

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN13DP
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PATRONAL FESTIVAL

7th December 2025

TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Patronal Festival Eucharist
Hymns: 312; Sheet; 304; 308

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

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
10:15 am Advent Course

THURSDAY

8:45 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Church open
7:30 pm Advent Course

FRIDAY

10:00 am Church open

SATURDAY

10:00 am Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am Said Eucharist
10:30 am Parish Eucharist
12:15 pm Holy Baptism – Teddy Reynolds
6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Isaiah 35:1-10
Magnificat (hymn)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

WEDS 17TH DECEMBER

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalm 72:1-5, 18-19
Matthew 1:1-17

PARISH INFORMATION

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Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

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NOTICES

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7 December - Patronal Festival

9 am Said Eucharist & 10:30am Sung Eucharist
We remember St Nicholas

Sunday 14th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9 am Said Eucharist & 10:30am Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 16th December

6:30 pm Light in the Darkness

A reflective Christmas service for those who find the season difficult

Sunday 21st December

9 am Said Eucharist & 10:30am Sung Eucharist

4:00pm A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The traditional candlelit start to Christmas

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

4:00pm Crib Service

Especially suitable for the very young

11:30pm Midnight Mass

The First Eucharist of Christmas

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

10:30am Christmas Day Eucharist for All

ADVENT COURSE 2025

For our Advent and Lent courses this year, we will be using the Diocesan Course - ***Set our hearts on fire.*** There are 3 sessions for Advent and 5 for Lent - you do not need to come to all of them if you can't make it, it has been designed so that each session can stand alone.

Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, & 17th December at 10:15am (after 9:30am Eucharist)

Thursdays 4th, 11th, & 18th December at 7:30pm

All sessions will be held in Church and refreshments will be available. We look forward to welcoming you!

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:

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

For further information, please contact Betty Brown

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TEA & COFFEE ROTA

We are seeking some more people to help to serve tea & coffee after our 10:30am Sunday service. The role includes tidying away afterwards, and, particularly at this time, ensuring the bins have been taken out once everything is cleared away. If you are willing to be involved, please speak with Chris or Clare who would be happy to talk through what the role entails. Thank you for your help in making St Nick's a place of warm welcome!

APPEAL FOR MINCE PIES

Our Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place Sunday 21st December at 4.00pm and, as is our tradition, it will be followed by refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine. If you are able to provide mince pies for this service, it would be much appreciated. Please bring your contributions to church on the morning of the service, so that we can avoid having food on site for an extended period of time.

Many thanks, Sue Humphrey

REGULAR GIVING ENVELOPES

If you presently use numbered envelopes for your regular giving, new sets for 2026 will be issued next month. Alternatively, you could join the Parish Giving Scheme (our preferred method) which costs us nothing. Numbered envelopes cost more than £3.00 per set. Please talk to me about queries you may have about your donations or about Gift Aid.

Joan Beresford, Parish Giving Officer

'EXPLORING VOCATIONS'

THE COLLEGE OF ST HUGH, DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

The first in a series of mornings to be run by the College of Saint Hugh explores Reader Ministry. Hear about the discernment process from those who have recently been trained and licensed as Readers. From **9.30 to 12.30 on Saturday 10th January 2026**, at Edward King House, Minster Yard, Lincoln. Please contact collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org to book a place.

ST MARY MAGDALENE

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

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

DECEMBER

Sunday 14th: Choral Evensong (BCP)

CAROLS IN THE ARBORETUM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2025 AT 2:30 PM

The churches of Monks Road, and the Salvation Army Band, invite you to Carols in the Arboretum. We meet around the Bandstand. Retiring collection for the Nomad Centre. With thanks to Lincoln City Council.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NETTLEHAM

2025 CONCERT SERIES 7 PM / £10

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

HYMNS

Almighty God of boundless love,
We plead before thy throne above,
Thy heavenly purpose we may know,
And truly serve thy cause below.

Confessor of thy Son who died
Is Nicholas, our saintly guide,
Whose feast with double joy is filled,
If hearts be with thy grace instilled.

His golden gifts bring to the fore
In each of us a wondrous awe,
That yet new mercies we believe
His supplication shall achieve.

Then grant, O Lord, that e'er may we,
Who place our hope and trust in thee,
Show for our kinsfolk love combined
With right concern for all mankind!

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
All honour, praise and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.
(To 'Truro')

Good Saint Nicholas of Myra,
deeds and legends tell his fame.
Sainly bishop, friend of children
Bari pilgrims chant the name:
Bless'd Nicholas, Bless'd Nicholas
He loved all in Jesus' name

Miracles and signs and wonders,
he performed to praise the Lord.
For a poor and weary people
source of care and joy outpoured:
Bless'd Nicholas, Bless'd Nicholas
He loved all in Jesus' name

Sailors, nations, people thank him
for the message that he brought.
Young and old now hail the memory
Of the lessons that he taught:
Bless'd Nicholas, Bless'd Nicholas
He loved all in Jesus' name

May his ways of true devotion
guide us on our earthly way.
Challenge us to be more like him
as Christ's gospel we obey:
Bless'd Nicholas, Bless'd Nicholas
He loved all in Jesus' name

Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bind us in community,
so that we with holy Nicholas
might eternal glory see:
Bless'd Nicholas, Bless'd Nicholas
He loved all in Jesus' name **(To 'Westminster Abbey')**

READINGS

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

Purify our consciences, almighty God, by your visitation, that your Son when he comes in these holy mysteries, and finally to judge the world, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

Sunday 7th December ***Patronal Festival***

COLLECT

Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; 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 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

PSALM

PSALM 68:1-10

Refrain: Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness. **R**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R**
Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R**
O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-11

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

POST COMMUNION

God, shepherd of your people, whose servant Nicholas revealed the loving service of Christ in his ministry as a pastor of your people: by this eucharist in which we share awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to our Christian calling; through him who laid down his life for us, but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen**

Wednesday 10th December

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40:25-END

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM

PSALM 103:8-13

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever. **R**
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him. **R**
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him. **R**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:28-END

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**