



# Welcome to St Denys, Sleaford Sunday, 1st March 2026

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

Hymns  
467, 572, 626, 752

## KEY COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Friday, 6th March 1.30pm at Our Lady

**LENT LUNCH** - Monday, 2nd March 12pm Salvation Army

**EMBRACE** St.Denys Church supports Embrace who work with disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages throughout the Lands of the Bible. Our lent boxes and envelopes are by the door. If you feel able to support us please take one and return it at Easter. Many thanks, Minyon.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** are due to be opened in March, Brenda will collect if you are not able to bring them to church. Thank you.

### Lent II

**Hymn 1: 467**

#### **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 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,  
you show to those who are in error the  
light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of right-  
eousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's  
religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their  
profession,  
and follow all such things as are agree-  
able to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Bible Readings**

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-17

### **The Psalm: 121**

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**

John 3.1-17

### **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: 572**

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 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: 626**

**The Anthem:** Lent Prose - *Trad arr  
Scott*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

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

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of  
ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all  
adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may  
assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **The Final Hymn: 752**

### **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:**

Meditation on 'Attende Domine'  
- *Alison Willis*



My help comes from the Lord, the mak-er of heav'n and earth.

### **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 March** 10am Sung Communion  
**Monday, 2nd March** 12pm Funeral Service  
**Wednesday, 4th March** 10am Said Communion  
**Saturday, 7th March** 6pm Junior Prom  
**Sunday, 8th March** 10am Sung Communion, 12pm Baptism  
**Monday, 9th March** 11am Funeral Service

### **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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