

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**

Whist Monday 3rd March 6.30pm im Church

**Ministry Team meeting
Tuesday 18th February 7pm
at 3, St. Guthlacs Close**

**Deanery Synod Meeting
February 25th 7.30pm at
All Saints Holbeach**

**Connection Dates
23rd February, 23rd March
and 25th May 2025**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th
Holy Communion 7pm**

PCC Monday 10th March at 7pm

**LMP Meeting 17th March 7pm at Deeping
St. Nicholas 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**

**February 16th 2025
3rd Sunday before Lent**



**We welcome you to worship
9.30am Holy Communion**

Hymns

**169 Fight the good fight
144 Dear Lord and Father
314 Immortal invisible
448 Meekness and majesty**

Music Carolyn Sumner

Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

**Next Sunday 23rd February
Holy Communion 9.30am**

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of
sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of
this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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 Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

PSALM Psalm 1

R *Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord*

Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the
Lord,

and they meditate on his law day
and night. **R**

They are like trees planted by
streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked:
they are like chaff which the wind
blows away; **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not
stand upright
when judgement comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the
righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked is
doomed. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

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

He came down with them and
stood on a level place, with a

great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us
the bread of life,
that those who come to him should
never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and
love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.