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

Dog Show Meeting Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in Church

> 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 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

In the church and grounds

humans to do...



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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 9th 2025 4th Sunday before Lent



We welcome you to worship

9.30am Morning Prayer

Hymns

- 12 Alleluia sing to Jesus
- **555 Peace perfect peace**
- 72 Bind us together
- 201 Give me joy in my heart Music Florence Numa

<u>Prayer</u>

Enable us, our Father, to respond to the grace of your word with humanity of heart and in the spirit of love;

that our lives may be conformed more and more to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Next Sunday 16th February Holy Communion 9.30am

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Sunday 9 February 2025 Fourth Sunday before Lent

COLLECT

O God,

you know us to be set

in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 (Short or long reading) Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-end]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and . said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump."]

PSALM Psalm 138

R Before the gods I will sing your praise, O Lord.

or

- R Great is the glory of the Lord!
- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;

he perceives the haughty from afar. R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;

O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also

to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

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

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

POST COMMUNION

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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