

**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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**Monday May 19th 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**

**Ascension day Service**

**Thursday May 29th at 7pm**

**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**

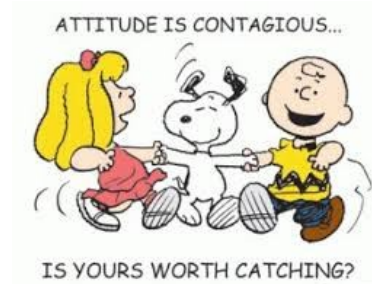
**All welcome**

**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 11th 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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

**Hymns**

**108 Colours of the day**

**305 Lord of the Dance**

**413 Lord of all Hopefulness**

**201 Give me Joy in my hear**

*Music Florence Numa*

**Prayer**

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through  
your Son you have called us into the  
fellowship of your universal Church:  
Hear our prayer for your faithful people that  
in their vocation and ministry each may be an  
instrument of your love, through our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**Next Sunday**

**Holy Communion 9.30 am**

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## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
 resurrection and the life:  
 raise us, who trust in him,  
 from the death of sin to the life of  
 righteousness,  
 that we may seek those things which  
 are above,  
 where he 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 9:36-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the  
 Apostles.*

In Joppa there was a disciple whose  
 name was Tabitha, which in Greek  
 is Dorcas. She was devoted to good  
 works and acts of charity. At that time  
 she became ill and died. When they  
 had washed her, they laid her in a  
 room upstairs. Since Lydda was near  
 Joppa, the disciples, who heard that  
 Peter was there, sent two men to him  
 with the request, "Please come to  
 us without delay." So Peter got up  
 and went with them; and when he  
 arrived, they took him to the room  
 upstairs. All the widows stood beside  
 him, weeping and showing tunics  
 and other clothing that Dorcas had  
 made while she was with them. Peter  
 put all of them outside, and then he  
 knelt down and prayed. He turned  
 to the body and said, "Tabitha, get  
 up." Then she opened her eyes, and  
 seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her  
 his hand and helped her up. Then  
 calling the saints and widows, he  
 showed her to be alive. This became  
 known throughout Joppa, and many  
 believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he  
 stayed in Joppa for some time with a  
 certain Simon, a tanner.

**Or Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18;  
 9:8-13**

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
 I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
 I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green  
 pastures  
 and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul  
 and guides me along right pathways  
 for his name's sake.  
 Though I walk through the valley of  
 the shadow of death,  
 I shall fear no evil;  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff, they comfort  
 me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
 in the presence of those who trouble  
 me;  
 you have anointed my head with oil,  
 and my cup is running over.  
 Surely your goodness and mercy  
 shall follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the  
 Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Revelation 7:9-end**

*A reading from the book of  
 Revelation.*

After this I looked, and there was a  
 great multitude that no one could  
 count, from every nation, from all  
 tribes and peoples and languages,  
 standing before the throne and  
 before the Lamb, robed in white,  
 with palm branches in their hands.  
 They cried out in a loud voice, saying  
 "Salvation belongs to our God who  
 is seated on the throne, and to the  
 Lamb!" And all the angels stood  
 around the throne and around the  
 elders and the four living creatures,  
 and they fell on their faces before  
 the throne and worshipped God,  
 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory  
 and wisdom and thanksgiving and  
 honour and power and might be to  
 our God for ever and ever! Amen."  
 Then one of the elders addressed  
 me, saying, "Who are these, robed  
 in white, and where have they come  
 from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are  
 the one that knows." Then he said  
 to me, "These are they who have  
 come out of the great ordeal; they  
 have washed their robes and made  
 them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
 For this reason they are before the  
 throne of God, and worship him day

and night within his temple, and the  
 one who is seated on the throne will  
 shelter them. They will hunger no  
 more, and thirst no more; the sun will  
 not strike them, nor any scorching  
 heat; for the Lamb at the centre of  
 the throne will be their shepherd,  
 and he will guide them to springs of  
 the water of life, and God will wipe  
 away every tear from their eyes."

**Or Acts 9:36-end**

## GOSPEL John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the  
 Dedication took place in Jerusalem.  
 It was winter, and Jesus was walking  
 in the temple, in the portico of  
 Solomon. So the Jews gathered  
 around him and said to him, "How  
 long will you keep us in suspense? If  
 you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."  
 Jesus answered, "I have told you,  
 and you do not believe. The works  
 that I do in my Father's name testify  
 to me; but you do not believe,  
 because you do not belong to my  
 sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I  
 know them, and they follow me. I  
 give them eternal life, and they will  
 never perish. No one will snatch  
 them out of my hand. What my  
 Father has given me is greater than  
 all else, and no one can snatch it out  
 of the Father's hand. The Father and  
 I are one."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
 you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
 the good shepherd,  
 and in his love for us to lay down his  
 life and rise again:  
 keep us always under his protection,  
 and give us grace to follow in his  
 steps;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.