

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion this morning. Please find below Notices for the week, with new and amended ones underlined:

Hymns 209 For all the changing scenes of life A and M
133 Immortal love, forever full
458 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Sunday 24th October	10.00am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Pastoral Teas
Tuesday 26th October	1.00pm	'Craft, Cuppa and Chat'
		N.B. there is no Compline on Zoom this evening
Wednesday 27th October	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Gospel Choir Practice
Thursday 28th October	6.00pm	Choir Practice

BIBLE SUNDAY

On Sunday, 24th October we celebrate 'Bible Sunday'. There will be a retiring collection for 'The Bible Society' at our morning service.

MASK WEARING

There is some anxiety about the removal of masks during services. Please note that we are not encouraging people to remove them, especially in the light of the increasing numbers of cases over the last few days, rather we are saying that you may remove them if you wish once you are seated within the centre and north aisles of the church. Those sitting in the south aisle, near the organ, are asked to please wear masks throughout the service. For the time being, it is suggested that we also maintain social-distancing. Please note that we will keep this under constant review, again with respect to the number of infections that are sadly rising at the moment.

ZOOM SERVICES

Furthermore, we are going to offer two Zoom services on a Sunday morning in the build up to Christmas. These will both be on the third Sunday of the month, the 17th November and the 19th December, at 10.00am. Please look out for further details on these in due course.

CRAFT AND COFFEE FAYRE

The Horncastle Flower Club are hosting a 'Craft and Coffee Fayre' at the Community Centre on Saturday, 30th October between 10.00am and 2.30pm. We are warmly invited to go along to this free event.

TAIZÉ

There is a Taizé service on Sunday, 31st October at 6.00pm. All are welcome to this quiet and reflective service of song and prayer.

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE

This year's All Souls' Day service is on Tuesday, 2nd November at 6.00pm. Invitations have gone out to all those who have recently been bereaved. If you would like the name of a family member read out, please add their name to the list at the back of the church.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for those who are exploring their faith and preparing for Confirmation at the moment. The Confirmation service will be held at 3.30pm on Sunday, 7th November at Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Please note that we will be collecting in the Children's Society Boxes at our morning service on Advent Sunday, 28th November.

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 55, 1 - 11 p. 712

2 Timothy 3, 14 - 4, 5 p. 228

John 5, 36b - end For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing - testify that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

"I do not accept glory from human beings, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?"

"But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

Lord, please give us the confidence to live the love of Jesus Christ with the community here in Horncastle and in the surrounding villages. Amen.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Sunday 31st October	10.00am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal at Holy Trinity, Tattershall
	6.00pm	Taizé Service
Tuesday 2nd November	1.00pm	'Craft, Cuppa and Chat'
	6.00pm	All Souls' Day Service
	8.00pm	Compline on Zoom
Wednesday 3rd November	9.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Friends' of St. Mary's meeting
	6.00pm	Gospel Choir meeting
	7.30pm	Confirmation Group meet
Thursday 4th November	4.00pm	South Wolds Partnership meeting at St. Mary's
	7.30pm	GDPR meeting
	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 6th November	10.00am	Learning Communities meet

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 24th October: please pray for the residents/businesses of Maltby Way and Maltings Court

Birthdays

Monday, 25th October - Sue Baxter
Tuesday, 26th October - Clare Crick
Friday, 29th October - Valerie Mirams
Friday, 30th October - Edward Jones

With respect to Covid-19 protocols, please note we are no longer doing 'Track and Trace'. For the time being, although there is no compulsion, we are suggesting that you might keep social distance from other people, and we are monitoring closely the need to wear masks. Holy Communion also continues to be administered in 'one kind' only. All these measures are under regular review. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the Sidespeople or Clergy know before a service starts. Refreshments are now served in the Chancel after our Sunday and Thursday morning services.

Please look at our website for further details on these notes: www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk

