

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

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

Hymns 108 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God S of F  
303 Jesus stand among us  
12 All over the world

Sunday 31st October	10.00am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal at Holy Trinity, Tattershall
Tuesday 2nd November	6.00pm	Taizé Service
	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 meet
	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 meeting on Zoom

**TAIZÉ**

There is a Taizé service this Sunday evening at 6.00pm. You are very welcome to attend this reflective service of song and prayer.

**ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE**

This year's All Souls' Day service is on Tuesday at 6.00pm. Invitations have gone out to all those who have recently been bereaved. If you would like the name of a beloved 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 next Sunday 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.

**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.

**COLLECT**

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship: 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. Amen.

Deuteronomy 6, 1 - 9 p. 131 Hebrews 9, 11 - 14 p. 852

**Mark 12, 28 - 34**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself,' - this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Sunday 7th November	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion, Thimbleby
	3.30pm	Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity, Tattershall
Monday 8th November	2.30pm	Discipleship Development Group meet at Manor House
Tuesday 9th November	1.00pm	'Craft, Cuppa and Chat'
	8.00pm	Compline on Zoom
Wednesday 10th November	9.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Gospel Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Confirmation Group meet
Thursday 11th November	6.00pm	Choir Practice

**DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Horncastle Deanery has two casual vacancies for the Diocesan Synod House of Laity. Elections to the House of Laity close on 6th November. If you are interested, and would like an Election or Nomination Form, please let Judith Parkin or one of the clergy know. It is an important role, not least as many changes are being debated by the Synod.

**PRAYER FOR THE TOWN**

Week beginning the 31st October: please pray for the residents/businesses of Manor House Street and Maple Close

If you would like your birthday mentioned, please contact Shelagh Carter. Her E-mail address is neil640lcarter@gmail.com

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](http://www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk)



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.