

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 3rd October

10am-12 Tiddlywinks in the church room

Wednesday 4th October

10am Mid-week Communion

6pm Vestry Hour

Thursday 5th October

2pm Ministry Team meeting at the rectory

7pm The Men's Group meet at the Horseshoes in Silk Willoughby

Christmas Shoe Boxes

For many years we have supported the Samaritan Purse charity that brighten the lives of many children at Christmas by providing them with presents in a shoe box. If you would like to help this year, the empty boxes are now available from the back of the church or Jean Cornford. Please return filled boxes by November 12th.

800th Birthday 2018

Please see the sheets in the pews about next year's proposed activities to celebrate this event

Sunday Flowers

If you would like to sponsor flowers in the church to remember or celebrate an event, please talk to one of the Churchwardens, who will be happy to help.

Advance Notices

Tuesday 10th October

This year sees the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the diaconate and 25 years since General Synod voted in favour of ordaining women to the priesthood. In recognition of this, there is to be a diocesan Service of Celebration of Women's Ministry on Tuesday, 10th October 2017. To be held at St Denys' Church in Sleaford (7.30pm), this service will be a celebration of all areas of women's ministry, lay and ordained, and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Wednesday 11th October

The Ladies group will meet at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

Saturday 21st October

Churchyard clear up starting at 10am

Autumn Pilgrim Course

We will be holding the next 6 week part of the Pilgrim course on Mondays at 7.30pm starting on 30th October and running through to 4th December. Please add your name to the list at back of church if you would like to attend this very popular course. For more information please see Rev Mark.

Saturday 9th December

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

In the midst of all the preparations for Christmas a Retreat Day for Ladies at St Denys Church and Hall Sleaford, 9.30am - 4.00pm.

Leaflets at back of church.

The flower arrangements this week are in celebration of the birthday of Lewis, the Guide Dog belonging to the husband of Claire Toby

Notices for Pew sheets:

Please send any notices for the pew sheet to Maria by Wednesday. Maria's contact details are printed below.

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WELCOME TO CHURCH TODAY!

**We hope you will enjoy our worship this morning.
Everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee after this service.**

OUR SERVICES

Sunday 1st October

All Age Harvest Service

The service is led today by the All Age Team

Hymns

We plough the fields and scatter
Snowflakes falling soft and white
Who put the colours in the rainbow

All words are in the service sheet

Next Week's Services

11.00am Holy Communion

Rev will lead the service and will discuss how we will develop our dreams for our church

Next week's Gospel reading is Matthew 21:33- end

Sunday 1st October – All Age Worship Harvest – 16th after Trinity – Proper 21

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18.1-4,24-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. But when the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity and do the same abominable things that the wicked do, shall they live? None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, they shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Second Reading

Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.