

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT, LINCOLN, LN1 3DP  
Registered Charity Number: 1133977  
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**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### TODAY

9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing  
*Hymns: 589; 821; 782; 462; 595*

### THIS WEEK

#### **MONDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
2:30 pm *Interment of Ashes – Alice Wilson*  
*Newport Cemetery*

#### **TUESDAY**


8:45 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Church open  
7:30 pm Standing Committee

#### **WEDNESDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer  
9:30 am Said Eucharist  
10:00 am Church open

#### **THURSDAY**

8:45 am Morning Prayer

 9.30am-11.30am - ST. NICK'S NIPPERS  
Play, Worship, Coffee & Friendship for young  
children and those who have care of them.

10:00 am Church open

#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 am Church open

#### **SATURDAY**

10:00 am Church open  
1:00 pm Wedding

### NEXT SUNDAY – 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY


9:00 am Said Eucharist  
10:30 am Parish Eucharist  
12:15 pm Holy Baptism – Florence Wass  
6:00 pm *Sung Evening Prayer at St Mary Magdalene*

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



<u>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</u>
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10
Psalms 34:15-end	Psalms 84:1-4
Ephesians 6:10-20	Romans 13:11-end
John 6:56-69	Matthew 23:8-12

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office

 01522 540614; stnicholaslincoln@gmail.com  
Notices for next week's sheet by Wednesday please.

#### Online & Social Media

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### 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.

#### PHOENIX GROUP ACTIVITIES

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Mondays: Board Games and refreshments

3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays: Speakers and refreshments

#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

August 19<sup>th</sup>: NO MEETING

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: Games Afternoon

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>: Annette Mackenzie – "Owlin' Mad"

October 7<sup>th</sup>: Games Afternoon

October 21<sup>st</sup>: Louth Carpet Factory – a talk by Betty Brown

November 4<sup>th</sup>: Games Afternoon

November 18<sup>th</sup>: Liquorice Park Millenium Green

December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Games Afternoon

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Dan Matthews, Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University - Forensic Science

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.

#### AUGUST

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>: Sung Evening Prayer (CW)

#### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>: Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Choral Evening Prayer (CW)

#### PRAY FOR PEACE

#### ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH

On Thursday 22nd August, from 7-8pm, all are welcome at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, for silent prayer and reflection (scripture verses and images will be available for inspiration) accompanied by Taize music, all offered up for peace in our country and the world.

#### THE BISHOPS' CHRISTMAS CARD

#### DESIGN COMPETITION

The Bishops of Lincoln, Grimsby and Grantham invite submissions of original artwork on the theme of 'The Holly and the Ivy', to be used as the design for their Christmas card this year. Entries should be no larger than 151mm x 151mm, and should be posted to: **The Bishops' Office, Edward King House, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU**, to arrive by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please include your name, parish, postal address and email address so that we can return your designs and contact the winner.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> August*

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

PROVERBS 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
'You that are simple, turn in here!'  
To those without sense she says,  
'Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.'

### PSALM

PSALM 34:9-14

*Refrain: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted.*

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack nothing that is good. **R**  
Come, my children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is there who delights in life  
and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R**  
Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

## SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters,  
Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'  
The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

**EZEKIEL 34:1-11**

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

**PSALM**

**PSALM 23**

**Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd;

therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

**GOSPEL READING**

**MATTHEW 20:1-16**

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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