



**Welcome  
to St Denys, Sleaford  
Sunday, 7th December 2025**

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

Hymns 263, 646, 406  
No communion hymn

**KEY COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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 2**

**Hymn 1: 263**

**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 Prayer of Absolution**

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

(This or another collect will be read)

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen

## **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

## **The Psalm: 72**

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 3.1-12

## **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: 646**

The collection plate is no longer  
passed around. Please see back page  
for details of how to 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 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:** Not this  
week

**The Anthem:** A Song of Peace -  
*Stanford*

**The Post Communion Prayer**

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

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the  
world  
and will send him again to be our  
judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his  
first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**The Final Hymn: 406**

**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:**

