

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

The Orthodox Christian Parishes of: All Saints of Lincolnshire, Lincoln, St. Aethelheard, Louth, Ss Marina and Kenelm, Grimsby, St. Anne and All Saints of Worcestershire, Worcester.

Lincoln: St Matthias Church Centre
Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX
Parish Priest: Archimandrite Philip of St Antony and St Cuthbert Monastery.
Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.

Come and See!

No 161

February 2019

Services:

Lincoln:

Saturdays: 6pm Great Vespers and Confessions most weeks (except 23rd)
Sundays: 9.15am Matins and 10am Divine Liturgy.

Louth:

Sunday: 10.30am Divine Liturgy.

Grimsby:

Saturday 16th: 10.30am Divine Liturgy.

Worcester:

Sunday 24th: 10.00 Divine Liturgy.



From Fr. Philip:

Lincolnshire Communities:

I am looking forward to being your priest from Saturday through to Monday evenings! You may think “that is not long” but it is probably longer than I had time to give to the parish when I was also working full time at the prison. I also have my considerable responsibilities in the Monastery. I suspect that I shall be working about 38 hours a week for the parishes.

I shall have to buy another car as we only have one for everything in the Monastery and I cannot leave the





Monastery without transport (you'll understand why once you visit!).

On Saturdays in the Monastery we serve Midnight Hour, Orthros and the Divine Liturgy at 5am and I shall have breakfast and set off immediately. It takes about three hours to get to Lincoln in good weather. I shall leave first thing on Tuesday mornings to return to Shropshire.

I shall pack my time with you, seeing as many people as possible. I shall probably write anything that needs to be done (like Newsletters, sermons etc.) in Shropshire.



We will need to think out exactly how this will work but I'm sure that it will with prayer, patience and each person making their offering of time and abilities.

We have an excellent Warden, an excellent Parish Council, and lay people with wide varieties of amazing gifts and abilities, a beautiful place to meet and lots of goodwill from the local community. This, as I have said before, gives me the confidence that we will continue to grow, will continue to form new communities, will find priests from within ourselves as well as be able to import from elsewhere.



One necessary development will be the various communities in Lincolnshire working together (both Antiochian ones in Lincoln, Louth and Grimsby but also the Greek, Romanian and Russian parishes and communities) for the furtherment of God's Kingdom and for the good of the Counties of Lincolnshire.



Calendar for February 2019.

The Church in Lincoln will be not open on Wednesdays until further notice.

3rd: Saints Symeon and Anna. Tone 3. Followed by a Lincoln Parish Council meeting.

10th: Zacchaeus Sunday. Tone 4.

17th: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Tone 5.

24th: Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6.

3rd March: Sunday of the Last Judgement. Tone 7. Meat-fare Sunday.



Fr. George being invested with a Cross. A well-earned privilege! AXIOS!



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<http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/comeandsee>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfWMaefJYqFEZkYiK2WmeEw>

<https://www.orthodoxmonastery.co.uk/>

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Parish Website: www.allsaintslincs.org.uk

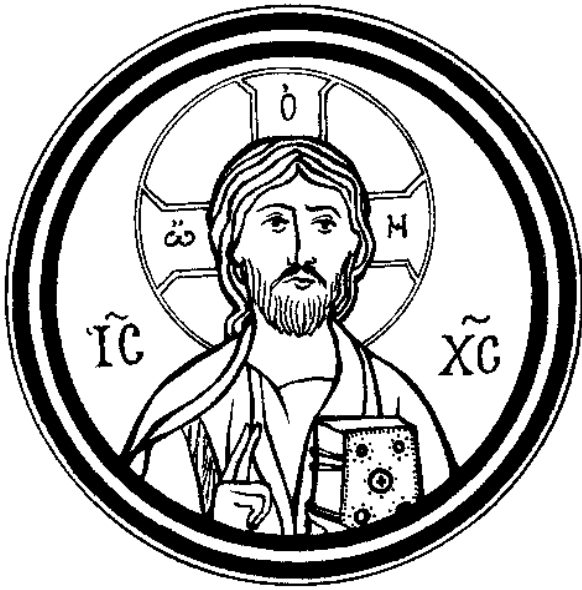
www.facebook.com/groups/AllSaintsLincoln/

www.facebook.com/COG.Lincoln

www.youtube.com/channel/UCfWMaefJYqFEZkYiK2WmeEw

Safeguarding Officers for Lincoln, Louth and Grimsby Communities:

Emma Bonner and Svetlana Simpson (Assistant)



Worcester Community:



I have not forgotten you either! I am working out a method in which I can continue to develop the mission in Worcester with the minimum disruption. Indeed we need to plough ahead strongly this year!

Probably I will ask another priest to assist from time to time and when I have finished in Worcester will travel up to Lincolnshire.

I cannot deny that it will be a lot to do!

We will have to work very efficiently.



Needed in Each Community:

Gardeners, cleaners, servers, tea / coffee makers, washing up, visitors to people at home, drivers, teachers, singers, Catechists welcomers, hosts, people to set up the church, painters, organisers, iconographers ... do you have a skill?

We can make use of every gift that everyone has!

What time does the Liturgy start?

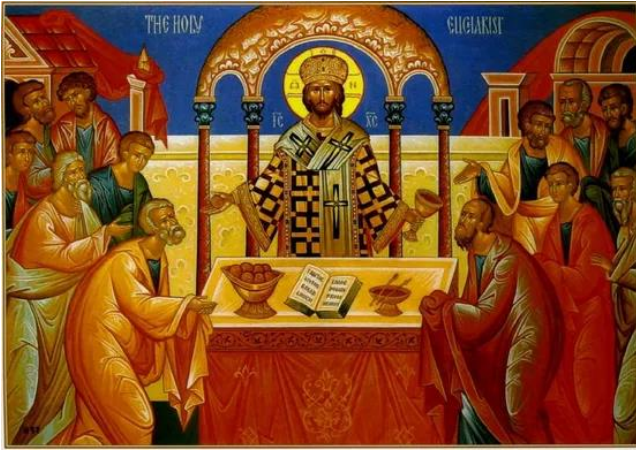
Lincoln 10am

Worcester 10am

Louth 10.30

Grimsby: 10.30

Please arrive on or before time.



Fr. George's Retirement:

As you should know by now, Fr. George is about to retire. He has given the years when most people can reasonably expect to be enjoying hobbies, grandchildren and a quiet, reflective and prayerful life to serving this parish.



Perhaps you've wondered what Fr. George got up to?

This:

1. Make initial visits to the homes of new arrivals at the church to welcome them to the parish, get to know them and explain our Community.

2. Make house and hospital visits to the sick and the dying to offer encouragement, prayer, confession and communion.



2. Make home visits to families asking for baptism of a child or adult to prepare for and explain the Mystery.

4. Administer baptism / chrismation of adults and children.

5. Take Funeral Services. Fr. George has taken funerals at Spalding, Filey, Boston, Barnetby, Kirton Lindsey and other towns and villages as well as in the City of Lincoln.

6. Host educational visits to the Temple by local schools and

university groups with their tutors.

7. Make weekly visits to the Lincoln University Chaplaincy Centre on Campus to offer pastoral care to Orthodox students and staff.



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8. Serve the Orthodox service of Artoklasia monthly on Campus at Witham House.

9. Be present in St Matthias Church each Wednesday 10am to 4pm to keep the church open for visitors and parishioners for prayer, services, consultation and confession.

10. Attend meetings of Churches Together in Lincoln quarterly and attend the AGM to take opportunity to share the treasures of Orthodoxy with those who don't know them.

11. Assist maintenance of the Church Grounds and Gardens. (Matushka Annis has now given this up).



12. Put out the correct church dustbin every Thursday and take it back in on Friday after it has been emptied.

13. Visit the Church property daily to remove litter.

14. Arrange and receive appropriate consignments of candles - take them to the church and unpack them. Pass the Invoice to the Treasurer for prompt payment.

15. Each week charge the used batteries for the clergy microphones.

16. Monitor the wine cupboard and buy more wine for the altar when stocks run low.

17. When everyone else has left on Sunday double check all the money bowls for cash donations left behind after the Liturgy and Social Hour are over. Money is often left by people after the Treasurers have gone home.

18. When extra heat is needed

outside the times for which the clock has been set enter the boiler room and switch on the boiler for the session - and switch it off again at the end of the session.

19. Respond to invitations from Non-Orthodox Groups such as the Lincoln Inter-Faith Forum and Christian denominational groups to give a presentation and explanation of the Orthodox Faith.

20. Take Vespers, Matins and Divine Liturgy alone when the parish priest is not available.

21. Prepare, Edit and Print the Sunday and Feast Day chant sheets for the choir. The translations in our Choir Books often differ from those on Antiochian and OCA Liturgical websites. Editing is necessary most weeks.

22. Attend choir practice to teach and explain upcoming rites and ceremonies.

23. Look out for new arrivals each Sunday and invite them to fill in and return the "Welcome Form" with contact details and requests to subscribe to parish newsletter.

24. Pass on details from completed "Welcome Forms" to the parish priest and parish administrator, when consent has been given for this.

25. Bless people's homes on request.

26. Serve grave-side and Temple memorial services on request.

27. Buy supplies of 8 hour tea lights from Wilko store in Lincoln for burning in church lamps. 2 hour lights are not adequate.

28. Make sure the food bank offerings are regularly delivered to the Alive Church depot.

29. Ensure that Prosphora has been provided weekly.

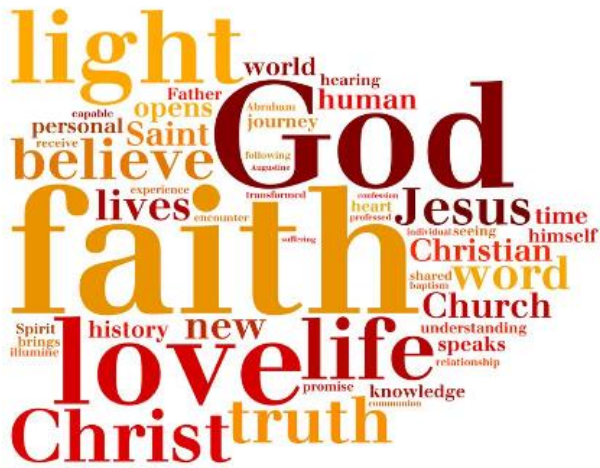
So why are some of these highlighted?

These are the tasks that could – and SHOULD – be done by the lay members of the Church. There is plenty for a priest to do in these parish communities.

When I am in **Lincolnshire or Worcestershire** I will be very busy so we need to have plenty of people involved.

I shall also be actively looking to train up and equip and educate someone (several men?) to become the Parish Priest(s). Could this be YOU!?

There are lots of other things you could take over so if you have a gift, time, energy for it, and there is a need in the Parish it could be that God is calling you to offer this to one of these communities.



Christian Education:

St. Paul said “²⁰ Brethren, **do not be children in understanding**; however, in malice be babes, **but in understanding be mature.**”

1 Corinthians 14:20

The word “**understanding**” appears 152 times in the Bible.

The word “**understand**” appears 278 times!

Perhaps therefore we should all spend time trying to understand the faith that we have been given.

There are several ways to do this. There are some excellent courses for those that have access to the Internet:



<http://www.equip-orthodox.com/>

This is a home-grown course based in Manchester and run by Archpriest Gregory Hallam. The lectures can be downloaded as a podcast – so you can run, walk, drive, shower, pogo stick about the place and listen to the talks!



<https://www.ancientfaith.com/>

If you don't listen to Ancient Faith Radio then you are missing out big-time! There are readings, sermons, music, podcasts, films and much more.



<https://www.iocs.cam.ac.uk/>

You might just decide to watch their videos – these are excellent.



<https://tahos.org/>



<http://theology.balamand.edu.lb/>

Just dream!