

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

First reading: Hebrews 5:1–10
Second reading: Mark 10:35–45



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Services today

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

11 am Traditional Worship –
Morning Prayer
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

Next week, 24 October

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

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

Bible Readings for Sunday 24 October Last Sunday after Trinity

First reading: Hebrews 7:23–28
Second reading: Mark 10:46–52

If you would like a loved one's name
read out at the **Snowdrop Service
of Remembrance** (Sunday, 31
October at 3 pm) contact Pauline:
secretary@stnicholasdersingham.co.uk

www.stnicholasdersingham.org.uk
dersinghamonlineworship.com

Even the Son of Man did not
come to be served. Instead, he
came to serve others. He came
to give his life as the price for
setting many people free.

Mark 10:45

Remembrance

The traditional **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

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35–45

‘People make the world go round’ – The Stylistics

Dear Friends, I understand we are focused on the theme of climate change in our services this week. Climate change needs to be a world response to a world need. It is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, backed by 197 ‘parties’ who meet annually or when they choose to meet at a ‘conference of the parties’ – or COP for short.

Looking back, COP21 held in Paris in 2015 marked the turning point in climate change history, with a definitive move towards a below 2 degrees centigrade target increase. An increase of more than 2 degrees in the earth's temperature is thought by climate scientists to be very dangerous. The target of not more than 1.5 degrees centigrade increase should be aimed for, which would help protect island states who are the most threatened by rising sea levels; but whilst desirable, this target is hardly achievable. Looking onwards, COP26 starts at the end of this month in Glasgow with a target figure of not more than 1.5 degrees centigrade. During the debates, heated arguments will need to cool down, so that a more harmonious world agreement can be created in order to meet this global challenge.

Phil Collins and the music group Genesis have cancelled their tour dates in Glasgow and London, as several of the band members have Covid-19. When it comes to climate change it is as if the first few chapters of Genesis have also been cancelled. Notice how at creation, everything that was made was ‘very good’. What else could it be, having been created by a holy, perfect, all-knowing God? It is only as mankind [humankind] digs in, that things begin to fall apart. Things continue to fall apart today evidenced by inequality, greed and power, be it one-to-one or nation against nation. The inability to quell the danger of climate change is indicative of the reluctance we show to give way and to see the bigger picture, to put the plight of others before the security of our own comfort.

There are alarming reports in the news this week of what would happen in Britain if a 1.5 degrees target isn't reached. Other countries experience serious floods or droughts. The problem is that a famine in Africa seems so much further away than floods in Germany. Climate change is a global issue, an immediate issue, and with goodwill an achievable issue. Will we be able to look back on the COP26 Conference and say that the outcome is ‘very good’?

Take care of yourself and our world. Every blessing, Derek the Cleric.

Wordsearch: Climate Change

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FUEL
CARBON
CENTIGRADE
RENEWABLE
CLIMATE
DEGREES
ENVIRONMENT
LEVEL
GLOBAL
WARMING
ENERGY
TEMPERATURE
FOOTPRINT

Thanks to Carol for this week's puzzle, which draws upon our Climate Sunday worship theme.

Climate Sunday Tree of Life pledges

During both services today, we'll be pledging what we can do to help care for our planet.

We'll write these commitments on green paper leaves and fix them to a dead tree in the church to bring it to life.

You are invited to continue adding your pledges during the week too.

–Rev Mark



Operation Christmas Child shoebboxes collection 2021

Shoebboxes and leaflets are available at St Nicholas. Deadline is Wednesday, 17 November. Drop-off at the Co-op, Dersingham. Our grateful thanks to the Co-op staff for taking this on again this year! Please remember to include £5 for p&p. You can also pack a shoebox online:

www.shoebboxonline.org.uk

Shoebbox gifts bring such joy, along with hope of new life in Jesus. Details at the Samaritan's Purse website.

Thanks for being part of this! –Alan C.
543836 or alanandjunec@gmail.com

Prayers for persecuted Christians around the world: Cameroon

Population 26 million
15.9 million Christians (61%)

Please pray: for healing for Christians who have suffered violence. • That displaced believers would be able to return to their homes and rebuild their communities. • For peace across Cameroon – ask God to thwart the plans of those who stir up violence and hatred.

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

A prayer for Cameroon from Open Doors

Lord God, we ask You to keep our sisters and brothers in Cameroon safe from harm. We ask particularly that You would spare them from violent attacks at the hands of Boko Haram. We pray You would change the hearts of Islamic extremists, that their sinful deeds would be overwhelmed by Your love and grace. We pray you would give hope and joy to Your people in Cameroon. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Traditional Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas Church

Friday, December 3 to
Sunday, December 5
More details next week

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
- + 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