

NOTICES : 16 & 23 August 2026

Services Sunday 16 August Uppingham BCP Communion, 8am; Parish Eucharist, 10.45am, with a warm welcome for our new Rector, Canon Allison Twigg.

Belton Parish Eucharist, 9am.

Sunday 23 August Uppingham BCP Communion, 8am; *Come, Rejoice!* 10.45am. Belton Parish Eucharist, 9am.

Prayer Groups in church Tuesday 8.30am; Friday 9.30am. **Eucharist** Saturday 9.30am.

Thanks to all who supported the choir's Market Stall last weekend, which raised the goodly sum of £225.

Music in Lyddington This Saturday evening 15 August, in St Andrew's Church: *Summer with the Mancunium Consort*.

Free tickets! I have four tickets booked for Saturday 22nd August, to see the exhibition of Queen Elizabeth's clothes at Buckingham Palace. Sadly I am unable to go. Would anyone like to go in my place? It seems a pity to waste them. Reply if interested to aguapjstokes@gmail.com Pam Stokes

Corby Male Voice Choir will sing at the Falcon (in the Garden Room) on Saturday 5 September in aid of Uppingham Rotary charities: buy your tickets £15 on the door or in advance via Jill Cannings.

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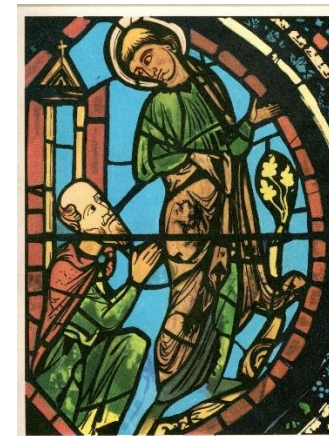


Benjamin Britten

SAINT NICOLAS

Cantata, Op.42

Uppingham Choral Society will be performing this work in the Parish Church on Saturday evening 28 November, Eve of Advent, under the baton of their new director, Toby Ward, with John Wardle at the organ.



Written for the centenary celebrations of Lancing College – where the imposing structure of the Chapel of SS Mary and Nicolas dominates the skyline of the Downs as you take the train west from Brighton – **Saint Nicolas** was first performed as the inaugural concert of the Aldeburgh Festival in 1948, with Peter Pears in the solo role.

Nicolas was born at Patara in Asia Minor, and served as Bishop of Myra, the capital of his native country Lycia. He is the hero of many popular legends, the patron saint of Russia and Greece, and universally known to children in his disguise of Santa Claus.

Nicolas was born of wealthy parents, showing early signs of exceptional grace and taught by the Church in boyhood and youth. When both his parents died of plague he donated his wealth to charity and made pilgrimage to the Holy Land. During the early 4th century, when Christians were persecuted by Diocletian, Nicolas was imprisoned. Later, he distinguished himself at the first great Church Council of Nicaea.

The cantata depicts his birth, his dedication to God, his journey to Palestine, his inauguration as Bishop, his imprisonment, several of his miracles (including the 'pickled boys') and finally his death. The audience are called upon to join in the singing of two hymns – *All people that on earth do dwell* and *God moves in a mysterious way*.

Picture: An old man thanks Saint Nicolas (stained glass window in Chartres Cathedral)

The Collect

**O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Meditation before service

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive thee, intelligence
to understand thee, diligence to seek thee, patience to wait for thee,
eyes to behold thee, a heart to meditate upon thee,
and a life to proclaim thee;
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Benedict (480-c.550)

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

Old Testament reading

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

(BCP)

- 8** God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
9 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.
10 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.
11 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
12 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.
13 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
14 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

New Testament reading

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Jeremy Taylor, Teacher of the Faith (1613-1667)

RECTOR OF UPPINGHAM 1638-1644

Lesser Commemoration on 13 August

He that submits his understanding to all that he knows God hath said, and is ready to submit to all that he hath said if he but know it, denying his own affections and ends, and interests and humane persuasions, laying them all down at the foot of his great Master Jesus Christ, that man hath brought his understanding into subjection, and every proud thought unto the obedience of Christ, and this is the obedience of Faith, which is the duty of a Christian.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 15.[10-20], 21-28

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.']

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Postcommunion Collect

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



16 August 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Allison Twigg
Reader	Richard Hallam
Intercessor	Christobel Price
Organist	Andrew Forbes
Setting	Archer, <i>Lincoln</i>
Hymns	394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord 593i (omit v.4) At the name of Jesus 318 (v.1,3,6,7) Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Readings	Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Gradual hymn	255 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
The Gospel	Matthew 15.21-28
Communion anthem	Arcadelt, <i>Ave Maria</i>

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Jean Lattimore, John Lewis, Susan Scott, Iain, David Woodward, Melissa Papps

The departed: Gail Whelband

Year's mind: Cliff Pugh, Charles Wright (priest), John Anthony Wright, Ernest Hagger, Charles Badley

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Meditation before service

Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

William Hubert Vanstone (1923-1999)

Isaiah 51.1-6

Old Testament reading

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

(BCP)

- 1 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
- 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.
- 3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
- 5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

Romans 12.1-8

New Testament reading

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Postcommunion Collect

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



23 August 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Come, Rejoice!

led by Olivia Linnell,
with Rector Allison and team

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Jean Lattimore, John Lewis, Susan Scott, Iain, David Woodward, Melissa Papps

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