

## Parish notes and news

**W**elcome Wednesdays **Light Bites for the body and soul...**  
at 12 noon for an hour in church.  
(lunch available for a small donation)  
**27th September** Marion Brassington will give a short  
talk about *Spalding Priory and its legacy*  
Just come along and join in

**Decorating the church for Harvest - Saturday,**  
30th September at 9.30am

All are welcome to come and help decorate the church for harvest. We are happy to receive donations for the flowers, please place in an envelope marked flower fund and deliver to the parish office or add to the collection plate.

### HARVEST LUNCH

**1st October 2017-In St Nicolas Hall-12 for 12.30**  
A lovely hot dinner with seasonal vegetables.  
Choice of delicious desserts & a glass of wine  
Tea or coffee to finish.  
Please advise if you would like a vegetarian option.  
Please add your name to the list in church.  
Tickets £7.50 Children free

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 1st October, when we shall support both Christian Aid and Spalding's Agape Foodbank.  
Any money you are able to give will go to Christian Aid. For the foodbank, donations of non-perishable items will be very welcome. There is a particular need for tinned slicing meat (corned beef, ham, etc), sugar, squash drinks and tomato pasta sauce. However, foods such as UHT milk, custard, instant mashed potato, basic pot noodles, biscuits and other basics are always needed. These items are emergency food for people in crisis in Spalding.

### Thursford Christmas Show

Trip to Thursford on Sunday 19th November  
- matinee performance  
Coach leaves St Norbert's car park, St Thomas's Road at 11.30am and returns at 7pm. Cost £50. To book seats, please call Mike van der Weyden on 722379.

**The Parish Office is open**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**between 9.30am - 12.30pm**

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**17th September 2017**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Coffee is served in the church  
between the 9.30am and 11am  
services.  
Interest bags for pre-school children  
are available.

**8.00am**  
**Holy**  
**Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Revd Michael Bullock

**9.30am**  
**Family**  
**Communion**  
**with**  
**Baptism**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Revd John Bennett  
Readers: Paul & Ann Smith  
Of: Amelia Malgorzata  
Marczewska

**Singers** 776 *To be in your presence*  
**Hymn** 52 *At the name of Jesus (vs 1, 2, 5 & 6)*  
**Hymn** 747 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*  
*(Tune CP598 Coverdale)*  
**Hymn** 317 *How deep the Father's love for us*  
**Comm** 631 *Purify my heart*  
**Hymn** 74 *Bless the Lord my soul*  
**Hymn** 34 *Amazing Grace*

**11.00am**  
**Parish**  
**Eucharist**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Revd John Bennett  
Reader: David Jones

**Service** Nicholson in G  
**Entry** 238 *For Mary, mother of our Lord*  
**Gradual** 321 *Rise and hear*  
**Offertory** 626 *Ye holy angels bright*  
**Anthem** 42 *Jesu, lamb of God*  
**Hymn** 284 *Bread of Heaven*  
**Post Comm** 311 *Lord enthroned*

**6.30pm**  
**Evensong**

Officiant: The Revd John Bennett  
Preacher: Laura Purnell  
Readings: Ezekiel 20.39-44  
& Acts 20.17-24

**Entry** 496 *Lead us heavenly Father*  
**Introit** 31 *Holy Holy Holy*  
**Psalm** 149 *Chant 387*  
**Office Hymn** 401 *Come let us join*  
**Magnificat** *Chant 13*  
**Nunc**  
**Dimittis** *Chant 166*  
**Anthem** *O Lord I will Praise Thee*  
**Hymn** 435 *Glorious things of thee*  
**Hymn** 10 *Abide with me*

### The week ahead

**WED** 10am Eucharist - The Revd Aileen Workman  
1.15pm Quarter peal of bells  
1.30pm Pram Service  
**FRI** 7pm Evening Prayer

**SUNDAY 24th September 2017 15th Sunday after Trinity**  
**8am, 9.30am & 11am Eucharist**

Readings: Philippians 1.21-30 & Matthew 20.1-16  
Baptism - Taliah Harmony Isabelle Holland  
**3pm** Baptism - Ivy Anne Wade  
**6.30pm Evensong**  
Readings: Ezekiel 34.1-10 & Acts 26.12-18

*Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of when things are happening and for your prayers.*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in 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.

## Reading: Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for

him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

## Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## For your prayers

We hold before God those who are ill, especially **Marcia Egar, Lucie Simpson, Joy Noon and Charlie Sharpe.**

We hold before God those who have died, amongst them **Margaret Chadd, Reg Bester, Gillian Harker, Pat Watson, Robert Wohlman and George Hay.**

## Psalm 149

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song  
let the congregation of saints praise him.
2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him  
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his Name in the dance  
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people  
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5. Let the saints be joyful with glory  
let them rejoice in their beds.
6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth  
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7. To be avenged of the heathen  
and to rebuke the people;
8. To bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron.
9. That they may be avenged of them, as it is written  
Such honour have all his saints.