

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

CONNECTION SINGING GROUP

SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2.30-3.30pm

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 6.30pm 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 Revd. 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

26th April 2026

Easter 4



We Welcome you

Holy Communion 9.30am

Hymns

252 Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

35 A New Commandment

654 The Lords My Shepherd

503 O Jesus I have promised

Music by Carolyn Sumner

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 this community for the ability to respect one another. To go the extra mile. We pray for all victims of aggression. For peace and the ability to appreciate the preciousness of human life.

Next week

Sunday May 3rd

Holy Communion 9.30am

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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 2:42-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Or Genesis 7

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

1 Peter 2:19-end

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Or Acts 2:42-end

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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.