



**ST MARY MAGDALENE
WITH ST PAUL IN THE BAIL AND ST MICHAEL ON THE MOUNT, LINCOLN**

**Notices for Sunday, 5th July 2020
The Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

Thank you for joining us and for sharing in this time of online worship together today.
Our Bible readings for today are: Ecclesiasticus 38.1–9; Colossians 3.9–14; and Luke 7.1–10.

Marking the anniversary of the NHS – 5th July 1948

As you may know, the National Health Service (NHS) came into being on 5th July 1948. We are seeking to mark this special anniversary today (Sunday), and so we will have specially selected readings. We are also very pleased that Dr Neill Hepburn has accepted our invitation to offer our reflection. Please join us today in especially praying for all of the care offered through our NHS. *In addition, if you would like to keep up with the Sunday lectionary readings, today's readings are as follows: Genesis 24.34–38, 42–49, 58–end; Romans 7.15–25a; and Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end.*

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020

This year's National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast took place on Tuesday morning, and this year the gathering was held online. This was a very interesting event, which included offerings from the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, the Speaker of the House of Commons and The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington. The bishop offered a reflection, and the whole service, including prayers and also a version of 'Amazing Grace' filmed in multiple locations, may be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJZGdTxD9Ko>
Alternatively, please look up 'Christians in Parliament' on YouTube.

News on the church building

At the time of writing, we are planning to open the church building for opportunities for private prayer for a short time on the morning of Saturday (4th July). Going forwards, we will seek to establish a pattern for such times of opening. Please stay tuned for further news.

Worship online

We will be gathering again on Facebook at 11am today (Sunday). This service lasts for around 20 minutes, and we'll be using the *Time to Pray* app/order of service – please see:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray> (app)

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Please see the Facebook page for Evening Prayer this week (www.facebook.com/stmaryms)

The Council of Christians & Jews (Lincoln Branch)

You are invited to share in an evening on 'Jacob – mummy's boy, cheat, reformed hero and father of Israel' with the Revd Bruce Thompson, Chair of Lincolnshire Methodist District. This event will be held on Zoom on Thursday, 16th July (7.30–8.45pm). For more details, please contact Alison Godfrey via email at PA@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk or by calling 01522 370 126.

Daily Hope – hymns, reflections and prayers

Don't forget the free 'Daily Hope' phone line. The number is 0800 804 8044. Please share it!

If you know someone who might like to join us next week, please ask them to get in touch (via connectingwithstmarys@gmail.com or 0777 358 1065). These contact details may also be passed on if you know of somebody who might appreciate a phone call or some other support.