

The Church is Open
every day 9-3.30pm

THE FOOD BANK BOX IS AT THE BACK OF
THE CHURCH

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Bell Ringing Tuesdays 8pm

contact Philip Green 07787574872

'The Meaning is in the waiting'

ADVENT Course/Discussion
In Deeping St. Nicholas Church

Wednesday 11th Dec. 7pm

Wednesday 18th Dec. 7pm

NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST

FELLOWSHIP

9am Saturday 14th December

At Unique Cottage Café, Spalding

CAROL SERVICE

and a Glimpse of the Nativity

DECEMBER 15th 3pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

BLESSING OF THE CRIB 4PM

And

MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm

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

December 15th 2024

Advent 3



Welcome to worship here Today

9.30 am Holy Communion

Hymns

480 O come O come Emmanuel

481 282 Hills of the North Rejoice

856 Kum ba yah

580 Rejoice the Lord is king

Carolyn Sumner

Prayer

God of light, shine forth, show us how to bring hope to others. God of mercy, help us to comfort your people and share in their joy. God of hope, make us an Advent people, preparing the way for life in all its fullness.

Amen.

Next Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

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COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at your first coming sent your
 messenger
 to prepare your way before you:
 grant that the ministers and
 stewards of your mysteries
 may likewise so prepare and make
 ready your way
 by turning the hearts of the
 disobedient to the wisdom of
 the just,
 that at your second coming to
 judge the world
 we may be found an acceptable
 people in your sight;
 for you are alive and reign with the
 Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult
 with all your heart, O daughter
 Jerusalem! The LORD has taken
 away the judgements against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the LORD, is in
 your midst; you shall fear disaster
 no more. On that day it shall be
 said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O
 Zion; do not let your hands grow
 weak. The LORD, your God, is in
 your midst, a warrior who gives
 victory; he will rejoice over you
 with gladness, he will renew you
 in his love; he will exult over you
 with loud singing as on a day of
 festival. I will remove disaster from
 you, so that you will not bear
 reproach for it. I will deal with all
 your oppressors at that time. And
 I will save the lame and gather the
 outcast, and I will change their
 shame into praise and renown in
 all the earth. At that time I will
 bring you home, at the time when
 I gather you; for I will make you
 renowned and praised among all
 the peoples of the earth, when I
 restore your fortunes before your
 eyes, says the LORD.

CANTICLE OR PSALM

Either **Psalm 146:4-end**

R *The Lord shall reign for ever.*
 Happy are those who have the
 God of Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the Lord their
 God;
 Who made heaven and earth,
 the sea and all that is in them;
 who keeps his promise for ever;
 Who gives justice to those that
 suffer wrong
 and bread to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord looses those that are
 bound;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the
 blind;
 The Lord lifts up those who are
 bowed down;
 the Lord loves the righteous; **R**

The Lord watches over the
 stranger in the land;
 he upholds the orphan and widow;
 but the way of the wicked he turns
 upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all
 generations. Alleluia. **R**

Or **Isaiah 12:2-end**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again
 I will say, Rejoice. Let your
 gentleness be known to everyone.
 The Lord is near. Do not worry
 about anything, but in everything
 by prayer and supplication with
 thanksgiving let your requests be
 made known to God. And the
 peace of God, which surpasses
 all understanding, will guard your
 hearts and your minds in Christ
 Jesus.

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that
 came out to be baptised by
 him, "You brood of vipers! Who
 warned you to flee from the wrath

to come? Bear fruits worthy of
 repentance. Do not begin to say to
 yourselves, 'We have Abraham as
 our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is
 able from these stones to raise up
 children to Abraham. Even now the
 axe is lying at the root of the trees;
 every tree therefore that does
 not bear good fruit is cut down
 and thrown into the fire." And the
 crowds asked him, "What then
 should we do?" In reply he said
 to them, "Whoever has two coats
 must share with anyone who has
 none; and whoever has food must
 do likewise." Even tax-collectors
 came to be baptised, and they
 asked him, "Teacher, what
 should we do?" He said to them,
 "Collect no more than the amount
 prescribed for you." Soldiers also
 asked him, "And we, what should
 we do?" He said to them, "Do
 not extort money from anyone by
 threats or false accusation, and be
 satisfied with your wages." As the
 people were filled with expectation,
 and all were questioning in their
 hearts concerning John, whether
 he might be the Messiah, John
 answered all of them by saying,
 "I baptise you with water; but one
 who is more powerful than I is
 coming; I am not worthy to untie
 the thong of his sandals. He will
 baptise you with the Holy Spirit
 and fire. His winnowing-fork is in
 his hand, to clear his threshing-
 floor and to gather the wheat into
 his granary; but the chaff he will
 burn with unquenchable fire." So,
 with many other exhortations, he
 proclaimed the good news to the
 people.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for
 these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his
 face;
 who is alive and reigns now and
 for ever.