

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 9:11–14 and Mark 12:28–34

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, Old Michaelians
at St Michael's, Ingoldisthorpe

3 pm Snowdrop Service of Remembrance
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

Next week, 7 November

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Contemporary accessible worship
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11 am Traditional Worship –
Holy Communion
at St Nicholas Dersingham

Tree Of Life Pledges
You are invited to continue
adding your pledges to the tree in
St Nicholas church. –*Rev Mark*

A coffee morning will be
held at St Nicholas on Friday,
5 November from 10 am–noon.

www.stnicholasdersingham.org.uk
dersinghamonlineworship.com

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength. ...
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment
greater than these.

Mark 12:30–31

Bible Readings

Sunday, 7 November

Third Sunday before Advent

First reading: Hebrews 9:24–end

Second reading: Mark 1:14–20

Remembrance

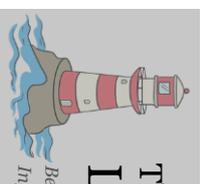
Our Remembrance Sunday

Service will be held at St
Nicholas Dersingham at 10.30 am
on Sunday, 14 November.

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).

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12



*Benefice of Dersingham, Armer,
Ingoldisthorpe and Sherborne*

The Lighthouse

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28–34
‘No More Fish. No Fishermen.’ – Shelley Posen

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 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Dear Friends, Greetings! The heading for this reading in my bible is ‘The Greatest Commandment’. It could have equally been ‘The Greatest Compliment’. Jesus said to a teacher of the law at the end of their conversation, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God’, and compliments from Jesus don’t come much better than that. There were hundreds of Old Testament laws to be kept; they could be neatly summed up under the heading ‘Love God’. Jesus in his teaching adds a new dimension: Love God and love your neighbour. The teacher of the law understood and agreed with Jesus. Whoever we are, or think we are, we must love God and love others too. You can read their full conversation in our reading from Mark 12. It’s one rule for everyone – the greatest commandment indeed.

Not sure if you have been on the Knott End Ferry at Fleetwood on the Fylde coast in Lancashire. Possibly not! When anyone talks about the ‘ends of the earth’ I think immediately of the slipway to the Knott End Ferry, because that it exactly what it is like, but in a wonderful way. The crossing takes ten minutes, and according to the notice about the fare, it simply says, ‘Adults £2, Children £2, OAPs £2 – no concessions.’ There it is, we all know where we are, and we all pay up equally. In the same way, there are no concessions about the way we are to live; we all must put God first, and we all must love our neighbour. We are all in the same boat!

Fleetwood is in the news this week. Mrs Doreen Lofthouse has coughed up £41.4 million pounds in her will to Fleetwood Town. In 1865, Fleetwood pharmacist James Lofthouse made a remedy for three croaky fishermen. The business grew, resulting in 5 billion lozenges a year being sold – a Fisherman’s Friend indeed. It would be my view that there is a close link between the choral quality of a church choir and the amount of Fisherman’s Friend sweet wrappings left in their choir stall bookrests!

Jesus is the ultimate ‘Fisherman’s Friend’. Remember how he called Simon and Andrew as they were fishing. Jesus paid the price for our sin, and by his death he proved his unique love which made a way for us to love God and love our neighbour. His love reaches out beyond Fleetwood and the Knott End Ferry, directly to you and me and on to the ends of the earth.

Have a good week, keep safe and God bless. Yours, Derek the Cleric.

Wordsearch: The Greatest Commandment

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IMPORTANT
NEIGHBOUR
YOURSELF
WISELY
STRENGTH
MIND
LORD
SOUL
KINGDOM
HEART
TEACHER
ANSWER

*Thanks to Carol for
this week's puzzle,
which is based on
Mark 12:28-34.*

Some events to look forward to at St Nicholas in December

The Christmas Tree Festival: Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th

Coffee Morning among the Trees: Friday 3rd, 10 am–noon.

Bilton Silver Band Christmas Concert: Saturday 4th, 7.30 pm.

Tickets: £15, available at the November and December coffee mornings, or pre-ordered via 540363 (please leave a message), or on the door. (Tickets for children under 18 with an accompanying adult: £5.)

Christingle Service: Sunday 5th, 4 pm

Trees by Candlelight: Saturday 11th, 5–9 pm

Tea & Carols: Sunday 12th, 4 pm

Meet Father Christmas: Saturday 18th, 10 am–2 pm

Service of Lessons & Carols: Sunday 19th, 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve: **Crib Service** 4 pm and **Midnight Communion** 11:30 pm

Christmas Day: **Family Christmas Celebration** 10 am

Prayers for persecuted Christians around the world:

Oman

Population 5.2 million
185,000 Christians (3.6%)

Please pray: that isolated believers would find fellowship with others.

- For God to pour out a spirit of boldness on the church in Oman.
- That God would open doors and provide opportunities for believers to tell others about Jesus.

[Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Oman - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

A prayer for Oman from

Open Doors

Lord Jesus, we ask for the peace only You can give to fill Your people living in Oman. We pray for Christians who have found Jesus even though they were raised in Islam. We pray You would protect them from their families and communities who may target them for their new faith in You. We ask You to guide Christians who are isolated in their communities to each other. Amen.

Prayer points

- + those who have died and those who are grieving
- + those lost to violence
- + the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan
- + 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

Shoebboxes project

For anyone who has difficulty getting to the shops for any reason, I would be happy to buy items and fill a shoebox for you. It costs £20 per shoebox + £5 shipping charge. Or there is also the option to fill a shoebox online at the Samaritan's Purse website: www.shooboxonline.org.uk.

Deadline for giving boxes in at the Co-op: 17 November. Best wishes from Alan Crawshaw (tel. 543836).