

## 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 078026622145

### 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](mailto:erica.crust@gmail.com)

you wish to put something on the News sheet.

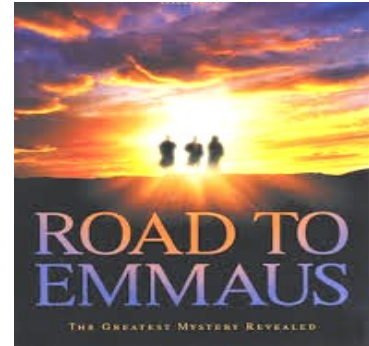
All updates welcome .The Church is available for booking for activities/meetings . Please ensure these are entered in the church diary by contacting

Carolyn Sumner Tel. 07808350802

## St. Nicholas Church Deeping St. Nicholas News Sheet

19th April 2026

Easter 3



We Welcome you

Holy Communion 9.30am

### Hymns

201 Give me joy in my heart

72 Bind us together Lord

437 Make me a channel of your peace

419 Shine Jesus Shine

*Music by Florence Numa*

### Prayer

Risen Lord, who on the first Easter drew near to your two disciples on the Emmaus road, be our unseen companion along the daily journey of life and at the end of the day come and abide with us all, for your loves sake. Amen

### Next week

Sunday April 26th

Holy Communion 9.30am

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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 2:14a. 36-41**

*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, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

**PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end**

**R** *Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
[our God is full of compassion].*

I love the Lord,  
because he has heard the voice of my  
supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him. **R**

The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." **R**

How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for  
me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people. **R**

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.  
O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your  
handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds. **R**

I will offer you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
In the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Alleluia! **R**

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

**GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35**

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does

not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" Jesus asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## 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.