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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

2nd November 2025

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
**10:30 am Parish Eucharist, followed by
Thank You to Fr Alan and Theresa**
Hymns: 296; 309; 301; 307; 312
3:00 pm Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
2:00 pm Games Afternoon
7:30 pm PCC Meeting

TUESDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open

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
**7:00 pm Licensing & Installation of Mother Hannah
as Vicar of St Nicholas' Church**

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance
6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER	WEDS 12 TH NOVEMBER
Job 19:23-27a	Titus 3:1-7
Psalms 17:1-9	Psalms 82
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end	Luke 17:11-19
Luke 20:27-38	

PARISH INFORMATION

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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Dear Friends,

"Alleluia is our song."

One of my tasks over the time we have not had a parish priest has been to choose the hymns we sing. Like other aspects of my caretaker role, it was one for which I had been prepared by years of practice, as I had been doing it for over forty years. It is also one I do not regard as just another chore to be done as quickly as possible, but one calling for careful attention. This is so because hymns are not just fillers to keep the congregation busy while more important things are being prepared or performed, but an important element of worship in their own right, as well as in combination with the prayers and readings of the liturgy; reflecting and informing what we hear and do in worship.

So, it was especially fitting that, as I come to the end of my stand-in role, one of my last tasks was to arrange last Sunday's afternoon of singing to launch David Mowbray's new collection of hymns, "Alleluia is our Song." David introduced each of his selections, speaking of their subjects – which ranged from the central doctrines of the faith to events like the Steam Punk Festival – and the occasions for writing them such as the 17th centenary of the Nicene Creed the Church has been celebrating this year.

The subtitle of the collection speaks of them as not just for singing but for reflection, and one of them, on Auschwitz, that place which embodies "man's inhumanity to man," was not sung but instead read beautifully for us by Su Toogood. Great hymnody, with words carefully and skilfully crafted, rooted in scripture, faith and deep spiritual experience, and linked with memorable and singable tunes, does provide us with material for prayer and a means of praying. St. Augustine of Hippo, the great African bishop and theologian, from whose "We are the Easter people, and Alleluia is our song," David borrowed his title, also wrote that those "who sing pray twice."

I have often noticed that the scriptures the Church gives us to read in worship often give us words that speak to our situation. The last day of my ministry at Old St. Paul's in Edinburgh was the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, and the epistle at the Eucharist included Paul's saying to Timothy: "The hour of my departure is at hand." That same passage was the epistle last Sunday, and this Sunday is the last before Mother Hannah's institution and induction on Thursday. Now, I am not going to disappear entirely, but while I have not been the "Vicar" of St. Nick's, I have been your acting parish priest for a considerable period; much longer than any of us anticipated. New incumbents do not usually have to deal with their predecessors still being around while they find their feet in a parish. I have said to Mother Hannah that I will be around to help if needed, and I'm already covering a Wednesday Eucharist while she is on retreat, but I am planning to

take something of a break to recharge my batteries and explore what 'retirement' might hold.

So this is my final letter as your "Associate Priest." Writing them, preparing sermons and leading study groups, have all been spiritually stimulating to me, and I hope it has been of some help to you in your Christian lives. To borrow words from the Irish comedian Dave Allen: "If you have been, thank you for listening and reading."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alan

NOTICES

THANK YOU, FR ALAN!

Please join us after the service today, as we express our gratitude to Father Alan, and to Theresa, for their huge contribution to the life of St Nicholas' Church during our lengthy interregnum. We wish them both a jolly good rest, and much enjoyment of rediscovered spare time!!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 3 PM

All are welcome at our annual service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving – this afternoon - Sunday 2nd November, at 3pm. 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.

LICENSING & INSTALLATION OF THE REV'D

MOTHER HANNAH GRIVELL

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 7 PM

The Rev'd Mother Hannah Grivell will be Licensed as Vicar of St Nicholas' Church by the Bishop of Grantham, and then Installed by the Archdeacon of Lincoln, on Thursday 6th November, at 7pm. Please come along to show your support to Mother Hannah, and to celebrate the start of a new chapter in the life of our Parish.

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:

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
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ST MARY MAGDALENE

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 23rd: Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NETTLEHAM

2025 CONCERT SERIES 7 PM / £10

The next concert of this series is on **Friday 14th November**. **Lincoln Chorale** will sing Music for St Cecilia.

RIDE AND STRIDE

Thankyou everyone who helped with our sponsored walk this year. The walkers (Clare, Felicity, David, Jeremy and myself) started by walking up the South Common, then to Canwick church, the Cow Puddle (Lincoln's lesser known third common) and eventually up to our Church, calling at all the churches en route and the Cathedral. A detour was also made through the Arboretum to St Anne's Bede Houses.

Thankyou to John Simmons and Ron Johnson for providing transport to South Park.

Also to Joan Beresford, Sue Humphrey, Susan Pycock and John Simmons for looking after hospitality for visiting walkers and for us when we returned.

Last but not least to everyone who sponsored us and to John (again!) for taking charge of the finances.

The sum raised was almost £400 plus gift aid, to be split between our Church and Lincolnshire Churches Trust.

Dave

READINGS

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, bring us to the dwelling which your Son is preparing for all who love you. Give us the will each day to live in life eternal. Let our citizenship be in heaven with your blessed and beloved, the whole company of the redeemed; and with countless angels, praising, worshipping, and adoring him who sits upon the throne, for ever and ever. Amen

Sunday 2nd November
All Saints' Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:

I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter:

'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

PSALM

PSALM 149

Refrain: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation. **R**

Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement decreed:
such honour have all his faithful servants.

Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:11-END

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse

you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wednesday 5th November

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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

ROMANS 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

LUKE 14:25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**