

The church is Open every day
9-4.30pm

THE FOOD BANK BOX IS AT THE BACK
OF THE CHURCH

Please donate as generously
as possible

Bell Ringing Tuesdays 8pm contact
Philip Green 07787574872

WHIST 22nd April in Church 6.30pm

CONNECTION SINGING GROUP

SUNDAY 28th April at 3pm
in church. All Welcome
Relax have fun

Annual Vestry Meeting

is in church
on May 13th at 6.30pm
Followed by the PCC meeting

Local Mission Partnership Meeting

20th May
At Market Deeping

Saturday June 1st is the village fete

DSN Church is having a stall.
Ideas, contributions and help
will be very welcome contact Erica

Ring, Text or e-mail Erica you wish to put
something on the News sheet.

All updates welcome

The Church is available for booking for
activities/meetings . Please ensure these are
entered in the church diary by contacting
Carolyn Sumner Tel. 07808350802

St. Nicholas Church
Deeping St. Nicholas

21st April
Fourth Sunday of Easter 2024



Welcome to
Holy Communion Service at 9.30am

Hymns

198 From the very depths
161 Father hear the prayer we offer
654 The Lord's my Shepherd
503 O Jesus I have promised

Music Carolyn Sumner

Prayer for World Peace: Almighty God, I
pray for peace in our world, where there is
often conflict and strife. Bring an end to
violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to
work towards the well-being of all people.
May your love and compassion prevail,
uniting nations in a common pursuit of
peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on
earth as it is in heaven. In the name of
Jesus, the Prince of Peace, I pray. Amen.

Next Sunday
Holy Communion 9.30am

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either **Acts 4:5-12**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Or **Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18;
8:6-18; 9:8-13**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways
for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I shall 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 is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 John 3:16-end**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who

obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Or **Acts 4:5-12**

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his
life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his
steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.