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SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

16th November 2025

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist

10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

Hymns: 580; 2; 635; 456; 608

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – CHRIST THE KING

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 23RD NOVEMBER
 WEDS 26TH NOVEMBER

 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Dan. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

 Psalm 46
 Canticle: Benedicite 4-5

 Colossians 1:11-20
 Luke 21:12-19

Luke 23:33-43

PARISH INFORMATION

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

Online & Social Media

FROM OUR VICAR

It is truly wonderful to finally be here as your Vicar! It has been a long time coming, but I am excited to get started, and to see where the Holy Spirit takes us.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the warm welcome you gave to Tim, Miriam, and myself, both when we first moved back in May and last week. The service was lovely and so well supported; I am truly grateful for your support.

I especially would like to thank Chris and Clare for their work on organising the catering my licensing service, which came in quick succession following two other events to cater. Thank you both for your work on these, the food was wonderful!

Some of you have come to me about things that may change in the coming months. With a new Vicar, there is a new beginning, a new chapter in the life of St Nick's. Things will change; we have been tasked specifically with changing and growing through the generous gifts of the Strategic Development Funding that has come with my appointment. But in these two months to Christmas, you will notice a few small changes, but nothing, I hope, too major. We need to settle, to have time to reflect on where we are and where we have been, before we can look forward to the future

In January, I hope to host a Parish Vision Day to come together behind a vision, some values, and a mission statement. These will help guide us over the next few years, making sure all that we do is for the furthering of the Kingdom of God. More details about this will come in the next month, so please do watch this space for more details.

Please pray, friends, for the Holy Spirit to guide us in these first few months of our new chapter; that she might encourage us to be intentional in all that we do here, and expectant that she will move in this place.

Mother Hannah.

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.

ST NICKS PATRONAL FESTIVAL SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH AT 6.00PM

Our church choir is joining with Lincoln Choral Society to sing **Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass** in St Nicholas church on our patronal Festival day, Saturday 6th December, at 6.00pm. This is not a concert! It is a celebration of the Eucharist using music composed for the liturgy. We hope that you will join us for what will be a very special act of worship.

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 17th: Shirley Brook – 'Moonshine & the Rural Dream - Homes fit for Heroes in Lincolnshire'. This promises to be a very interesting and informative talk.

Dec 1st: Games Afternoon

Dec 15th: Dan Matthews – Forensic Science, Part 2 For further information, please contact Betty Brown email address: bettybkbbrown@yahoo.co.uk

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 33rd: Choral Evening Prayer (CW) Sunday 30th: Advent Carol Service

DECEMBER

Sunday 14th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

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

The next concert of this series is on **Friday 12**th **December.** Baroque Christmas music from **Pro Musica**, with soprano Helen Winter, and violinist Caroline Siriwardena.

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 16th November

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

MALACHI 4:1-2A

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

PSALM

PSALM 98

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvellous things.

His own right hand and his holy arm

have won for him the victory. R

The Lord has made known his salvation;

his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,

and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **R**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;

break into singing and make music.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the voice of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

sound praises before the Lord, the King. R

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,

the world and all that dwell upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands

and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,

for he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world

and the peoples with equity. R

SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIONS 3:6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Wednesday 19th November Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

COLLECT

Eternal God, who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land and through her holiness and leadership blessed your Church with new life and unity: help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ and to reconcile those who are divided; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

PSALM

PSALM 131

Refrain: I will greatly rejoice in the the Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud;

my eyes are not raised in haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters, with things that are too high for me. **R**

But I have quieted and stilled my soul,

like a weaned child on its mother's breast;

so my soul is quieted within me.

O Israel, trust in the Lord,

from this time forth for evermore. R

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

POST COMMUNION

Merciful God, who gave such grace to your servant Hilda that she served you with singleness of heart and loved you above all things: help us, whose communion with you has been renewed in this sacrament, to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**