

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

**The Orthodox Christian Parishes of:  
All Saints of Lincolnshire, Lincoln,  
St. Anne and All Saints of Worcestershire, Worcester.**

Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.

Lincoln: St Matthias Church Centre

Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX

Parish Priest: Archimandrite Philip.

**Come and See!**

**No 180**

**December 2020**

**From Fr. Philip:**



**Tier 3 “VERY HIGH ALERT”**

We still have plenty of the Nativity Fast to come and the country is still in the grip of COVID-19. In All Lincolnshire (at the time of writing) there are about 7,000 cases of the virus. Those who have the virus and those who care for them are in our daily prayers.

Due to the high numbers and concentration of people with this virus in Lincolnshire you won't be surprised to find that we are in Tier 3 “VERY HIGH ALERT”

What does this mean for us?

**The Government has decided that places of worship can remain open and we can have services. We will do what we did before BUT WITH ONE IMPORTANT EXTRA RESTRICTION:**

**At the end of services we are required to go straight home without interacting with anyone outside your own household or support bubble.**

**So please do not stop to chat in the car park.**

Otherwise follow the rules and guidelines we have been following and which you'll find later in this newsletter.



### **New Curtains!**

Natasha Taylor has recently made some beautiful new “Fasting” curtains in purple. These will be used for all fasting seasons. Thank you, Natasha!

**Fasting:** the main part of the fast starts on December 11<sup>th</sup> with most days from then on being a strict fast. This is especially so from Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. You may like to start reading the Nativity stories in Matthew and Luke and then the first chapter of John you'll be nicely ready for the Feast on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Gifts:



We are beginning to receive Barnardo's gifts and boxes. If you cannot find a box, then please feel free to wrap a loose parcel. If you cannot go out but would like to make a gift, then we are happy to receive donations for Barnardo's.



## Parcels:

Into these go warm clothing like a woolly hat, gloves, scarf, underwear, socks, bar of chocolate. Perhaps something else nice and suitable for someone between the ages of 18 and 24. Cover the box with Christmas paper, on the outside write on a label: Large Man, Medium Man, Small Man, Large Woman, Medium Woman, or Small Woman depending, of course, on what you put in it. Please don't seal it down.

These will then go to our local Barnardo's who will then distribute them to young people who have been helped by Barnardo's in the past. They have been MOST grateful in the past.





**AGM:**

Further to the AGM was that John Parker resigned from the Parish Council and Carl Ahmed Christopher was co-opted onto the Council. We are grateful to John and thank him for his service and welcome Carl to this work of the Gospel.



**Popeye Pizzas:**

You may have noticed the Pizza van in the Carpark: these smell delicious but Fr. Philip is yet to have one due to the fast... however he hopes that people will patronise this stall. He is open from Thursday until Sunday weekly.



## Services in December:

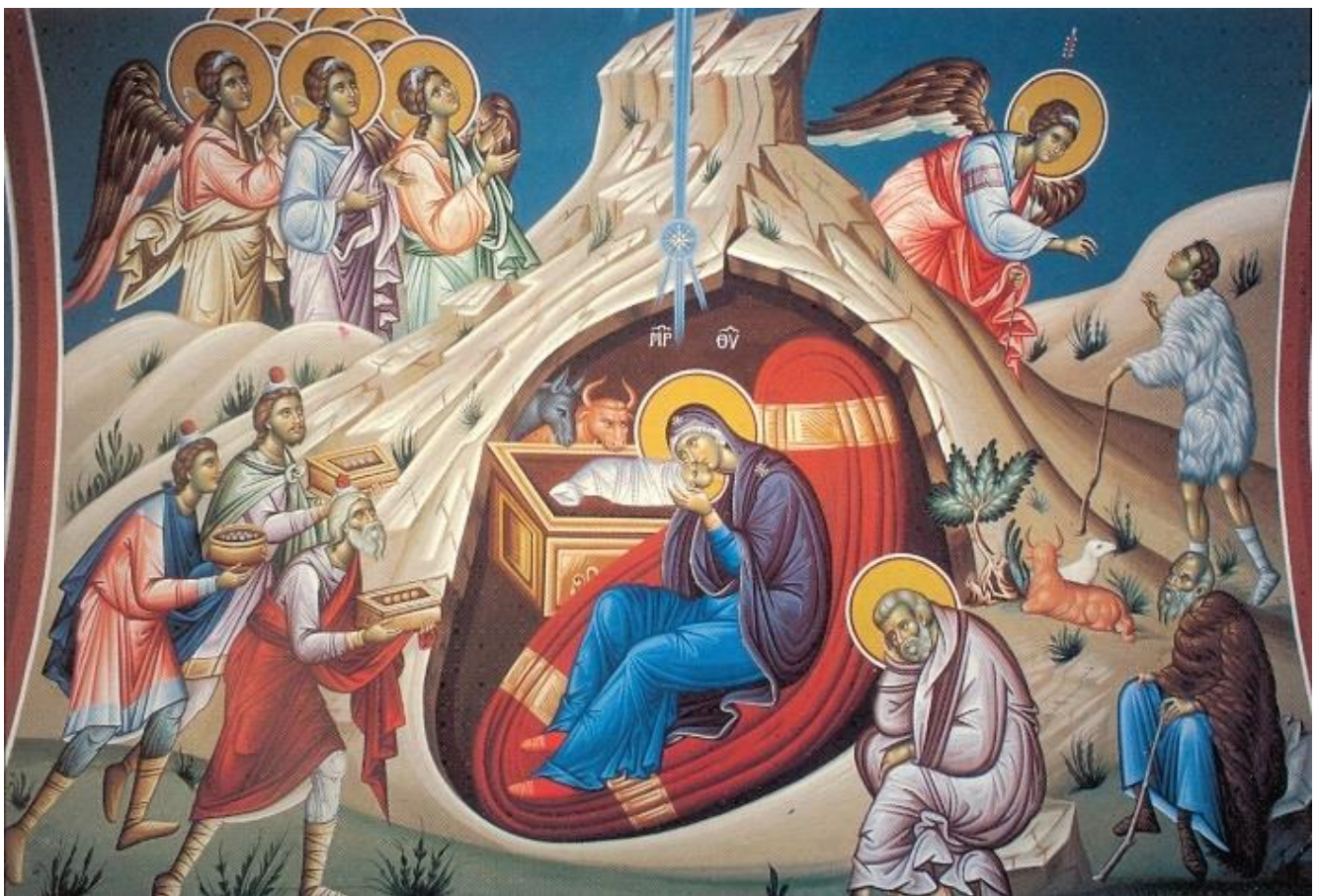
Divine Liturgy (except for the 20<sup>th</sup>). All at 10am (except 24<sup>th</sup>).

**YOU MUST BOOK IN WITH FR. PHILIP!**

6<sup>th</sup>: St Nicholas the Wonderworker. Tone 1.

13<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Forefathers. Tone 2.

20<sup>th</sup>: Typica. The Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. Tone 3.



**24<sup>th</sup>: 4pm: The Eve of the Nativity Great Vespers.**

**25<sup>th</sup>: The Nativity of our Lord and God Jesus Christ according to the Flesh.**

**27<sup>th</sup>: Sunday after the Nativity. Tone 4.**



May God grant you  
a happy and holy  
Christmas Season  
with many spiritual  
blessings in the  
year still to come.

Love to you all,  
Fr. Philip.

## MONEY!



Even though the Church is not operating normally for the moment we still have expenses that we need to pay. **THANK YOU** to all who made donations last month! We received £360 in November.

If you get onto the Parish Website you'll find a way of making donations: <http://allsaintslincs.org.uk/>

Only if you can, please use the forms below to put money into our Church account.

Paying directly by standing order or by envelope is the best way for us.



## **Metropolitan SILOUAN**

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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](http://www.allsaintslincs.org.uk)

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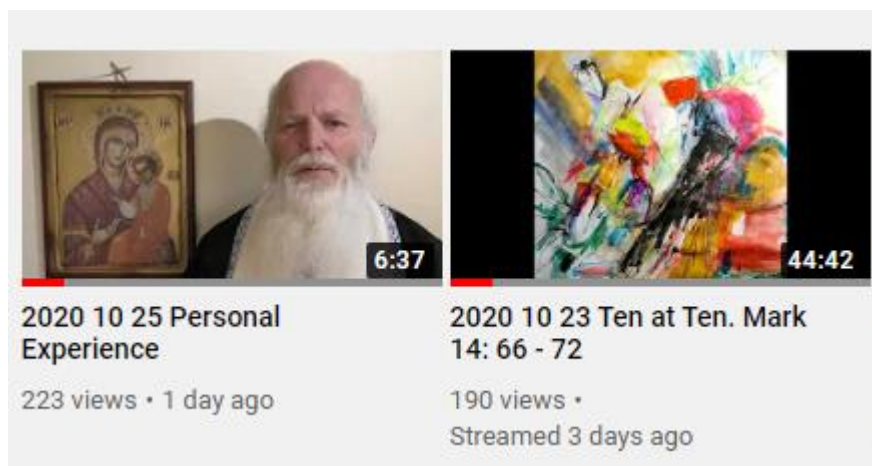
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**Safeguarding Officers for Lincoln:** Emma Bonner.

**Safeguarding Officers for Worcester:** Melangell Roe Smith.

**Ten at Ten: Every weekday 10:00 am. Bible Study:**



**Fr. Philip leads a Bible Study on YouTube. It is specially for members of our parishes, but it is watched by people all over the world.**

**You, too, can join in. There is also a weekly sermon.**



## Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN



His Eminence Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo, and Archbishop John kidnapped and still missing in Syria. It is now **seven years and eight months** since Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN were kidnapped.

Remember the suffering peoples of the eastern Mediterranean and Syria and Iraq. As well as COVID they have a cocktail of refugees, civil war, terrorism, economic collapse, agricultural and industrial collapse, political instability and unusual climate and weather for the region.



# PRAY LOVE FORGIVE



## Standing Order Form.

To the Manager

Bank Address:


I/we hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our

Account Name*	
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Account Details

Sort Code	Account Number	Amount	Frequency
			Monthly

Beginning date	End date:
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And credit

All Saints of Lincolnshire, 33-35 High Street, Grantham, NG31 6PH, Lincolnshire.

Sort Code: 20 34 60	Account: 70353175
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Quoting reference: All Saints of Lincolnshire.

Signed:	Date:
Name in Block Capitals:	

\* Please ensure that the actual name on/of the account is included in this box so that we can accurately match your payment to our records.

**Please print this page off and send it to your Bank Manager.**

**Gift Aid:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the box below to join the Gift Aid scheme. Doing so will mean that we can claim up to 25p extra for every £1 you give, at **no** additional cost to you!

Yes, I am a UK taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make to All Saints of Lincolnshire as Gift Aid donations until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations to charities and Community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. All Saints of Lincolnshire will claim 25p on every £1 donated. Please let us know if you want to cancel the declaration, change your name and/ or address or no longer pay enough tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Signed:

Date:

**Please print off this page and send it to: The Administrator, St. Matthias Church Centre, Burton Road, Lincoln. LN1 3TX**

**Gift Aid Information** When the All Saints of Lincolnshire receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, we are entitled to claim an amount of tax (calculated at the basic rate of income tax in that year) paid on that donation. Once you have given your permission for us to do this on your behalf (by filling in this Gift Aid form), there is no need for you to do anything else. All that is required is that you must be a taxpayer and that you would have paid or will pay enough Income and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover all the Gift Aid claimed on all your donations to all charities and Community amateur sports clubs in that tax year. Please note that it is your responsibility to pay any difference. The amount of tax we claim will be 25% of the total value of your donations in that tax year. Furthermore, if you are a higher taxpayer, you are also entitled to claim the difference between the basic rate which we will claim and the amount of tax you have actually paid. For further details on how you can do this, please contact your tax office. If your tax situation changes and your gifts will no longer be eligible for the Gift Aid scheme, please contact us and we will amend your record accordingly



# Social Distancing



## **KEEP A 2 METRE DISTANCE**

Please don't be offended if other people try to maintain a 2m gap as this is the recommended social distancing measure



## **PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

To reduce the spread of infection please wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser if available.



## **PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK**

It prevents the passage of particles or droplets of contaminated fluid.

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**ONLY TAKE A SEAT ON THE DESIGNATED SEAT S**

## Church Instructions:

1. You must **register your name** with Father Philip, 07969 332740, [Fr.Philip@gmx.com](mailto:Fr.Philip@gmx.com), or in person if you want to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the Church starting from August 9th. The first **28 names** will be taken: any in excess will be added to the list for the following week. If you are not on that list, you will not be able to attend. **A register system of all those present** will be created and administered strictly to facilitate the NHS Test and Trace service. You may, therefore, have to tell the authorities who you have been with if we are identified as a source of this virus.

2. The Church can be attended only by people who:

- do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
- are not vulnerable people.
- do not have an underlying health risk.

3. You are to maintain a **2-metre social distance** between households, and please don't be offended if other people try to maintain a 2 m gap as this is the recommended distancing measure.

5. The **toilets** in the church will remain **closed**.

6. You **must wear a face mask/face cover** when in the church, it prevents the transmission of the virus. It is also a legal requirement, which if infringed, may cause you in getting a fine.

7. Only sit in the designated area marked with **a green tick**, which ensures social distancing rules.

8. You cannot light a candle, but you can pray in front of the ones already lit.

9. The live broadcasting of the Sunday and major Feast services will be continued on Youtube.

10. There will be no refreshments or coffee after the Divine Liturgy.

11. **Antidoron** will be given at the end of the service. Strict hygiene standards will be observed, and the piece of bread will be given by a person who has washed hands thoroughly, for at least 20 seconds, and wears gloves: the bread will be dropped into each person's hand inside a plastic bag.

12. You can give the names for the commemoration of the living and departed to Father Philip for commemoration at the Divine Liturgy.

13. There will be no congregational singing.



14. There is a strict ONE-WAY system.

15. We will not be serving Matins so the service will begin with the Divine Liturgy.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF CORONOVIRUS, OR IF YOU ARE SHELTERING OR BEING SHELTERED OR IF YOU HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION, THEN PLEASE STAY HOME!**

**At the end of the Liturgy please leave immediately.**

**We will continue to LIVE STREAM from the Church on Sunday Mornings.**

**The same site will be used.**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

We are being very careful in being open for private prayer and for the Liturgy (BY APPOINTMENT IN BOTH CASES) and for Catechumenate classes etc.

Please make sure you do book yourself in. If you have booked and cannot now come please tell Fr. Philip so that someone else can come in your place.

Please do NOT assume that you are booked in because you won't be.

Outside in the Car Park: Observe the maximum group sizes (currently 6 people of any age from a maximum on 6 households) with a 2m gap between you and the next group. People will notice what you are doing so please give them nothing to report (there are big fines!) and no reason to suspect that we are passing on this virus.



## New Deaneries:



The Metropolitan has re-organised his Archdiocese into three Deaneries – each with its own Dean.

**The three Deaneries are:** The East, The West and The South.

**Lincoln is in the Deanery of the East** and **the Dean is The Reverend Father Michael Alexander of York**. Many of us will remember Fr. Michael well as he has been with us on several occasions. When we can we will look forward to welcoming Fr. Michael to our parish again.

**Worcester is in the Deanery of the West** and **the Dean is The Very Reverend Archpriest Gregory Hallam of Manchester**. Fr. Gregory is well known to all and has huge experience of being Dean already and his continuing ministry in this way is much appreciated. God willing we will be able to entice him to Worcester at some point.

**The monastery is not in any of the three deaneries.**

**The third Dean is The Reverend Father Chrysostom MacDonnell of Poole.**

**Please keep each dean in your prayers as they will have much to do as they take up these roles from 1 January 2021.**



## **Forgotten Feet Charity:**



**This charity concentrates on the feet of the homeless who often have to be on their feet for many hours a day with inadequate shoes and socks and damaged feet.**

**Emma Lambert will be working with this charity in Lincoln and would be grateful for donations of Brand New socks and used (but in good condition) shoes.**

**The service to those in need is free.**

