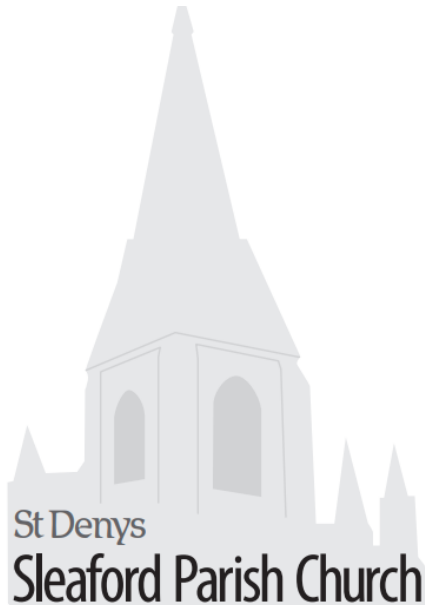




Welcome to St Denys, Sleaford Sunday, 30th November 2025

Service led by
The Rev'd Philip Johnson

Hymns 57, 492, 655, 405

KEY COMMUNITY NOTICES

LUMOS CANDLELIT CONCERT Friday, 5th December

<https://www.lumos-experiences.com/events/>

Tickets for this concert are only available through the website. Please follow the link above, select Buy Tickets and then look for the concert at St Denys. There are two sittings. Apparently tickets are selling fast.

COLLECTION COUNTERS If anyone would like to join the team in the new Year could they please have a word with Brenda. *Thank you*

Advent 1

Hymn 1: 57

Lighting the Advent candle

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introduction to Confession

The Prayer of Penitence:

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

(This or another collect will be read)

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty

to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Bible Readings

Isaiah 2.1-8

Romans 13.1-14

The Psalm: 122

To follow the psalm please use the
Green Psalm Book The response can be
found on the back page.

Gospel Proclamation

Alleluia x 3

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24.36-44

The Sermon

The Creed:

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Prayers of Intercession

Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

The Offertory Hymn: 492

The collection plate is no longer
passed around. Please see back page
for options.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Opening Dialogue:

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Lift up your hearts

we lift them, to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
it is right to give thanks and praise.

The Preface

The Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your
glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in
the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in
the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration
The Memorial Acclamation:

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

The Doxology

The Great Amen: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are
one body, because we all share in
one bread.**

The Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

The Communion Hymn: 655

The Anthem: Rain Down Justice -
Ogden

The Post Communion Prayer

(either this post-communion prayer or
another will be read)

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son
our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Final Hymn: 221

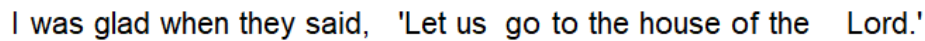
The Blessing and Dismissal

And the blessing of God almighty; the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be
among you and remain with you al-
ways.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary:

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme - Bach
BWV140



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www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk

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Sunday, 7th December 10am Sung Communion

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