ST DENYS

SLEAFORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, 29th November 2026

Advent I

Rev'd Philip Johnson and
Rev'd Cap't Chris Harrington

Hymns: 263, 703, 633, 405

Notices followed by the Prayer of Preparation
Key Community Notices can be found on the back page

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open
and 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 President and Choir process into church

Hymn: 263

The Greeting:
The Lord be with you
And also with you

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 Prayer of Absolution

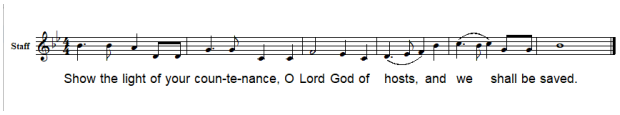
The Kyrie:

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
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 64.1-9
1 Corinthians 1.3-9

The Psalm: 80



Gospel Proclamation:
Alleluia x 3

The Gospel Reading:
Mark 13.24-37

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: 703
Donations may be made via the Paystation, the QR code on this leaflet or the plate near the door. Thank you

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 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: 633

The Anthem: Advent Prose - Plainsong

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: 405

The Blessing and Dismissal
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary:

KEY COMMUNITY NOTICES:

COLLECTION COUNTERS – If anybody would be interested in joining

the Collection Counters in 2027 please see Brenda.

Coffee Morning – this raised £333.40. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday, 29th November 10am Sung Communion, 3.30pm Christingle

Wednesday, 2nd December

10am Said Communion

Saturday, 5th December 7.30pm Sleaford Choral Society

Sunday, 6th December 10am Sung Communion

Wednesday, 9th December 12pm Funeral Service

DONATIONS

To donate to the work of this church, please use the 'giving' machine at the back of church. Alternatively, please follow the instructions on one of the cards that can be found in the pews. If you wish to donate with cash instead there is a collection plate on the table behind the back pew, or see Brenda Hitchcock about Planned Giving.

Thank you.

HYMNS AND MUSIC

A list of the hymns and music is available on the monthly music list which can be viewed on the website or the noticeboard.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In case of fire please exit via the main doors

First aid boxes are located in St Hugh's Chapel and in the pew by the Choir Vestry door.

The church is fitted with an induction loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

Please make sure that your mobile phone is turned to silent.

The Collect is from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England © The Archbishops' Council, 2000. Registered Charity No: 1127600

Sleaford Parish Office: 01529 413607 / admin@sleafordparishchurch.co.uk / www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk and Sleaford Parish Church on Facebook

Sleaford Parish Office: 01529 413607 / admin@sleafordparishchurch.co.uk / www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk and Sleaford Parish Church on Facebook