

Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday Readings: Hebrews 4:12–16 and John 5:36b–47

Dear All, In the light of the recent increase in infections of COVID locally, the clergy are now encouraging the wearing of face masks during public worship. We appreciate there are some people who are not able to wear a face mask due to health conditions and we must all respect this. We hope the recommendation to wear face masks will offer some reassurance as we continue to meet in person for public worship. –*Mark, Adrian and Dave*

Services today

9.30 am The Gathering –
Contemporary accessible worship
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

11 am Traditional Worship –
Holy Communion
at St Nicholas, Dersingham



The clocks go back at 2 am
on Sunday, 31 October!

Next week, 31 October
9.30 am The Gathering –
Contemporary accessible worship
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

11 am Traditional Worship –
Holy Communion, Old Michaelans
at St Michael's, Ingoldisthorpe

3 pm Snowdrop Service of Remembrance
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

If you would like a loved one's name read out at the **Snowdrop Service** please contact Pauline: 544561

secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk

Bible Readings: Sunday, 31 October
Fourth Sunday before Advent

First reading: Hebrews 9:11–14
Second reading: Mark 12:28–34

... but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

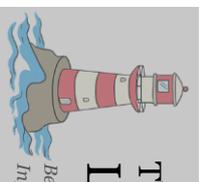
Hebrews 7:24–25

Remembrance

Our Remembrance Sunday Service will be back in Church this year – 10.30 am on Sunday, 14 November. Although wearing a face-covering is no longer a legal requirement, we respectfully ask that all who are attending the service will wear a mask. Those participating in the Service are exempt while they are speaking. The rehearsal, for all who are due to be taking part in the Service, will be at 6.00 pm on the Saturday evening (13 November). We also request that, if possible and in the interests of safety, face coverings are worn by adults during the rehearsal session. I do hope that you will be able to attend this useful time of preparation. Thank you.

–*Neil Adams*

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Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46–52
'From this moment on' –Shamia Twain

Dear Friends. Greetings! This is the last Sunday after Trinity. Our reading today is the last few verses of Mark 10. Jesus enters Jericho for the last time. Blind Bartimaeus, begging by the roadside, hears that Jesus is passing by. This is his moment. 'Son of David, have mercy on me,' he cries. Theologians could have a field-day with how Jesus is addressed – quite inappropriate, but who cares? 'Sort me out Jesus' is Bartimaeus' plea. Jesus catches Bartimaeus' voice above the banter and above the noise of the following crowd. This is his moment indeed. 'What do you want me to do for you?' asks Jesus – the reply from Bartimaeus is short and to the point: 'I want to see.' Physically blind, Bartimaeus shows us the way to an unwavering faith.

We often miss the moment, don't we? I sneezed the other day and missed a fantastic goal, as I watched Newcastle and Spurs on the tele. Carol and I have walked around Sandringham gardens many times but missed a particular view for several years until we caught it looking back from the lake last week. Tried to see the space station the other evening at the right moment. Missed the TV news but caught the weather! Playing Bat the Rat, blink, and you're too late. You've missed the moment!

Jesus tells Bartimaeus that it is his faith that healed him. There needs to be a moment in our lives when we do what Bartimaeus did. We need a clear view of who Jesus is. We need to see our need of forgiveness. We need to seize the moment. As Billy Graham used to say, 'I want you to get up out of your seat and come right now.' Thousands did. It was their moment. There is none so blind as will not see. Don't miss your moment as Jesus passes by. See you soon. Blessings, Derek the Cleric.

Today happens also to be Bible Sunday. To celebrate the Scriptures, the Bible Society is offering free resources online at [Bible Sunday 2021 - Bible Society](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/bible-sunday-2021).

Wordsearch: Blind Bartimaeus

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*Thanks to Carol for
this week's puzzle,
which is based on
Mark 10:46-52.*

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas will take place this year from Friday 3 – Sunday 5 December, with various attractions over both days and the Christmas Concert in the evening on the Saturday. The trees stay in church throughout the Advent and Christmas Season, to be enjoyed during services and at other times (to be arranged nearer the time).

Church members and other parishioners are invited to submit decorations for the large Sandringham Tree which stands in the Choir area, with the theme this year being 'The Nativity – so, Stars, Angels, the Holy Family, the Wise Men are the most obvious images for the decorations for the tree; these can be left in church (suitably labelled) or handed to me.

The Christmas Trees will be dismantled on Monday 3 January 2022, and the trees removed on the following day. Fuller details will be listed in the letters that will be sent out to participating organizations. –Neil Adams

Tree Of Life climate action pledges. You are invited to continue adding your pledges to the tree in St Nicholas church during the week. –Rev Mark

Prayers for persecuted Christians around the world:

Bhutan

Population 835,000
30,000 Christians (3.6%)

Please pray: that God will bless leadership gatherings run by Open Doors to bring leaders together for fellowship. • That God would protect believers from Buddhist backgrounds. • For wisdom for those leading churches that are being monitored.

[Serving Persecuted Christians](#)

[Worldwide - Bhutan - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

A prayer for Bhutan from

Open Doors

Heavenly Father, we come to You to pray for Your followers in Bhutan. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters who found hope in Your love after being raised to believe Buddhism was the only way. Thank You for reaching out to these believers in the places where they are. We pray You would be at work in Your people in Bhutan, knitting them together and making them into powerful witnesses for Your love and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer points

- + those who have died and those who are grieving
- + those who have been lost to violence
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances
- + our nation and community
- + wisdom in decision-making
- + help for COP26 leaders to act wisely and immediately
- + all affected by coronavirus
- + GPs, NHS staff, carers and key workers
- + care home residents
- + anyone who is poorly
- + all who have lost livelihoods or fallen on hard times
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are treated unjustly
- + our families; our elderly
- + our schools, teachers, staff and students; our children, young people, parents and caregivers
- + our Armed Forces
- + our Ministry Team and volunteers
- + all who come to church, in person, online or who visit us via social media
- + Baby Basics and the families they serve
- + thanks for God's love, peace, goodness and provision

Christmas shoeboxes 2021

Our deadline is Wednesday, 17 November. Drop-off at the Co-op, Dersingham.

Please remember to include £5 for p&rp.

You can also pack a shoebox online:

www.shoebonline.org.uk Thanks for being part of this! –Alan C.