

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

**Please contact Philip Green 07787574872
to check dates**

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Monday June 9th 6.30pm in church

Connection Singing Date

2.30-3.30pm Sunday 25th May

The Funeral Service for Annette O Donaghue

Takes place on

Thursday 29th May at 11.30am in the church

Ascension day Service

Thursday May 29th at 7pm

MENS BREAKFAST CLUB

9.00am 31st May at Vine House Farm

Sleaford Training band

Music from well known films and West End Shows

Saturday June 21st 7pm

Deeping St. Nicholas church. Tickets £10 under 12's free

Dog Show and family Day

Saturday July 12th

**Just come and enjoy Plenty for Dogs and
humans to do...In the church and ground**

FAITH AND LEARNING:

An Appreciation of life and the contribution of all

Saturday JULY 19th

Opening Service at 3pm followed by

Refreshments

All welcome

With the Rev Hugh Jones

Ring, Text or e-mail Erica : erica.crust@gmail.com
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**

**May 25th 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter**



We Welcome you to worship

Holy Communion 9.30am

Hymns

649 The King of Love my shepherd is

137 Crown him with many crowns

12 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

503 O Jesus I have promised

Music Carolyn Sumner

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, by your grace keep our
relationship with you real, immediate
and personal-rooted in an ongoing
experience of your love, a daily walking
with you.

Draw near each day and keep us close.

Amen

Next Sunday

Holy Communion 9.30 am

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COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
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

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 16:9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Or Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM Psalm 67

R *Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.*

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]
The earth has brought forth her
increase;
may God, our own God, give us his
blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand
in awe of him. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10. 22 – 22:5

A reading from the book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Or Acts 16:9-15

GOSPEL

Either John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Those who love me will keep my word, and my

Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Or John 5:1-9

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

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.