

**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**

**contact Philip Green 07787574872**

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**Wednesday April 7th 6.30pm in church**

**Monday May 12th**

**Annual Parishoners Meeting 6.30pm in Church**

**Followed by the**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC at the back of church.**

**Please place in sealed box provided**

**Connection Singing Date**

**2.30-3.30pm Sunday 25th May**

**Sleaford Training band**

**Music from well known films and West End Shows**

**Saturday June 21st 7pm**

**in 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 grounds**

**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 4th 2025**

**Third Sunday of Easter**



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

**Hymns**

**419 Shine Jesus Shine**

**72 Bind us together**

**437 Make me a channel of your peace**

**666 Walk in the light**

*Music Florence Numa*

**Prayer**

May the God of the dawn awaken you  
May the God of sunrise stir you up  
May the God of morning bless your work  
May the God of noon renew your strength  
May the God of sunset bring you home  
May the God of dusk soothe your soul  
May the God of night bring you rest.  
And until we meet again may God  
hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Next Sunday**

**Morning Prayer 9.30 am**

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### COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the  
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and  
truth;  
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 9:1-6 [7-20]**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*  
Saul, still breathing threats and murder  
against the disciples of the Lord, went to the  
high priest and asked him for letters to the  
synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found  
any who belonged to the Way, men or women,  
he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.  
Now as he was going along and approaching  
Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven  
flashed around him. He fell to the ground  
and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul,  
why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who  
are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus,  
whom you are persecuting. But get up and  
enter the city, and you will be told what you  
are to do." [The men who were travelling with  
him stood speechless because they heard the  
voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the  
ground, and though his eyes were open, he  
could see nothing; so they led him by the hand  
and brought him into Damascus. For three  
days he was without sight, and neither ate nor  
drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus  
named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a  
vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am,  
Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go  
to the street called Straight, and at the house  
of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.  
At this moment he is praying, and he has seen  
in a vision a man named Ananias come in and  
lay his hands on him so that he might regain  
his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have  
heard from many about this man, how much  
evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;  
and here he has authority from the chief priests  
to bind all who invoke your name." But the  
Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument  
whom I have chosen to bring my name before  
Gentiles and kings and before the people  
of Israel; I myself will show him how much  
he must suffer for the sake of my name." So  
Ananias went and entered the house. He laid  
his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the  
Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way  
here, has sent me so that you may regain your  
sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And  
immediately something like scales fell from his  
eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got  
up and was baptised, and after taking some  
food, he regained his strength. For several days

he was with the disciples in Damascus, and  
immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the  
synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God.")

**Or Zephaniah 3:14-end**

### PSALM Psalm 30

**R** *I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up.*

**or**

**R** *You have made me, Lord, as strong as the  
mountains.*

I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the  
grave. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favour for a lifetime.  
Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning. **R**

While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.  
You, Lord, with your favour  
made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear. **R**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
"What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
will the dust praise you or declare your  
faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper." **R**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me  
with joy;  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

### SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-end

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many  
angels surrounding the throne and the living  
creatures and the elders; they numbered  
myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,  
singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that  
was slaughtered to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might and honour and glory  
and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth and  
in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To  
the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!" And the four living creatures  
said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and  
worshipped.

**Or Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

### GOSPEL John 21:1-19

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by  
the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in  
this way. Gathered there together were Simon  
Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of  
Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two  
others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them,  
"I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will  
go with you." They went out and got into the  
boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just  
after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the  
disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus  
said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have  
you?" They answered him, "No." He said to  
them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat,  
and you will find some." So they cast it, and now  
they were not able to haul it in because there  
were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus  
loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon  
Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some  
clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the  
lake. But the other disciples came in the boat,  
dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far  
from the land, only about a hundred yards off.  
When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal  
fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said  
to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have  
just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and  
hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred  
and fifty-three of them; and though there were  
so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to  
them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of  
the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"  
because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came  
and took the bread and gave it to them, and did  
the same with the fish. This was now the third  
time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he  
was raised from the dead. When they had finished  
breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son  
of John, do you love me more than these?" He  
said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."  
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second  
time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you  
love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know  
that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my  
sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon  
son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt  
because he said to him the third time, "Do you  
love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know  
everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said  
to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you,  
when you were younger, you used to fasten your  
own belt and go wherever you wished. But when  
you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,  
and someone else will fasten a belt around you  
and take you where you do not wish to go." He  
said this to indicate the kind of death by which  
he would glorify God. After this he said to him,  
"Follow me."

### POST COMMUNION

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.