



# **Welcome to St Denys, Sleaford Sunday, 1st February 2026**

Service led by  
**The Rev'd Philip Johnson**

Hymns  
379, 428, 157, 381

## **KEY COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**CHURCHWARDENS' PARISH LUNCH** - Please note that the date has changed to **Sunday, 15th February** in the Church Hall.

This is open to everyone. Tickets £8.00 for a hot and cold buffet. There will be some entertainment and a short quiz. There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard.

**Date for your diary** - Mayor's Charity Quiz Saturday, 21st March in the Church hall

**EMRACE MAGAZINE ANDEASTER CATALOGUE** - available at the back of church. Please let Minyon know if you wish to order.

### **Candlemas**

**Hymn 1: 379**

#### **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 Prayer of Absolution**

### **The Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen (x5)

### **The Collect of the Day**

(This or another collect will be read)

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day pre-  
sented 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. Amen

### **Bible Readings**

Malachi 3.1-5

Hebrews 2.14-end

### **The Psalm: 24**

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**

Luke 2.22-40

### **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: 428**

The collection plate is no longer  
passed around. Please see back page  
for details of how you can give.

### **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 power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. 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:**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on  
us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy  
on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world give us,  
give us your 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: 157**

**The Anthem:** O thou the central orb  
- Wood

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

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

### **The Final Hymn: 381**

### **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  
always.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Organ Voluntary:**



The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glo-ry.

### 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.  
[www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk)



### 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*

### WEEKLY SERVICES

**Sunday, 1st February** 10am Sung Communion

**Wednesday, 4th February** 10am Said Communion

**Sunday, 8th February** 10am Sung Communion

### 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.
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