

**The Church is Open**  
**every day 9-3.30pm**

**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

**LMP MEETING**

**MONDAY 20th JANUARY 7.30pm**  
In Deeping St. Nicholas Church

**CONNECTION**

**SINGING AND WELL BEING GROUP**  
Sunday 26th January  
All Welcome 2.30-3.30pm in church

**PCC MEETING**

**Monday 27th January at 7pm**  
**In Church**

**Plan ahead and**  
**save the date**

**Sleaford Training band**  
**Saturday June 21st at**  
**7pm**



**In Deeping St. Nicholas church**

**Dog Show and**  
**family day**

**Saturday July 12th**

**Just come and enjoy**  
**Plenty for Dogs and**  
**humans to do...**

**In the church and grounds**



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**

**Baptism of Christ**  
**12th January 2025**



**We welcome you to worship**  
**9.30am Morning Prayer**

*Music Florence Numa*

**HYMNS**

- 35 A New Commandment**
- 555 Peace Perfect Peace**
- 67 Be still for the presence of the Lord**
- 201 Give me joy in my heart**

**Prayer**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with  
the Holy Spirit: grant that we may be faithful to  
our call as Children of God, listening to you,  
guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and  
definite purpose. Amen.

**Next Sunday 19th January**  
**Holy Communion 9.30am**

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## COLLECT

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by  
water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our  
calling as your adopted children;  
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.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the LORD, he who  
created you, O Jacob, he who  
formed you, O Israel: Do not  
fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you  
are mine. When you pass through  
the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall  
not overwhelm you; when you  
walk through fire you shall not  
be burned, and the flame shall  
not consume you. For I am the  
LORD your God, the Holy One of  
Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt  
as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba  
in exchange for you. Because  
you are precious in my sight, and  
honoured, and I love you, I give  
people in return for you, nations in  
exchange for your life. Do not fear,  
for I am with you; I will bring your  
offspring from the east, and from  
the west I will gather you; I will say  
to the north, "Give them up," and  
to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and  
my daughters from the end of the  
earth – everyone who is called by  
my name, whom I created for my  
glory, whom I formed and made."

## PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The voice of the Lord is upon  
the waters*

*[the God of glory thunders].*

or

**R** *The Lord shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and  
strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due  
to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful  
voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice  
of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the  
cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of  
Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young  
wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the  
flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the  
wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness  
of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the  
oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above  
the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king  
for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to  
his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the  
blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

*A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.*

When the apostles at Jerusalem  
heard that Samaria had accepted  
the word of God, they sent Peter  
and John to them. The two went  
down and prayed for them that  
they might receive the Holy Spirit  
(for as yet the Spirit had not come  
upon any of them; they had only  
been baptised in the name of the  
Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John  
laid their hands on them, and they  
received the Holy Spirit.

## GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

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

In the wilderness John proclaimed  
a baptism of repentance. 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."  
Now when all the people were  
baptised, and when Jesus also had  
been baptised and was praying,  
the heaven was opened, and the  
Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove. And a  
voice came from heaven, "You are  
my Son, the Beloved; with you I  
am well pleased."

## POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and  
revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your  
beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of  
our rebirth  
through the waters of the new  
creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.