

The Church is Open every day 9-4.30pm

The Alpha Course @DSN
Starting Tuesday, 28 July 2026

18:30 - 19:30 (GMT)

Meeting link:

[The Alpha Course @DSN | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

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Meeting ID: 933 812 598 762 0

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SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH 3PM

HARVEST IN THE FIELD

Courtesy of David and Sue Steele

With afternoon tea

Chapel farm Hop Pole PE11 3DS

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.](#)

[Contact 07751323584](#)

Faith and Learning

a celebration of gifts

[With Revd. Canon Dr. Hugh Jones](#)

[Saturday August 15th 3pm in church followed by tea](#)

[All Welcome](#)

Sunday September 13th at 3pm

Civic Service of Thanksgiving

[for Community](#)

[With Bishop Nicholas](#)

[All Welcome](#)

THE AGAPE FOOD BANK BOX

IS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR DONATIONS

Bell Ringing contact Paul Barrett 078026622145

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 .

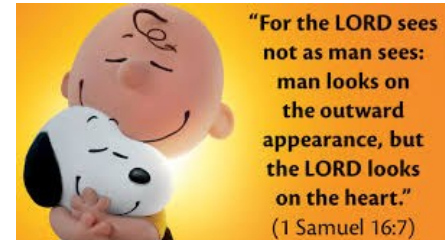
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the church diary

by contacting **Carolyn Sumner Tel. 07808350802**



26th July 2026 Trinity 8



Holy Communion 9.30am

Hymns

631 Tell out my soul

428 Love Divine all loves excelling

45 As the deer pants for the water

695 To God be the Glory

Music Carolyn Sumner

Prayer

We thank you Lord for the gifts of discipleship.
For love around us. We thank you for times of
rest and recuperation for the beauty of creation
and the extended Community.

We hold before you Lord in our prayers all who
need our prayers and support at this time

Next week

Sunday August 2nd

Holy Communion 9.30am

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COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Or **Genesis 29:15-28**

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R Lord, how I love your law.

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your
name. **R**

Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments. **R**

Let your countenance shine upon your
servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor

height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.