

Notices

The Home Group will resume on January 14th @ 6:30pm online. Between now and Lent, we will be following the Bible Society Course, simply called the Bible Course. The group will meet as usual via Teams during the winter months. If you would like to join us, please speak to either Carol Hellen or Marion Goodman. All are welcome. We plan to continue with the Set Our Hearts on Fire - Advent and Lent Course during Lent. If you would like more information, please call Carol on 362283.

Refreshments on Saturday and Sunday mornings:

The PCC has made the decision that a small charge of £1.50 should be made for a mug of tea or coffee (biscuits included!) We hope you will understand that in these difficult times, we need to find as many ways as possible to raise much needed funds for our church.

Fraud...Your Essential Guide Think it will never happen to you! Think again! Fraud is everywhere! Lincolnshire Police are coming to St Matthews Church, Sutton Bridge on Tuesday 3rd February at 10.30am to talk to us about fraud and how to protect ourselves. All are very welcome to attend. **Be Informed, Be Protected!**

All Saints APCM will be held on Weds 18th March at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms. Further details and nomination forms will be available soon.

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

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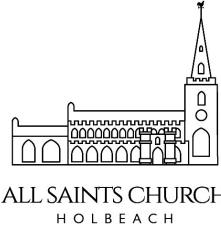
All Saints Church,

Holbeach

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1st February

2026



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

11.00am Café Church

Leader and Preacher ALMs

Hymns 438 Make Way, Make Way

399 Like A Candle Flame

574 Purify My Heart

157 Faithful Vigil Ended

419 Lord, The Light Of Your Love

18.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader and Preacher Revd Alistair Ward

Hymns 157 Faithful Vigil Ended

381 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

714 We Hail Thy Presence Glorious

For your Prayers

For the Sick Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Roger Quested, Elizabeth Quested, Harry Pollard, Ann Onyett, John Bambury, Matthew Watkins, Andrew Dean, Nicki Thomson, Revd Barbara Hutchinson

The Recently Departed

In Memoriam Kenneth Parker, Jordan Elms, Gillian Ball, Harold Sims, Dorothy Johnson

Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed. Please place any donations to the church in the plate on the way into church.

The week ahead

Mon 2nd - 12.30pm - Funeral of Julie Elms

Tues 3rd - 11.00am - Funeral of Margaret Balding

Weds 4th - 09.30am - Holy Communion

Thurs 5th - 2.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice

Services for 8th February - 2 Before Lent

10.30am **Holy Communion - Revd Nick Nawrocki**

Sunday 1st February

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

PSALM 24.7-end

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a

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sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.