



Welcome to St Denys, Sleaford Sunday, 23rd November 2025

Service led by
The Rev'd Philip Johnson
Hymns 96, 448, 156, 683, 54

KEY COMMUNITY NOTICES

SLEAFORD CHRISTMAS MARKET - Sunday 30th November as in previous years the church will be open after the 10am service for Soup and Hot Drinks. We would like to have a cake stall if anyone can donate cakes please and for any additional stalls would you please book with Sarah. This event will continue until 3.30 when the Christingle begins in the Market Place.

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.

CHRISTINGLE Help would be appreciated for assembling the take away Christingles on the morning of Saturday 29th November 10am in Parish Centre. *Brenda*

Christ The King

Hymn 1: 96

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 Gloria:

*Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Peace on earth to all your people,
Lord God, heavenly King.

We worship you, almighty Father,
Let our voices ring! Sing: Gloria...

Jesus, blessed Lamb of God,
To you our voice we raise.

You take away our sins, O Lord,
Receive our song of praise! Sing:
Gloria..

Holy Lord in highest heaven,
How our hearts rejoice
In God the Father, Son and Spirit,
So with loudest voices sing: Gloria..

The Collect of the Day

(This or another collect will be read)

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the
throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Colossians 1.11-20

The Gospel Reading

Luke 23.33-43

The Sermon

The Creed:

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
Earth and heaven sprang to being,
All created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
Virgin-born, the child of Mary
Upon whom the Spirit came

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
Like a lamb to slaughter led,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
He descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
To the Father's side ascended
Till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
In one church, below, above:
Saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with him in glory
To the life that knows no end.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

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: 448

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

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:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
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.**

Communion Hymns: 156, 683

The Anthem:

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works, may by you
be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Final Hymn: 54

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:

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

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*

FUTURE SERVICES

Sunday, 23rd November 10am Sung Communion

Wednesday, 26th November 10am Said Communion

Saturday, 29th November 9am Sleaford Concert Band rehearsing

Sunday, 30th November 10am Sung Communion, 3.30pm Christingle on the Market Place

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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