

HELLO ..THIS YEAR 2026 is...

**THE 180th Anniversary of
the Church and Parish**

The Church is Open as usual every day

9-4.30pm (summer hours)

THE AGAPE FOOD BANK BOX

IS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR DONATIONS

Bell Ringing contact Paul Barrett 07802662145

LAY MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

5th May at 11am-2pm

At the Green Room Market Deeping

For further information contact Maggie Ball

APCM May 11th at 7pm in church

(Please use the forms at the back of church for

nominating Church Wardens, PCC members

And Deanery Synod Representatives

Also ensure you are on the electoral roll)

Ascension Day May 14th

Holy Communion at 7pm in church

SAVE THE DATES

in Deeping St. Nicholas Church

SATURDAY JUNE 13th 7pm

THE SLEAFORD TRAINING BAND IN CHURCH

Sunday July 5th at 3pm

Opening Service

for the 180th Anniversary of

Deeping St. Nicholas Church and Parish

Come and share your knowledge and passion

For the history and activity of

Deeping St. Nicholas Church and Village

during This Celebration of Thankfulness

for the 180yrs since the church was built.

Space available free of charge

to set up your display in church

for the month of August.

Faith and Learning a celebration of gifts

With Canon Dr. Hugh Jones

Saturday August 15th 3pm in church

Sunday September 13th at 3pm

Civic Service of Thanksgiving for Community

With Bishop Nicholas

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 News Sheet

12th April 2026

Easter 2



We Welcome you

Morning Prayer 9.30am

Hymns

450 Morning has broken

413 Lord of all hopefulness

332 I the Lord of sea and Sky

525 One more step along the road

Music by Florence Numa

Prayer

If we knew how to listen to God, if we knew how to look around us, our whole life would become a prayer. For it unfolds under God's eyes and no part of it must be lived without being freely offered to him. We pray for our communities for the ability to respect one another. For peace and the ability to appreciate the preciousness of life.

Next week

Sunday April 19th

Holy Communion 9.30am

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Sunday 12 April 2026 Second Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ 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 2:14a. 22-32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Or **Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20. 21**

PSALM Psalm 16

R O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 1:3-9**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and

glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 22-32**

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.