**The North Walsham Benefice**

**Sunday 14th September**

**Holy Cross Day**

Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

**8am** Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas

**9.15am** Holy Communion All Saints

**10.30am** Holy Communion (Sheet, NEH 393, 475, 86, sheet)\*St Nicholas *Organ voluntary:* R.A.F. March Past - H. Walford Davies

**5pm** Choral Evensong St Nicholas

*Organ Voluntary:* A quiet voluntary for Evensong - Basil Harwood

**Hearing Loop** installed *(centre pews at St Nicholas, south pews at St Mary’s) please advise us if this is not operating correctly.*

**Gluten free wafers** are available *(at the High Altar at St Nicholas).* If you would like to receive **Communion** in your place, please advise a welcomer/churchwarden.

**\*Morning Prayer is said daily 9am Monday – Friday** at St Nicholas

**\*Live streamed services****:** *YouTube* St Nicholas North Walsham

**Monday 15th September - *no Morning Prayer***

**10am** Funeral of Lynn Honeysett St Nicholas

**3pm & 5pm** Nicholas Project consultations St Nicholas

**Tuesday 16th September**

**9.15am** *NW Community Support Network* coffee morning St Nicholas Rm

**Wednesday 17th September**

**7.30pm** North Walsham PCC Meeting St Nicholas

**Thursday 18th September**

**9.30am** Coffee Morning St Nicholas Rm

**10.30am** Holy Communion  St Nicholas

**Friday 19th September**

**9.30am** Friday Prayer and Quiet Time Memorial Chapel

**Sunday** **21st September – Harvest**

**8am** Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas

**9.15am** Harvest Holy Communion St Mary’s

**10.30am** Harvest Holy Communion *and lunch* \*St Nicholas

**5pm** Evening Prayer St Nicholas

The **cross** on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church, though the latter has been revived in recent times. After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335. *(Exciting Holiness)*

We mark the anniversary of the remarkable victory by Royal Air Force pilots and aircrew during the **Battle of Britain** in 1940. This was the first decisive battle in history fought entirely in the air and was a dramatic turning point in the Second World War. We welcome our friends from the **Royal Air Forces Association** to St Nicholas today as they come to commemorate Battle of Britain Sunday.

**Collect**

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Numbers 21. 4-9**

From Mount Hor, Moses and the people of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ 6Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. 8And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ 9So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Psalm 22. 23-28**

23  Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦︎ O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
**24  For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦︎ but when they cried to him he heard them.**

25  From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦︎ I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

**26  The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦︎ those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

27  All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦︎ and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
**28  For the kingdom is the Lord’s ♦︎ and he rules over the nations.**

**Philippians 2. 6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**John 3. 13-17**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

**Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings for September 21st Harvest**

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians 4. 4-9, John 6. 25-35

**Notices**

Please take your invitation to the **Nicholas Project** consultation session on 15th September and please try to be here if you can!

Our **Harvest gifts** (21st Sept) will be given to the North Norfolk Foodbank - please be generous!

**Harvest Festival Bring and Share lunch** celebration will follow the 10:30am service next Sunday at St Nicholas. A sign up sheet with suggestions of foods to bring on the church notice board. Everyone welcome. Please join us: more info from Felicity or Petra.

David and Dan, with clergy from across the Diocese will be attending the **Diocesan Conference** in Norwich 22nd-24th September at the invitation of the Bishop - please pray for us as we come together for a time of learning and reflection: please contact David by 'phone in emergency or by email as usual during this time.

It was announced last week that **the Revd Canon Susanna Gunner** has been appointed to a part time role in the Brooke and Hempnall Benefices with a probable start there in the New Year. We pray for Susanna and Ben, thank them for all they have given this community, and pray for the parishes that will be receiving Susanna as their new priest.

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