her children.’

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true
manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food
sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we
come to that place where hunger and thirst are no
more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**