

Notices

There are many **opportunities for friendship and fellowship** at All Saints. I would like to thank in particular everyone who has helped with welcoming, stewarding and serving refreshments on Saturdays, Sundays and school holiday weekdays in the last few months. I am starting to prepare rotas for 2026. It would be wonderful to have a few more people willing to do any of these roles to help us. Even if you only want to commit to having your name on a rota once every 2 or 3 months, that would be really helpful. Just let me know when you see me at a service or contact me by phone: 07944 248851 or email: gill.graper@googlemail.com Gill Graper

If you wish to add any notices to the pew sheet please contact Caz Dennis at the Deanery Office on 01406 423460 or email eedeanery@lincoln.anglican.org



Due to antisocial behaviour within the building when it is unattended the PCC regret that the church will now only be open for visitors and private prayer at the following times:

Term Time

Weekdays 9am-3pm

Saturdays 10am-12pm

Sundays for Services Only

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this reluctant decision has caused.

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All Saints Church, Holbeach Advent 4 21st December 2025



We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all, a place of welcome.

Gluten free wafers available on request.

Do join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service.

Today

10.30am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher Bishop Nicholas

Hymns 480 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
128 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
605 Sing We Of The Blessed Mother
Anthem The Angel Gabriel
Hymns 182 For Mary, Mother of Our Lord
631 Tell Out My Soul

18.30pm Blue Christmas

Leader and Preacher Rev'd Jane Sivers

Hymns 326 In The Bleak Midwinter
321 Infant Holy
588 See Amid The Winters Snow
597 Silent Night

For your Prayers

For the Sick Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Julie, Roger Qusted, Harry Pollard, Ann Onyett, John Bambury, Matthew Watkins, Andrew Dean, Mick Walker, Nicki Thomson, Rev'd Barbara Hutchinson, Marion Goodman

The Recently Departed

In Memoriam Patricia Dodd, Frederick Bass, Joyce Wild, Fred Hardy, Eliza Cave, Ian Rogerson

The week ahead

Wednesday 24th - 4.00pm - Crib Service

Wednesday 24th - 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

There is no service on Christmas Day this year at

Holbeach - your nearest services are at

St Marys, Whaplode at 10.30am or

St Marys, Long Sutton also at 10.30am

Services for 28th December - Christmas 1

10.30am Holy Communion

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him, when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

PSALM 80.1-8, 18-20

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6 You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
8 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND READING Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the

holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 1.18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will, and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.